

Episcopate of the Christian Catholic Church



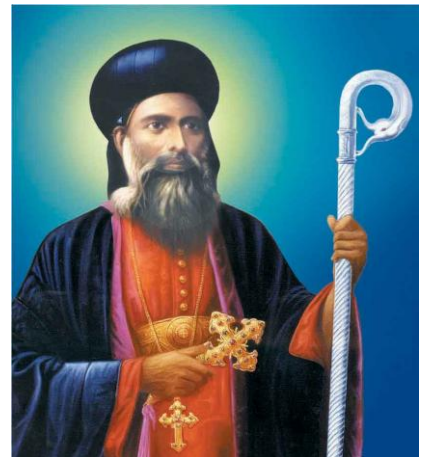
The first bishop of our church was Msgr. Rene Vilatte (1854-1929), elected by Synod on November 16, 1889.¹ He was consecrated at Colombo, by Msgr. Julius Alvares of the Independent Catholic Church of Sri Lanka, Goa & India, attached to the Syriac Patriarchate of Antioch. Saint Gregory of Parumala and Msgr. Athanasius Kadavil, archbishops in India, acted as co-consecrators.²



Msgr. Alvares



Msgr. Vilatte



St. Gregory of Parumala

Msgr. Vilatte was succeeded by Msgr. Casimir F. Durand (1926), who was followed by Msgr. O'Neill Côté (1939-1986). Msgr. Serge A. Theriault is the present bishop. He was consecrated by Msgr. Côté in 1982.



Msgr. Durand



Msgr. Côté



Msgr. Thériault

¹ Synod assembled in St. Mary's Church, Duvall (Kewaunee), Wisconsin, U.S.A. Incorporated 13 February 1890.

² Consecrated at the hands of Patriarch Ignatius Peter (1876), they were consecrators of Msgr. Alvares on July 27, 1889. St. Gregory (Gregorius Geevarghese) of Niranam, India was canonized in 1947. His feast is on November 2.