



Diocese of MANDYA

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The Diocese of Mandya was erected by His Beatitude Varkey Cardinal Vithayathil, the then Major Archbishop of the Syro-Malabar Church, by his decree of erection Prot. No. 55/2010 on 18th January 2010, bifurcating the diocese of Mananthavady, after having obtained the consent of the Synod of the Bishops of the Syro-Malabar Church and the Assent of His Holiness Pope Benedict XVI. The Major Archbishop, Varkey Cardinal Vithayathil, by his decree Prot. No. 56/2010 of 18th January 2010, has also appointed Rev. Msgr. George Njaralakatt belonging to the diocese of Mananthavady as the first bishop of this newly erected diocese.

The eparchy of Mananthavady was erected by His Holiness Pope Paul VI, by the Bull Quanta Gloria of March 1, 1973 bifurcating the vast diocese of Tellicherry. The eparchies of Tellicherry and Mananthavady were erected for the migrated people from the central Kerala. Population explosion and the shortage of food during the post war period (1945-1960) induced them to migrate to the uninhabited fertile lands of northern Kerala and to some isolated pockets of Tamilnadu and Karnataka States.