







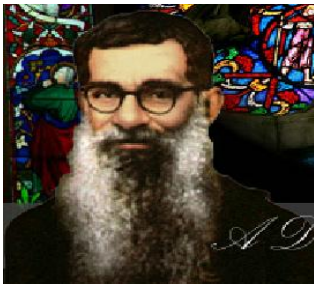

## Servants of God സേവദാസർ





Canonization is an official act of the Catholic Church declaring one of its deceased members as a model for christian living and worthy of public cult, and entering the name in the canon-authorized list of recognised saints.




**Stages of canonization in the Catholic Church :**  
**Servant of God → Venerable → Blessed → Saint.**

### Servants of God (SG) - Kerala: Ernakulam to North

1	<b>SG. Fr. Varghese Payapilly Palakkappilly</b>	വർഗീസ് പയ്യപ്പിള്ളി പാലയ്ക്കാപ്പിള്ളി	
	Native Place	Perumanoor, Ernakulam, Kerala, India	
	Date of Birth	1876 August 8	
	Died on	1929 October 5	
	Varghese Payapilly Palakkappilly was a Sryan Catholic priest and the founder of the Congregation of the Sisters of the Destitute. The Cause of the Beatification of Rev. Fr. Varghese Payapilly Palakkappilly was initiated by His Eminence Mar Varkey Cardinal Vithayathil, Major Archbishop of the Syro-Malabar Catholic Church in a ceremony held at the motherhouse of the Sisters of the Destitute on 6 September 2009.		
2	<b>SG. Fr. Joseph Vithayathil</b>	ഫാ. ജോസഫ് വിതയത്തിൽ	
	Native Place	Puthenpally, Ernakulam, Kerala	
	Date of Birth	1865 July 23	
	Died on	1964 June 8	
	Feast day	June 8	
	Fr. Joseph Vithayathil was a Diocesan Priest, Spiritual director of Bl. Mariam Thresia and the co-founder of the Congregation of Holy family. Proclamation as the Servant of God was on 18th May 2004.		
3	<b>SG. Fr. Zacharias OCD</b>	ഫാ. സക്കരിയാസ്	
	Native Place	Abadiano, Spain	
	Date of Birth	1887 November 5	
	Died on	1957 May 23	
	Theologian, philosopher, missionary, preacher and historian, Fr. Zacharias was a Spanish Carmelite who spent almost five decades in India. He was ordained priest on July 11, 1911 and opted to work in India. Fr. Zacharias arrived at Ernakulam, Kerala on Oct. 9, 1912. He was professor at St. Joseph's Seminary, <b>Aluva</b> for 44 years (1913-1957). Declared Servant of God on Jan. 14, 1984.		
4	<b>SG. Sr. Rani Maria</b> (Martyr of FCC)	സി. റാണി മരിയ	
	Native Place	Pulluvazhi, Perumbavoor, Ernakulam, Kerala.	
	Date of Birth	1954 January 29	
	Died on	1995 February 25	
	'Marykunju' second of seven children of Paily and Eliswa in the Vattalil family committed herself to the service of God and humanity on 1st May 1974 and took the name 'Sr. Rani Maria'. Realizing her great missionary zeal she was sent to Bijnor mission in U.P. in 1976. In 1992 Sr. Rani Maria arrived at Udainagar, Indore, M.P. after 16 years of dedicated missionary work with a reputation of being a very committed social worker, organizer and animator. On 25th February 1995, when Sr. Rani Maria was on her way to Bhopal to go to Kerala, she was assaulted in a local bus and was killed by Samandar Singh.		

