

FATHER JOSEPH KANDACHAMKUNNEL



FIRST SUPERIOR OF THE NEWLY-ERECTED NIGERIA REGION

Simultaneously with the canonical erection of the Region of Nigeria, with the consent of his Council, the Superior General, Father Valdir José De Castro, appointed him with a Decree issued on 22 January 2021.

Father Joseph, 41 years, was born in Vazhathala, Kerala (India) on 7 September 1979. He entered the Congregation in Bangalore in July 1995, made his first profession on 31 May 2000, confirming it in perpetuity on 4 January 2009. On 9 January 2010, he was ordained a priest in St. Stephen Church, Uzhavoor, by the laying on of hands of Mgr Mar Mathew Moolakkattu, Archbishop of Kottayam.

Transferred to Ibadan (Nigeria) in 2011, he was first Master of Postulants and Juniors, then Superior of the Lagos community and Master of Novices. In 2015, he travelled to New York to earn a Master's degree in Counselling Psychology. Upon returning from the United States in 2019, he continued serving in formation in Ibadan as Coordinator of Formation in Nigeria and Master of Juniors and Postulants.

Our best wishes to Father Joseph for a fruitful service in favour of the “new-born” Region of Nigeria.

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