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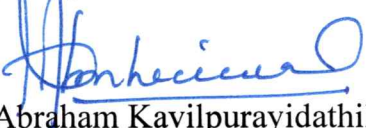
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Bishop Mar Bosco Puthur Apostolic Administrator of Ernakulam-Angamaly

Holy Father Pope Francis has appointed Bishop Mar Bosco Puthur, the Bishop *Emeritus* of the Syro-Malabar Eparchy of Melbourne, the new Apostolic Administrator *sede plena* of the Archeparchy of Ernakulam-Angamaly. The appointment was announced on 7 December 2023 at noon at the Vatican and at 4.30 p.m. at Mount St. Thomas, the Major Archiepiscopal Curia and Archbishop's House Ernakulam.

The new Apostolic Administrator, Bishop Bosco Puthur was the first Curia Bishop of the Syro-Malabar Church and the first Bishop of the Syro-Malabar Eparchy of Melbourne, Australia. On May 31, 2023, he resigned from the administration of the Eparchy of Melbourne. The Syro-Malabar Bishops Synod has recently designated Bishop Bosco Puthur the Convener of the Dialogue Committee to help in solving the issues in the Archeparchy of Ernakulam-Angamaly. Born in 1946, he was ordained a priest in Rome, in 1971. He served in different Offices such as Trichur Minor Seminary Rector, Major Seminary Professor, Mangalapuzha Major Seminary Rector, Vicar of Cathedral Church and *Protosyncellus*. He also served as the Executive Director of the Syro-Malabar Liturgical Research Centre. He appointed as the Curia Bishop of the Syro-Malabar Church on February 13, 2010. Bishop Bosco Puthur was Secretary of the Synod of Bishops of the Syro-Malabar Church. After the demise of Cardinal Mar Varkey Vithayathil, Bishop Puthur was the Administrator of the Syro-Malabar Church until Cardinal George Alencherry assumed the Office of the Major Archbishop.

Archbishop Andrews Thazhath took charge in the Office the Apostolic Administrator of the Archeparchy of Ernakulam-Angamaly on July 30, 2022, in addition to his responsibility as the Archbishop of Trichur. In November 2022, Archbishop Andrews Thazhath was elected to the Office of the President of the Catholic Bishop Conference of India. Overburdened by three important Offices, Archbishop Andrews Thazhath requested His Holiness Pope Francis to relieve him from the Office of the Apostolic Administrator of the Archeparchy of Ernakulam-Angamaly. It is by considering this request, Archbishop Thazhath was relieved from the Office and Pope Francis has appointed the new Apostolic Administrator for the Archeparchy of Ernakulam-Angamaly.


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