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# Foreword

*I*N the last few years we had produced a *Catholic Directory of the Archdiocese of Bombay* on two occasions—once in 1960 when our *Seminary in Goregaon* was inaugurated and the other in 1964, the year of the *XXXVIII International Eucharistic Congress in Bombay*. I have always felt that we should have a *Diocesan Directory* more or less regularly, because such a *Directory* is a handy, informative and useful tool for the understanding and smooth administration of the *Archdiocese*. With the rapid growth of our *Archdiocese* and its constantly changing patterns, its fresh orientations and newly defined goals (the fruits of our *Priests' Synod*) this was a good time for a new and up-to-date *Directory* to be published. The volume you now have in your hands is the result of sustained efforts in this direction.

The present edition is a mine of information with a well compiled brief history of the *Archdiocese*, its administrative and parochial set-up, its diocesan and religious personnel, its three-fold areas of apostolate and concern: education, health and social welfare. The chapters on our popular devotions and on other *Christian Churches* add to its usefulness and completeness.

Fr. Leslie Ratus, whom I asked to bring out this new edition promptly and willingly responded to my request to do so. He has carried out the task with great patience and meticulous care. He has done it despite his other commitments, as a labour of love. I know from personal experience the amount of work that goes into the production of such a *Directory*. Therefore, to him, in a special

way, I should like to express my warm gratitude and appreciation for the work he has done. I know that many others have collaborated with him and to them also I am grateful.

It is my hope that the publication of this new Directory will give our priests, religious and laity a better understanding of our Archdiocese and a deeper appreciation of the complexity of the ministry and apostolate today. May it spur them on to a greater and more enthusiastic participation in not only maintaining but also further developing the local Church in Bombay.

*Punienta*

Archbishop of Bombay

*Mass of the Holy Oils*  
*April 1, 1982*

## Preface

**T**HIS is the Third Edition of the Catholic Directory of the Archdiocese of Bombay. If the previous two Editions were linked with memorable events in the history of the Archdiocese—the inauguration of the Diocesan Seminary (1960) and the 38th International Eucharistic Congress held in Bombay (1964)—this Edition may be seen to be somewhat connected with the first-ever Synod (more appropriately, Consultation) of the Pastoral Clergy of Bombay which was held in November 1980. For it was a couple of weeks before that event that Archbishop Simon Pimenta, the author of the earlier Editions, suggested in the course of an informal afternoon Tea at the Seminary that it would be worthwhile to have a fresh edition of the Directory of the Archdiocese. The Consultation marked a serious and realistic stock-taking, as it were, of the life and ministry of the Pastoral Clergy of Bombay. This Edition brings together in a single volume information on several facets of the life of the Church in Bombay, and, with all its limitations, may perhaps serve as a “Resource Book” for an eventual full-fledged Diocesan Synod.

It was only in January 1981 that the collection of information contained in this Directory was initiated. In this we were helped by the contents of the previous two Editions. The matter was ready for the Press by September of the same year.

When one compares the information in this Edition with that provided in the first two Editions, one will be immediately impressed by the growth of the Church in Bombay in certain areas of its life and witness. In 1964, what is now the Diocese of Baroda still formed part of the Archdiocese of Bombay. Deducting the data that concern

the Diocese of Baroda in the first two Editions, a rough idea of numerical growth may be gauged from the following:

	1960	1964	1981
Catholic Population	298,435	350,004	532,219
Parishes/Parish Units	83	86	111
Secular Priests	198	229	327
Religious			
Institutes of Men	9	10	19
Houses of Religious Men	23	26	51
Number of Religious Men	241	309	346
Institutes of Women	25	29	60
Houses of Religious Women	44	53	140
Number of Religious Women	465	613	1445
High Schools	60	78	129
Organizations and Movements	14	16	27

To these must be added the number of Homes for Boys and Girls and for the Aged, Hostels, Institutions for the Disabled, Hospitals, Dispensaries and Clinics, and Community Development Centres that have been established within the last two decades. Much of the credit for this development in the Archdiocese goes to the vigorous leadership provided by the late Cardinal Gracias, who not only welcomed new Institutes into the Archdiocese but also promoted the undertaking of varied manifestations of Christian love and service. This is the reason why we have chosen to gratefully commemorate the Cardinal (see Photo) and his many years of stewardship in our midst.

