

Msgr. Dr.Cherian Kanjirakompil

Born in Kolady, Arikuzha Village, Idukki District on 11-08-1945, Msgr.Dr.CherianKanjirakompil completed his secondary education from St. Sebastian's High School Vazhithala. Having passed SSLC examination in 1961, he joined St. Joseph's Minor Seminary, Kothamangalam and completed his priestly studies at St. Joseph's Pontifical Seminary Mangalapuzha .Aluva and got ordained on 21stSecemember 1969. As a priest, his first appointment was in St. George's Cathedral, Kothamangalam as Assistant Parish Priest. Then he served as Warden in Nirmala High School Boarding ,Muvattupuzha. There after hewas in Rome for higher Studies in Bible at the Pontifical Biblical Institute. With short breaks for special tasks like the POC Bible translation, he secured Doctorate in Sacred Scripture (DSS) from the same Institute in 1988.

Back in Kothamangalam, he served as Director of Jeevajyothi Pastoral Centre and Manager of Mar Mathews Press and visiting professor at Pontifical Seminary Aluva. In 1997 he moved into the Seminary as resident professor and from 2000 to 2005 served as Rector there. Then he was the Cathedral Vicar in Kothamangalam and from 2008 to 2011 was in Rome as the Procurator of the Major Archbishop at the Holy See. From 2011 t0 2017 he rendered Pastoral Service in Germany. Returning to India in 2017 he was appointed the Vicar General of the diocese of Kothamangalam and in that capacity also the President of the Diocesan Technical Education Trust and the Manager of Viswajyothi College of Engineering and Technology. As Manager he is playing a key role in the development of the college as a Centre of professional excellence.