
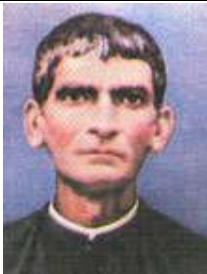





VENERABLES ധന്യർ



Venerables from India



Venerable (Ven.): A Servant of God declared to be "heroic in virtue" during the investigation and process leading to possible canonization as a saint. Before a person is considered to be venerable, he or she must be declared as such by a proclamation, approved by the Pope, of having lived a life that was "heroic in virtue" – the virtues being the Theological Virtues of faith, hope, and charity and the Cardinal Virtues of prudence, justice, fortitude, and temperance.

1	Ven. Aurelian of the Blessed Sacrament OCD	ഫാദർ അവുറേലിയൻ	
		Native Place	Archunduaga, Basauri near Bilbao Province, Spain
		Date of Birth	1887 June 2
		Died on	1963 November 16
		Father Aurelian was a theologian, professor, writer and spiritual leader. He was a Spanish priest who trained over 1, 500 priests and who lived in India for more than 50 years. Father Aurelian was spiritual director (1914 – 44), vice rector (1934 – 44) and rector (1944 – 56) of the St Joseph's Seminary, Aluva in Kerala. The Vatican declared him Servant of God on December 17, 1980. He was declared Venerable on March 26, 1999.	
2	Ven. Agnelo de Souza		
		Native Place	Anjuna, Goa, India
		Date of Birth	1869 January 21
		Died on	1927 November 20
		Agnelo Gustavo Adolfo de Souza was a Roman Catholic priest of the Society of Missionaries of St. Francis Xavier who performed missionary work in Goa, India. Padre Agnelo was declared venerable by the Vatican on November 10, 1986.	
3	Ven. Mar Thomas Kurialacherry	മാർ. തോമസ് കുര്യാളശ്ശേരി	
		Native Place	Champakulam, Changanacherry, Kerala
		Date of Birth	1873 January 14
		Died on	1925 June 2
		Venerable Thomas Kurialacherry was the former Bishop of the Diocese of Changanacherry. He was an eminent educationist and social worker. He founded the Sisters of the Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament (S.A.B.S) on 8th December 1908. In 1935, ten years after his death, his Cause of Canonisation was initiated giving him the title "Servant of God." On Saturday, April 2, 2011, the Holy Father, His Holiness, Pope Benedict XVI approved a statement saying that Bishop Kurialacherry had lived a life of heroic virtue. This gave him the additional title of "Venerable".	

4	Ven. Fr. Mathew Kadalikkattil	ഫാ. മാത്യു കദളിക്കാട്ടിൽ	
		Native Place	Edapady, Meenachil, Palai Diocese, Kerala.
		Date of Birth	1872 April 25
		Died on	1935 May 23
<p>Father Mathew Kadalikkattil is the founder of Sacred Heart Congregation for Women. Confessional and pulpit were the two chief venues of his pastoral ministry. His mortal remains were interred at S.H. Convent Chapel, Palai on Sept. 6, 1937. His cause of canonization was taken up in 1987 and he was declared Servant of God in 1989. Holy father Pope Benedict XVI signed the Decree promulgated by the Congregation for the cause of Saints concerning the Heroic Virtues of the Servant of God Fr. Mathew Kadalikkattil, raising him to the status of 'Venerable' on 27th June 2011.</p>			
5	Ven. Fr. Zacharias OCD	ഫാ. സക്കരിയാസ്	
		Native Place	Abadiano, Spain
		Date of Birth	1887 November 5
		Died on	1957 May 23
<p>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, Aluva for 44 years (1913-1957). He was the Commissar General of OCD Manjummel Province from 1951 to 1957. Declared Servant of God on Jan. 14, 1987. The mortal remains of was transferred to Immaculate Conception Church Manjummel on 8th June 2000. On Monday, January 27, 2014, Holy Father Francis has given the authorization to promulgate decrees to proclaim Fr. Zacharias of the Saint Teresa OCD as Venerable.</p>			

Outside Kerala

6	Ven. Sr. Fernanda Riva		
		Native Place	Monza, Italia
		Date of Birth	1920 April 17
		Died on	1996 January 22
<p>M Fernanda Riva has been a missionary canossian sister in India since the beginning of '900 century.</p>			
19	Ven. Mother Veronica of the Passion		
		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 India in 1862 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. Declared as Venerable in July 2014.</p>			

19	Ven. Bishop Anastasius Hartmann	
	Native Place	Altwis, Switzerland
	Date of Birth	1803 February 24
	Died on	1866 April 24
	<p>Bishop Anastasius Hartmann was a Capuchin missionary in India, Titular Bishop and Vicar Apostolic of Patna and Bombay. He was born to Altwis, the son of peasants Joseph Hartmann and his wife Barbara Nietlisbach born and the day after his birth in the competent local parish church Hitzkirch baptized. He was declared Venerable on 21 December 1998 by Pope John Paul II.</p>	
19	Ven. Mary Jane Wilson	
	Born at	Hurryhur, Mysore, Karnataka, India
	Date of Birth	1840 October 3
	Died on	1916 October 18
	<p>Born to English parents in India. Raised an Anglican and converted to Catholicism, joining the Church in France in 1873. Worked as a nurse, and taught catechism to children. Founded the Franciscan Sisters of Our Lady of Victory on 15 January 1884, dedicating to caring for children and the sick. Worked with victims of the smallpox epidemic of 1907. She is also known as Maria of Saint Francis. Venerated on 9 October 2013 by Pope Francis.</p>	