The contents of this Directory may be seen to cover three areas of the Church's life in Bombay: (1) The History of the Archdiocese and of its constituent Parishes (2) Its Leadership, and (3) Its Works or Ministries.

Through the reading of existing sources and as a result of personal visits to the ecclesiastical units of the Archdiocese, I have been able to put together, in the first two hundred pages, not only the significant events in the history of the Archdiocese as a whole but also some highlights in the history of individual parishes and parish units (Chapters 1, 3-6). The latter has been accompanied by photographs of the churches which, though not uniformly clear and sharp in their printed form, may yet help to

give an idea of the churches in the Archdiocese. The large majority of these photographs were taken by a theology student of St. Pius College, Brother Sunder Albuquerque. I am deeply appreciative of the enthusiasm and interest which led him to make the time in between his Seminary schedule, to tour the churches over a period of three months. This section closes with some pertinent current information on the 111 ecclesiastical units of the Archdiocese (Chapter 7).

Information regarding the Leadership in the Church of Bombay is to be found in the Chapters on Diocesan Administration (ch. 2), Diocesan Centres, Commissions and Councils (ch. 8), Secular Priests and the Religious (ch. 9), their Houses of Formation within the Archdiocese (ch. 10), and the many diocesan Organizations and Movements in which the Laity are actively involved and through which they strive to translate the Christian message into living reality, both within and outside the visible boundaries of the Church (ch. 11). Here I would like to gratefully acknowledge the contribution of Fr. Larry Pereira in collating the information on the different Organizations and Movements at work within the Archdiocese.

The third area covered in the Directory concerns the diversified Works performed by the Church in Bombay, whether in the field of Education (Chapter 12), Health (Chapter 13), Social Welfare (Chapter 14), Devotions (Chapter 15) and Ecumenical Collaboration (Chapter 16). Admittedly, the information provided does not capture and reveal the selfless dedication and zeal of the laity, priests and religious who are engaged in these numerous activities. I was tempted to do this, but had to restrain myself given the scope and character of a Directory which, I am aware, I have already tampered with and modified. I wish to thank here Fr. Francis X. Fernandes for the help he rendered in collecting the data on the educational institutions of the Archdiocese.

The last chapter is not meant to be a "Who's Who" in the Church of Bombay. Our intention was to invite as many of the Catholic Laity who are engaged in Business or in such services that one has need of from time to time. To obtain such a list we advertised our intention in the pages of "The Examiner", as well as in Parishes through their respective Parish Priests. Though forty pages of this Directory highlight such Catholics, we are not

