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Archbishop Mar Joseph Pamplany Appointed Vicar of the Major Archbishop for the Archeparchy of Ernakulam-Angamaly

Holy Father Pope Francis Accepted the Resignation of Bishop Mar Bosco Puthur

His Beatitude Mar Raphael Thattil, the Major Archbishop of the Syro-Malabar Church and the Metropolitan Archbishop of Ernakulam-Angamaly, appointed Archbishop Mar Joseph Pamplany as the Vicar of the Major Archbishop for the Archeparchy of Ernakulam-Angamaly on January 11, 2025. This appointment was made following the First Session of the XXXIII Synod of Bishops of the Syro-Malabar Church, held at Mount St. Thomas, Kakkanad from 6 to 11 January 2025, where Archbishop Pamplany was elected to the Office of the Vicar of the Major Archbishop. The election was subsequently confirmed by the Holy Father. Archbishop Pamplany will continue to serve as the Metropolitan Archbishop of Tellicherry.

Holy Father Pope Francis has accepted the resignation of Bishop Mar Bosco Puthur from the Office of Apostolic Administrator of the Archeparchy of Ernakulam-Angamaly. Mar Puthur, who was appointed to the Office on December 7, 2023, had submitted his resignation in September 2024 due to health reasons. Bishop Puthur was appointed the Apostolic Administrator of the Archeparchy of Ernakulam-Angamaly after his resignation from the Office of Bishop of the Eparchy of Melbourne. With the resignation of the Apostolic Administrator accepted, the governance of the Archeparchy of Ernakulam-Angamaly has been entrusted to the Major Archbishop by the Apostolic See. At the same time, Archbishop Cyril Vasil SJ will continue to be the Pontifical Delegate for the Archeparchy of Ernakulam-Angamaly.

His Beatitude Mar Raphael Thattil has appointed Archbishop Pamplany as the Vicar of the Major Archbishop, with ordinary administrative responsibilities for the Archeparchy. The Office of the Vicar of the Major Archbishop will function according to guidelines approved by the Synod of Bishops. The Office of Vicar of the Major Archbishop was first introduced in 2019 when Archbishop Mar Antony Kariyil CMI was appointed by then Major Archbishop Cardinal Mar George Alencherry.

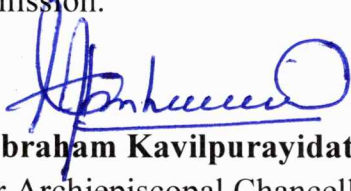
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Born in 1969, Archbishop Mar Joseph Pamplany was ordained priest in 1997. He pursued higher studies in Sacred Scripture and earned his doctorate from Leuven University. On September 1, 2017, he was elected Auxiliary Bishop of Tellicherry and was consecrated on November 8, 2017. He became the Metropolitan Archbishop of Tellicherry on April 22, 2022. Archbishop Pamplany is currently the Secretary of the Synod and a member of the Permanent Synod. He serves as Chairman of the Syro-Malabar Commission for Doctrine, Member of the Syro-Malabar Commission for Public Affairs, Chairman of the KCBC Commission for Media, Member of the CBCI Commission for Doctrine, Convener of the CBCI Commission for Inter-ritual Textbooks, and Member of the FABC Theology Commission.



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