


Cardinal George Alencherry

	Highlights
	- First Bishop of Thuckalay (From 1996 to 2011)
	- Fifth Archbishop of Ernakulam-Angamaly Archdiocese
	- Third Major Archbishop of Syro-Malabar Church
	- Fourth Cardinal of Syro-Malabar Church
	- Fourth Cardinal of Kerala
	- Eleventh Cardinal of India
	- First Major Archbishop elected by the Synod after the Syro-Malabar Church was elevated to the status of Major Archiepiscopal church
	- One of the three prelates from India who have voting rights in the Pope's election.

Biography

1	Date of Birth	19.04.1945
2	Parents	Mr. Philipose and Mrs. Mary (George was their sixth child of the ten children of whom two others are priests (Fr. Jose and Fr. Francis, SDB) and one, a religious sister (Sr. Cherupushpam, S.A.B.S.)
3	Native parish	Thuruthy in the archdiocese of Changanacherry
4	Baptismal name	Geevarghese
5	Primary education	St. Mary's School, Thuruthy
6	Secondary education	St. Berchman's High School, Changanacherry
7	Priestly Formation	Archdiocesan Minor Seminary, Parel, Changanachery from 1961.
8	Degree	BA in economics with second rank from St Berchman's College
9	Philosophical and theological studies	St Joseph's Pontifical Seminary, Aluva
10	Priestly Ordination	18th December, 1972 (at St Mary's Church, Thuruthy from Cardinal Antony Padiyara, the then archbishop of Chanaganacherry)
11	Master's degree	From Pontifical Institute of Theology and Philosophy, Aluva with first rank.
12	Posts held after priestly ordination	Vicar of the filial church at Periyarmugham, Aluva while pursuing higher studies), Assistant vicar at the Cathedral church of Changanacherry and Director of the Archdiocesan Faith Formation department, Secretary of the Commission for Catechism of KCBC (three years).
13	Doctorate in biblical theology	From Sorbonne University, Paris
14	Posts held after obtaining doctorate	1) Director of the POC, Palarivattom and Deputy secretary of KCBC (1986 to 1993), 2) Professor at St Thomas Apostolic Seminary, Vadavathoor, 3) Protosyncellus of the metropolitan of Changanacherry and Vicar General of the Archdiocese of Changanacherry (from 1994 to 1996).
15	Bishop (in Thuckalay)	Consecrated on 2nd February 1997 by Mar Joseph Powathil, the then Archbishop of Changanacherry.
16	Additional Posts held after becoming bishop	Secretary of the Synod of Bishops and chairman of the Syro-Malabar Major Archiepiscopal Commission for Catechism and Chairman of the Commission for Laity of the catholic Bishops' Conference of India (CBCI),
17	Other activities	Wrote a Book titled "Morality Today and Tomorrow" in Malayalam and a number of articles on various topics in English and Malayalam. He is proficient in Malayalam, Tamil, English and French.
18	Major Archbishop	Elected by Synod on 24.05.2011, Enthronement on 29.05.2011
19	Cardinal	Named as Cardinal by Pope Benedict XVI on 06.01.2012. Investiture Ceremony held at Rome on 18.02.2012.