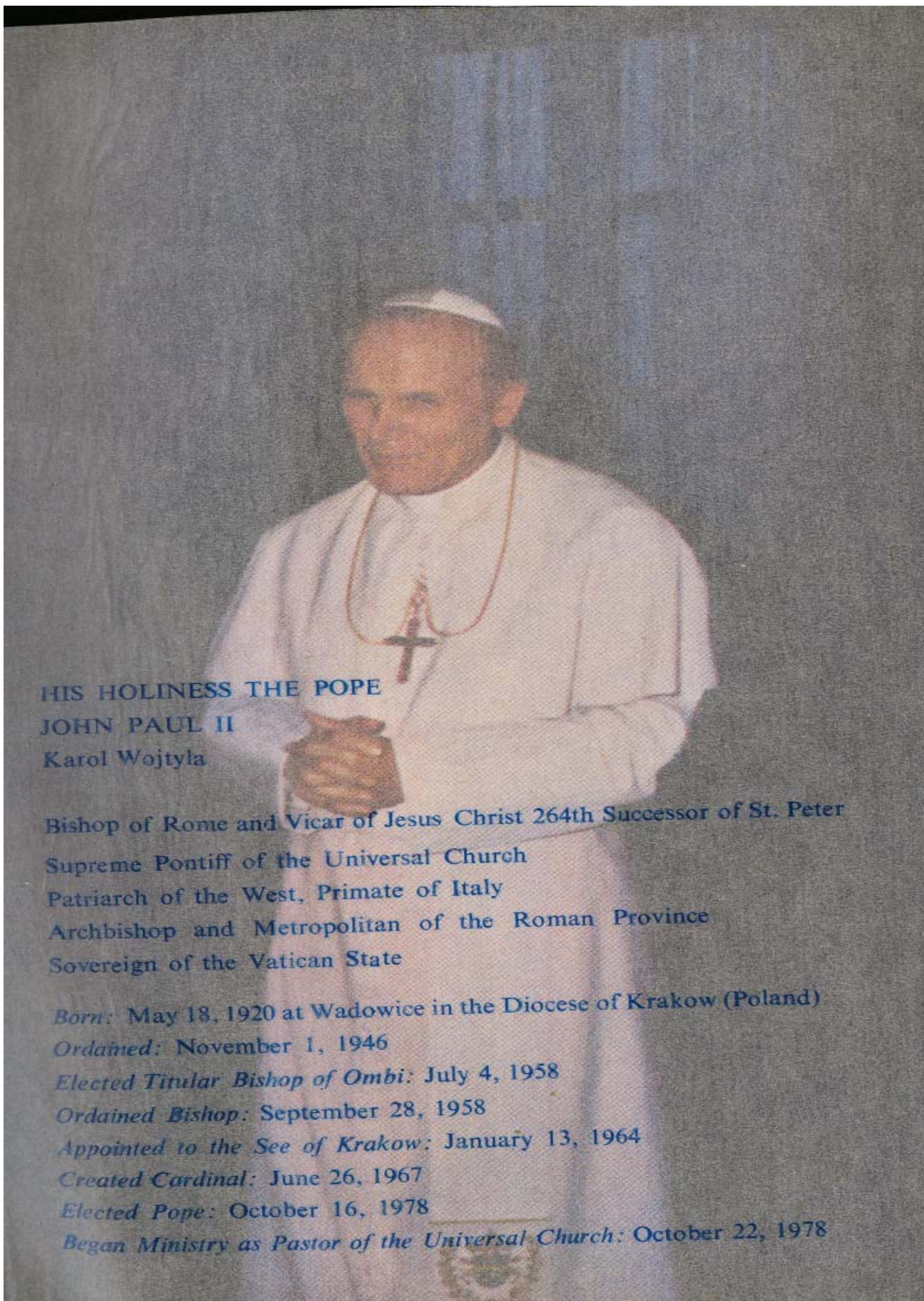
at all satisfied with the comprehensiveness of the list. Certainly, there are many, many more of the Laity involved in similar avocations. We are sorry for having failed to get in touch with them.

The publication of this Directory has been made possible through the active collaboration of several people besides those whom I have already mentioned above. Throughout 1981, especially when I was away in Kerala for three months, I have had the invaluable assistance of Miss Lira Monteiro who attended to the Correspondence and to the preparation of the first drafts of the data as they came in. Again, from the very beginning, Fr. Errol Rozario has very ably seen to lessening the financial burden of this publication and to preparing the contents of Chapter 17. In this matter of finance, grateful mention must be made of the generous donations given by a number of Parish Priests and Rectors of Shrines, because of which we are able to make this Directory available at less than its printing cost. The Maps that appear in the book are the work of Fr. Giuseppe Rodrigues and Mr. Roque Drego, who, with the data supplied to them, saw to their neat and artistic presentation. Finally, Msgr. Theodore Pereira, Fr. Peter Garcia S.J., and the Staff of Archbishop's House, have been of ready and kind assistance at different stages of this Directory. To all of them I am indebted and indeed grateful.

St. Pius College,  
Goregaon, Bombay.