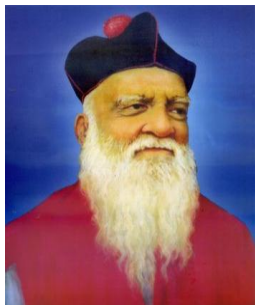


5	<b>SG Mother Eliswa</b>		
		Native Place	Ochanthuruth, Verapoly, Kerala.
		Date of Birth	1831 October 15
		Died on	1913
<p>SG. Mother Eliswa is the foundress of the Congregation of Teresian Carmelites (CTC). It is the first Carmelite indigenous Congregation for women in India. She was declared as Servant of God on 30th May, 2008. Archbishop of Verapoly, Daniel Acharuparambil, made the announcement during the Eucharistic celebration at St. Francis Assisi Cathedral, Ernakulam.</p>			
6	<b>SG. Msgr. Lawrence Puliyanath</b>		
		Native Place	Mundamveli, Kochi, Kerala.
		Date of Birth	1898 August 8
		Died on	1961 February 20
<p>His Holiness Pious the XIIth conferred Msgr. Lawrence Puliyanath "Domestic Prelete" on 7th March 1951. Thirty three years of his service was divided, as a professor of Philosophy in Alappuzha Seminary, as a Co-Vicar and later Forane Vicar in the parish of St. Lawrence Church, South Edakochi. Msgr. Lawrence Puliyanath was declared 'Servant of God' on 4th February 2011.</p>			
7	<b>SG. Fr. Theophane OFM CAP</b>		
		Native Place	Kodungalloor, Trichur district, Kerala
		Date of Birth	1913 July 20
		Died in	1969
<p>Fr. Theophane (Michael ) had his schooling at the Govt. School of Kottappuram and at St. Albert's High School, Ernakulam. From there, in response to the call to priesthood, he joined the Diocesan Seminary of Verapoly. Soon he felt the throbs of his 'second call' in the hours of his spiritual reading and in the inspiring lives of two Capuchin friars, Fr. Guido and Fr. Urban (Later Bishops). He confided the matter to Fr. Joseph Attipetty, his spiritual director (later the Archbishop of Verapoly); and the permission was granted unanimously by his superiors. In the year 2000, the then Provoncial V.Rev. Fr. Godwin Gama made a request to Most. Rev. Dr. Daniel Acharuparambil, the Archbishop of Verapoly to initiate the cause of Fr. Theophane .</p>			
8	<b>SG. Fr. Augustine (Antony) Thachuparambil</b>		
		Native Place	Chalakudy
		Date of Birth	1894
		Died on	1963 June 9
<p>Father Antony Thachuparambil had served about three decades since 1930 in Chelakkara, an extremely backward forest area. He had made immense contribution for the overall development of Chelakkara, serving all sections of society irrespective of caste, colour and religion. The priest had established a school, Balabhavan, for orphans and a church in the 1930s. Father Antony, popularly known as 'Missionary of Chelakkara', was declared Servant of God by the Vatican, June 9, 2009. Archbishop Andrews Thazhath of Thrissur made the announcement at St. Mary's Forane Church at Chelakkara on 9th June 2009.</p>			

9	<b>SG. Sr. M. Celine Kannanaikal UMI</b>		
		Native Place	Kundanoor, Thrissur, Kerala, India
		Date of Birth	1931 February 13
		Died on	1957 July 25
		Sr. Celine's love for the Crucified Lord was extraordinary. She wanted to live and to suffer for Jesus. During her lifetime she was favored with ecstasies and visions of Our Lord and St. Theresa of the Child Jesus. On her profession day Jesus had told Sr. Celine that He would come soon to take her to her eternal home. She lived only 35 days after her profession. She is proclaimed as SERVANT OF GOD (first step to sainthood) on the 28th day of July 2007.	
10	<b>SG. Fr. Augustine John Ukken</b>		
		Native Place	Thoyakkavu, Thrissur Dist., Kerala
		Date of Birth	1880 December 19
		Died on	1956
		The Congregation of the Sisters of Charity (CSC) was founded on 21st November 1944 by Rev. Fr. Augustine John Ukken, with the approval of Rt. Rev. Dr. George Alappat, Bishop of Thrissur, Kerala. The declaration of the Father Augustine John Ukken as Servant of God made by Archbishop Andrews Thazhath of Thrissur on August 24, 2008	
11	<b>SG Mother Petra DSS</b>		
		Native Place	Germany
		Date of Birth	1924
		Died on	1976
		Mother Petra DSS, the foundress of the Dena Seva Sabha, Pattuvam in <b>Kannur district</b> , has officially been declared Servant of God by Bishop Varghese Chakalal of Kannur during a solemn Holy Mass in the chapel of the monastery of the congregation on 14 June 1999.	
<b>Kerala: South of Ernakulam</b>			
12	<b>SG. Mar Mathew Makil</b>		
		Native Place	Manjoor, Kottayam. Kerala.
		Date of Birth	1851 March 27
		Died on	1914 January 26
		Bishop Mathew Makil was the first Bishop of the Kottayam Diocese and founder of the Visitation Congregation. On 26 Jan 2009 he was declared as Servant of God.	
13	<b>SG. Mar Mathew Kavukattu</b>		
		Native Place	Pravithanam, Palai
		Date of Birth	1904 July 17
		Died on	1969 October 9
		Mar Mathew Kavukattu, the former Archbishop of Changanacherry was an eminent educationist and administrator. Archbishop Kavukattu was the founder of Assumption College at Changanacherry, B.K. College at Amalagiri, St. Aloysius College at Edathua and many other educational institutions in the Archdiocese. His cause of canonization was taken up by the Archdiocese and he was declared Servant of God on Oct. 25, 1996.	
14	<b>SG. Tommiyachan Poothathil</b>		
		Native Place	Neendoor, Kottayam, Kerala
		Date of Birth	1871
		Died on	1943
		Poothathil Thommiyachan was the founder of St. Joseph's Congregation.	


