




CARDINALS FROM INDIA








സഭാ ഭരണത്തിൽ മാർപ്പാപ്പയെ സഹായിക്കുകയും ഉപദേശങ്ങൾ നൽകുകയും ചെയ്യുന്നവരാണ് കർദ്ദിനാൾമാർ.

A **cardinal** is a senior ecclesiastical official, usually an ordained bishop, and ecclesiastical prince of the Catholic Church. They are collectively known as the College of Cardinals, which as a body elects a new pope. The duties of the cardinals include attending the meetings of the College and making themselves available individually or in groups to the pope if he requests their counsel. Most cardinals have additional duties, such as leading a diocese or archdiocese or running a department of the Roman Curia.

I. Present Cardinals

Sl. No.	Name of Cardinal	Archdiocese	Consecrated as Cardinal	Photo
1	Telesphore P. Toppo	Archbishop of Ranchi	21.10..2003	
2	Oswald Gracias	Archbishop of Bombay	24.11.2007	
3	George Alencherry	Major Archbishop of Syro-Malabar Church	18.02.2012	
4	Moran Mor Baselios Cardinal Cleemis	Major Archbishop of Syro-Malankara Church	25.10.2012	

II. Late Cardinals

Sl. No.	Name of Cardinal	Archdiocese	Consecrated as Cardinal	Photo	Died on
1	Valerian Gracias	Bombay	1953		11.09.1978
2	Joseph Parecattil	Ernakulam	1969		20.02.1987
3	Lorenze Picachi	Calcutta	1976		1992
4	Antony Padiyara	Ernakulam-Angamaly	1988		23.03.2000
5	Varkey Vithayathil	Ernakulam-Angamaly	2001		
6	Simon I. Pimenta	Bombay	1988		19.07.2013
7	D. Simon Lourdusamy	Pondichery - Prefect Emeritus of the Congregation for the Oriental Churches-Rome.	25.05.1985		02.06.2014
8	Ivan Dias	Bombay, Residing in Rome, Prefect Emeritus of the Congregation for the Evangelization of Peoples.	21.02.2001		19.06.2017