**Fr. Leslie J. Ratus**





**HIS HOLINESS THE POPE  
JOHN PAUL II**  
Karol Wojtyła

Bishop of Rome and Vicar of Jesus Christ 264th Successor of St. Peter  
Supreme Pontiff of the Universal Church  
Patriarch of the West, Primate of Italy  
Archbishop and Metropolitan of the Roman Province  
Sovereign of the Vatican State

*Born:* May 18, 1920 at Wadowice in the Diocese of Krakow (Poland)

*Ordained:* November 1, 1946

*Elected Titular Bishop of Ombi:* July 4, 1958

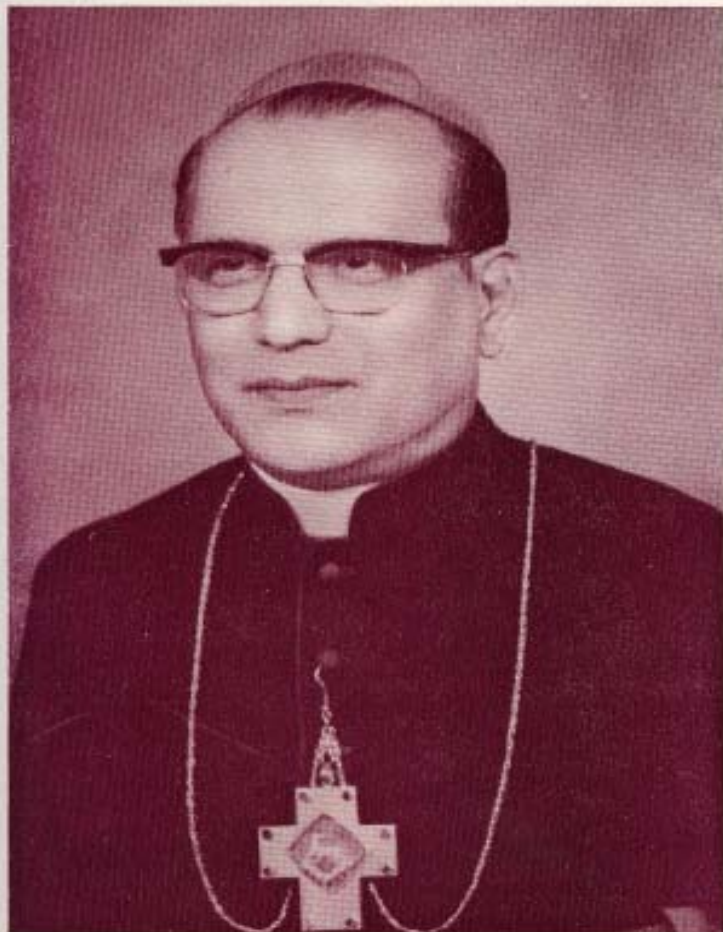
*Ordained Bishop:* September 28, 1958

*Appointed to the See of Krakow:* January 13, 1964

*Created Cardinal:* June 26, 1967

*Elected Pope:* October 16, 1978

*Began Ministry as Pastor of the Universal Church:* October 22, 1978



**MOST REV. SIMON IGNATIUS PIMENTA D.D.**

*Born:* March 1, 1920

*Ordained Priest:* December 21, 1949

*Appointed Titular Bishop of Bocconia and Auxiliary*

*Bishop of Bombay:* June 5, 1971

*Ordained Bishop:* June 29, 1971

*Nominated Coadjutor Archbishop of Bombay with right  
of succession:* February 26, 1977

*Installed Archbishop of Bombay:* September 21, 1978

*Elected President of the Catholic Bishops' Conference  
of India:* January 11, 1982

## **FORMER VICARS APOSTOLIC OF BOMBAY**

- Bishop Maurice of St. Teresa O.C. (1720-1726)  
Bishop Peter of Alcantara (the Second) O. C. (1732-1745)  
Bishop Innocent of the Presentation O.C. (1746-1753)  
Bishop Sebastian of St. Margaret O.C. (1754)  
Bishop Dominic of St. Clare O.C. (1755-1772)  
Bishop Charles of St. Conrad O.C. (1773-1785)  
Bishop Angelino of St. Joseph O.C. (1785-1786)  
Bishop Victorinus of St. Mary O.C. (1789, 1791-1793)  
Bishop Peter of Alcantara (the Third) O.C. (1795-1840)  
Bishop Ferdinand Fortini O.C. (Coadjutor with right of succession in 1837; Vicar Apostolic of Bombay: 1840-1848)  
Bishop William Whelan O.C. (appointed Coadjutor with right of succession in 1842; Vicar Apostolic of Bombay: 1848-1850)  
Bishop Anastasius Hartmann O.F.M. Cap. (Vicar Apostolic of Patna and Apostolic Administrator of Bombay: 1850-1858)  
Fr. Ignatius Persico O.C. appointed Coadjutor to Hartmann in 1854; he became Vicar Apostolic of Agra in 1856 while remaining Coadjutor to Bombay)  
Bishop Alexis Canoz S.J. (Vicar Apostolic of Madura and Apostolic Administrator of Bombay: 1858-1861)  
Bishop Walter Steins S. J. (1861-1867)  
Bishop Leo Meurin S. J. (1867-1886)

