

# **BIO – FR. JOSE**

**Fr. Jose Samuel Karikompil was born in Kerala India. After completing high school, he joined the minor seminary in Kerala. He continued his studies in Theology and Philosophy in Bangalore – India. He was ordained into the priesthood on May 12<sup>th</sup> 1990 in his home parish.**

**He became a missionary and left for Cameroon, Africa in June of 1990, working there for six years. He came to Canada in August of 1996, working in the Archdiocese of Toronto for eight years. During his tenure in Toronto he also completed a Master's degree from St. Augustine Seminary – University of Toronto.**

**In February of 2005 he joined the Diocese of St. Catharines, ministering at the following parishes:**

**St. Alfred Parish – St. Catharines  
St. Patrick Parish – St. Catharines  
St. Mary Parish – Welland  
St. Ann Parish – Niagara Falls  
Our lady of the Scapular Niagara Falls**

**During his Toronto residence as well as his visits to Italy, he learned Italian and ministered to the various needs of the Italian-speaking congregants of the parishes he served.**

**It is my privilege to serve as your pastor and to minister to your spiritual needs. I would also like to get to better know each of you and I will work diligently with you in order to address the needs of the parish, whatever they may be.**

**I am also asking all of you to pray and support as I entrust our pastoral ministry to Our Lady of the Holy Rosary and to Saint John Mary Vianney, Patron of Parish Priests – for the glory of God.**

**May God continue to abundantly bless all of you as we begin this journey!**