## **CARDINALS FROM INDIA**

സഭാ ഭരണത്തിൽ മാർപ്പാപ്പയെ സഹായിക്കുകയും ഉപദേശങ്ങൾ നല്കുകയും 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. Cardinals under the age of 80 only can sit in the Conclave that elects a new pope. A cardinal will hold the title of Cardinal for the rest of his life even after his retirement or resignation from his duties.

## I. Present Cardinals

| SI.<br>No. | Name of Cardinal                             | Archdiocese   | Consecrated as Cardinal | Photo |
|------------|--|---|-------------------------|-------|
| 1          | His Eminence<br><b>Oswald Gracias</b>        | Archbishop of Bombay  | 24.11.2007              |       |
| 2          | His Eminence<br>George<br>Alencherry         | Major Archdiocese of Syro-<br>Malabar Church                                      | 18.02.2012              |       |
| 3          | His Eminence<br>Baselios Cardinal<br>Cleemis | Major Archbishop of Syro-<br>Malankara Church                                     | 25.10.2012              |       |
| 4          | His Eminence<br><b>Filipe Neri Ferrao</b>    | Archbishop of Goa And<br>Daman And Patriach "Ad<br>Honorem "of The East<br>Indies | 27.08.2022              |       |
| 5          | His Eminence<br><b>Anthony Poola</b>         | Archbishop of Hyderabad   | 27.08.2022              |       |

## II. Late Cardinals

| SI.<br>No. | Late Cardinals Name of Cardinal | Archdiocese  | Consecrated as Cardinal | Photo  | Died on    |
|------------|---------------------------------|--|-------------------------|--------|------------|
| 1          | Valerian Gracias                | Bombay   | 1953                    |        | 11.09.1978 |
| 2          | Joseph Parecattil               | Ernakulam  | 1969                    | A BANK | 20.02.1987 |
| 3          | Lorenze Picachi                 | Calcutta   | 1976                    |        | 29.11.1992 |
| 4          | Antony Padiyara                 | Ernakulam-Angamaly   | 1988                    | CREE-  | 23.03.2000 |
| 5          | Varkey Vithayathil              | Ernakulam-Angamaly   | 2001                    |        | 01.04.2011 |
| 6          | Simon I. Pimenta                | Bombay   | 1988                    |        | 19.07.2013 |
| 7          | D. Simon<br>Lourdusamy          | Pondichery - Prefect<br>Emeritus of the<br>Congregation for the<br>Oriental Churches-Rome.                 | 25.05.1985              |        | 02.06.2014 |
| 8          | Ivan Dias                       | Bombay, Residing in Rome,<br>Prefect Emeritus of the<br>Congregation for the<br>Evangelization of Peoples. | 21.02.2001              |        | 19.06.2017 |
| 9          | Telesphore P.<br>Toppo          | Archbishop of Ranchi   | 21.102003               |        | 04.10.2023 |