



Cordial Welcome

To

REV. DR. PAUL ACHANDY, CMI
Rector, Dharmaram College
Pro-Vice-Chancellor, DVK

Indeed it is a rare privilege and honour to accord a most cordial welcome to Rev. Dr. Paul Achandy, CMI, the newly appointed Rector of Dharmaram College, and, in his capacity as the Rector, the Pro-Vice-Chancellor of Dharmaram Vidya Kshetram (DVK), Bangalore, India!

Born in May 1963, and ordained in December 1992, Dr. Paul Achandy CMI is an erudite scholar, efficient administrator and above all, a model religious. A former student and later a visiting staff of the DVK, Dr. Paul Achandy holds a Master's Degree in Business Administration and a Doctorate in Management Studies from the IIT Chennai. He served Christ College (now Christ Deemed to be University), Bengaluru, as the Head of the Department of Management Studies before he was elected the Vicar-Provincial of Devamatha Province, Thrissur. Dr. Paul Achandy was the Director of Amala Institute of Medical Sciences (Thrissur), and the Provincial of the CMI Devamatha Province, Thrissur, before he was elected the Prior General of the CMI Congregation in 2014. He is an efficient administrator and an eminent animator of religious life, who conscientiously guided the CMI Congregation in general and Dharmaram Vidya Kshetram in particular, to maintain its clear focus on religious values and to be an effective and inspiring catalyst in the contemporary society. He is a noble person with a wonderful sense of commitment and compassion for the poor, whose loving insistence paved the way for the transformation of many a CMI and CMI Institution. In his capacity as the Vice-Chancellor of DVK (2014-2020), Rev. Dr. Paul Achandy accompanied us in every possible way, and keenly followed the developments and gave us proper directions and support.

On this auspicious day, when Dr. Paul Achandy assumes the Office of the Rector of Dharmaram College, in the name of the Deans, Directors, the Staff and Students of Dharmaram Vidya Kshetram, may I accord to you, dear Fr. Rector and the Pro-Vice-Chancellor of DVK, a very cordial and warm welcome and God's abundant blessings to discharge your responsibilities faithfully, discerning the "Will of God, always and everywhere" (Cf. St. Kuriakose Elias Chavara)!

Fr. Kurian Kachappilly, CMI
President, DVK
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