

# THE CATHOLIC DIOCESE OF MEERUT

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## DIOCESAN ADMINISTRATOR OF THE CATHOLIC DIOCESE OF MEERUT

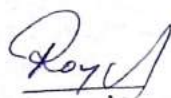
Due to the transfer of Most Rev. Francis Kalist, Bishop of Meerut, as Metropolitan Archbishop of Pondicherry-Cuddalore the Episcopal See of Meerut has become vacant and on May 02, 2022 the College of Consultors of the Diocese of Meerut elected Rev. Fr. Valerian Pinto, as Diocesan Administrator to govern the Diocese.

Fr. Valerian Pinto, was born on 19<sup>th</sup> February 1955, in Brahmavar, in the Diocese of Udupi. He studied at St. John Minor Seminary, Sardhana, Meerut. He received his Philosophical and Theological formation at St. Albert's College Ranchi. He holds a B.Th. Degree and a Postgraduate Degree in English Literature. He was ordained Priest in his native parish i.e. Holy Family Church, Brahmavar on 14<sup>th</sup> May 1981. From 1981 to 1986, he served as an Assistant Pastor at Ratual and Dehradun Parishes. From 1986, he was sent to St. Michael's Parish, Siwal as Parish Priest. In 1995 he was appointed as Parish Priest of St. Joseph's Cathedral, Meerut. He also served for a short term the parish St. Vianney Church, Tanda and the Shrine Basilica of Our Lady of Graces, Sardhana as Parish Priest. From 2005 to 2013, he served the Diocese in the capacity of Secretary and Chancellor. From 2013-2018 he served the Parish St. Francis Church, Dehradun as Parish Priest. Presently he is the Parish Priest of Holy Family Church, Jwalapur, Haridwar, U.K. and the manager of St. Mary's Sr. Sec. School. Besides these appointments, he served the Diocese as Notary, Episcopal Vicar, Diocesan Director of Education, Senator and Consultor. He was the Vicar General from 2005 until the Episcopal See became vacant on 19<sup>th</sup> March, 2022.

The Diocese of Meerut is glad to have Rev. Fr. Valerian Pinto as the Diocesan Administrator. As he assumes the new responsibility, we entrust him and the Diocese to the maternal protection of Our Lady of Graces, the Patroness of the Diocese.

With prayerful wishes, I remain

Fraternally Yours in Jesus



Fr. Roy Chowalloor  
Chancellor  
Diocese of Meerut  
02/05/2022