15	<b>SG. Mgr. Joseph C. Panjikaran</b>		
		Native Place	Cherthala, Kerala, India
		Date of Birth	1888 September 10
		Died on	1949 November 4
		Mgr. Joseph C. Panjikaran was a Syro-Malabar Catholic Monsignor, historian, theologian, journalist, and the founder of the Dharmagiri Hospital, Kothamangalam, and the Congregation of the Medical Sisters of St. Joseph (Dharmagiri sisters). The cause of his canonisation was initiated by the Diocese of Kothamangalam in 2010.	
16	<b>SG. Msgr. Reynolds Purackal</b>		
		Native Place	Chethy, near Arthunkal, Alappuzha, Kerala.
		Date of Birth	1910 December 28
		Died on	1988
		Msgr. Raynolds Purackal was known as Alappuzha's 'Valiyachen' and worked throughout his life to help orphans and destitute people sans the boundaries of religion. Dr. Athipozhiiil, Bishop of Alappuzha declared him a SERVANT OF GOD on 28th December 2010 during the Pontifical Eucharistic Celebration.	
17	<b>SG. Geevarghese Mar Ivanios</b>		
		Native Place	Mavelikkara, Kerala
		Date of Birth	1882 September 21
		Died on	1953 July 15
		The Father of the Re-union movement and the First Archbishop of the Malankara Catholic Church. Servant of God Mor Ivanios OIC was the first Metropolitan Archbishop of Syro-Malankara Catholic Church. He is the founder of the Bethany Ashram order of monks. Archbishop Mar Ivanios was declared venerable (Daivadasan) on 14 July 2007. The proclamation was read by Major Archbishop Baselios Mar Cleemis at the Cathedral in Trivandrum, India. He is the first member of the Syro-Malankara Catholic Church to be so designated. His cause for canonisation continues.	



**Outside Kerala**

18	<b>SG. Msgr Raymond Francis Camillus Mascarenhas</b>	
	Native Place	Mangalore
	Date of Birth	1875 January 23
	Died on	1960 December 23
	<p>SG Msgr Raymond Francis Camillus Mascarenhas, the founder of the Congregation of the sisters of the Little Flower of Bethany. Msgr R F C Mascarenhas is the first and the only Servant of God on the path to sainthood in the Roman Catholic Church originating from the Indian Konkani community of Mangalore.</p>	
19	<b>SG. Mother Veronica of the Passion</b>	
	Native Place	Constantinople
	Date of Birth	1823 October 1
	Died on	1906 November 16
	<p>Mother Veronica is the foundress of Apostolic Carmel, a religious congregation for women. She was born of English parents in Constantinople. She became Catholic at the age of 27 in Malta, Cyprus. On receiving an inspiration to start an Apostolic Carmel she came to <b>India in 1862</b> and spent two years at Mangalore and Kozhikode. Later she left for France and joined the Cloistered Carmel of Pau in 1867. She prepared a group of sisters of the Carmelite Third Order Regular as 'Carmel for Missions' congregation at Bayonne, France, on July 16, 1868. Through them she founded the Apostolic Carmel in Mangalore, Karnataka, in 1868. Later she rejoined Carmel of Pau. Mother Veronica died and was buried in Pau in 1906. Her cause of canonization was taken up by the sisters of the Apostolic Carmel in 1997.</p>	
20	<b>SG. Fr. Constant Lievens SJ</b>	
	Native Place	Moorslede in the diocese of Bruges (Belgium)
	Date of Birth	1856 April 10
	Died on	1893 November 7
	<p>Servant of God Father Constant Lievens is known as the apostle and founder of the Church in Chotanagpur. He joined the Society of Jesus at Drongen on October 21, 1878. On October 22, 1880 he made his religious profession and set out for India, where he arrived in Calcutta on December 2, 1880. The cause for his Beatification started in 1993, in the diocese of Bruges. The postulator is Rev. O. Denorme, who has prepared the required dossier about his life, virtues and labours. The diocesan commission was officially constituted and inaugurated on March 15, 2000. The people of Chotanagpur who consider him their "apostle and father in faith" have never forgot Father Lievens.</p>	

**Outside India**

21	<b>SG. Frank Duff</b>	
	Native Place	Dublin, Ireland
	Date of Birth	1889 June 7
	Died on	1980 November 7
	<p>In 1913, Frank Duff joined the Society of St. Vincent de Paul and was greatly influenced by the spirit of the Society. As a member, he gradually came to have a great love for the poor and underprivileged in whom, as in everybody he met, Frank recognized and honored Christ. In 1917 Frank Duff came to know the Treatise of St. Louis Marie de Montfort on the True Devotion to Mary, a work which changed his life completely. On September 7th, 1921 Frank Duff founded the Legion of Mary. This is a lay apostolic organization at the service of the Church, under ecclesiastical guidance. Its twofold purpose is the spiritual development of its members and advancing the reign of Christ through Our Lady. In July 1996 the cause of his canonization was introduced by the Archbishop of Dublin, Dr. Desmond Connell.</p>	