



Metropolitan Mar Kuriakose Kunnacherry

(Bio-data)

Born	On September 11, 1928, at Kottayam, Kerala, India	
Parents	Joseph and Annamma Kunnacherry, Pazhuthuruth, Kaduthuruthy	
Education	St George L P. School Edacat	1934 -1936
	C.N.I. L. P. School, Kottayam	1936 -1938
	St Michael's U.P. School, Kaduthuruthy	1938-1943
	S.H. Mount High School, Kottayam	1943-1946
	St Stanislaus Minor Seminary	1946-1948
	St Joseph's Apostolic Seminary, Alwaye	1948-1952
	Pontifical Urbanian University, Rome	1952-1956
	Pontifical Lateran University, Rome	1956-1960
	Boston College University, U.S.A.	1962-1964

Academic Degrees

Baccalaureate in Theology	1954
Licentiate in Theology	1956
Baccalaureate in Civil & Canon Laws	1957
Licentiate in Civil & Canon Laws	1958
Doctorate in Civil & Canon Laws	1960
Master's Degree in Political Sciences	1964

Sacred ordinations

- Sacerdotal** from Clement Cardinal Miccara at Rome
on December 21, 1955
- Episcopal** from Maximillian Cardinal de Fürstenberg
at S.H.Mount, Kottayam on February 24, 1968
- Metropolitan** from Mar Varkey Cardinal Vithayathil at Christ
the King Cathedral Kottayam on June 3, 2005

Pastoral Ministry

Chancellor of the Diocese, Secretary to the
Bishop, Cathedral Assistant and Member of the
Editorial Board of Apna Des and S.H. Monthly
1960-1962

Chancellor of the Diocese 1964-1968

Managing Editor of Apna Des 1964-1965

Member of Caritas Hospital Board of
Administration, Director of Caritas School of
Nursing, Spiritual Counsellor of Caritas Secular
Institute 1965-1968

Rector of the Minor Seminary from June 12,
1967-68

Nominated Coadjutor Bishop December 9,
1967

Ordained Bishop on February 24, 1968

Eparchial Bishop of Kottayam May 5, 1974 ...

Named Metropolitan of Kottayam May 9, 2005

Ordained Metropolitan June 3, 2005

Common Ecclesial Ministries

- Secretary of the Syro-Malabar Bishops' Conference (18 years)
- Member of the Pontifical Commission for the Codification of CCEO, Rome
- Member of the Pontifical Council for Inter-Religious Dialogue, Rome
- Chairman of the CBCI Commission for Ecumenism and Inter-Religious Dialogue (two terms)
- CBCI Delegate to Christian Conference of Asia
- Chairman of the KCBC Commission for Ecumenism (three terms)
- Member of the Syro-Malabar Permanent Synod
- Member of the Syro-Malabar Commission for Particular Laws
- Member of the Syro-Malabar Commission for Ecumenism
- Member Judge of the Syro-Malabar Superior Tribunal
- Founding Member of the Nilackal Ecumenical Trust
- Chairman of the Episcopal Commission for the St Joseph's Pontifical Seminary, Alwaye (two terms)
- Chairman of the Episcopal Commission for the St Thomas Apostolic Seminary, Vadavathoor (two terms)
- Vice-Chancellor of Paurasthya Vidya-Pitham, Vadavathoor (two terms)