## **FORMER ARCHBISHOPS OF BOMBAY**

- Archbishop George Porter S. J. (1886-1889)  
Archbishop Theodore Dalhoff S. J. (1891-1906)  
Archbishop Herman Jurgens S. J. (1907-1916)  
Archbishop Alban Goodier S. J. (1919-1926)  
Archbishop Joaquim Lima S. J. (1928-1936)  
Archbishop Thomas d'Esterre Roberts S. J. (1937-1950)  
Cardinal Valerian Gracias (1950-1978)



*Born:* March 15, 1911  
*Ordained Priest:* November 27, 1938  
*Appointed Titular Bishop of Vada and Auxiliary Bishop of Bombay:* May 5, 1955  
*Ordained Bishop:* August 11, 1955

**RT. REV. LONGINUS GABRIEL PEREIRA**

**RT. REV. FERDINAND JOSEPH FONSECA**

*Born:* December 2, 1925  
*Ordained Priest:* December 5, 1954  
*Appointed Titular Bishop of Aquae in Mauretania and Auxiliary Bishop of Bombay:* April 21, 1980  
*Ordained Bishop:* June 29, 1980



## **FORMER AUXILIARY BISHOPS OF BOMBAY**

Bishop Valerian Gracias (1946-1950)

Bishop William Gomes (1961-1967)

Bishop Winnibald Menezes (1968-1977)

Bishop Simon Pimenta (1971-1977)

## **BISHOPS FROM BOMBAY TO OTHER SEES IN INDIA**

Msgr. Leonard Raymond, Bishop of Allahabad (1949-1964) and  
Archbishop of Nagpur (1964-1974)

Msgr. Andrew D'Souza, Bishop of Pune (1949-1967)

Msgr. Leo D'Mello, Bishop of Ajmer (1949-1978)

Msgr. Edwin Pinto S. J., Bishop of Ahmedabad (1949-1973)

Msgr. Michael Rodrigues, Bishop of Belgaum (1953-1964)

Msgr. Dominic Athaide O.F.M. Cap., Archbishop of Agra (1956- )

Msgr. Vivian Dyer, Coadjutor Archbishop of Calcutta (1959-1960)  
and Archbishop of Calcutta (1960-1962)

Msgr. Angelo Fernandes, Coadjutor Archbishop of Delhi (1959-  
1967) and Archbishop of Delhi (1967- )

Msgr. Ignatius D'Souza, Bishop of Baroda (1966- )

Msgr. William Gomes, Bishop of Pune (1967-1976)

Msgr. Ignatius Lobo, Bishop of Belgaum (1967- )

Msgr. Joseph Rodrigues S. J., Bishop of Jamshedpur (1970- )

Msgr. Gilbert Rego, Bishop of Simla-Chandigarh (1971- )

Msgr. Dominic Abreo, Bishop of Aurangabad (1977- )



**HIS EMINENCE VALERIAN CARDINAL GRACIAS**  
(1900-1978)

In Grateful Memory  
of his fifty-two years of ministry  
in the Archdiocese of Bombay  
as Priest, Bishop and Archbishop

*Born:* October 23, 1900.

High School studies: St. Patrick's, Karachi.

Seminary studies: St. Joseph's, Mangalore; Papal Seminary, Kandy.

*Ordained Priest:* October 3, 1926.

Higher Ecclesiastical studies: Gregorian University, Rome 1926-1929

Secretary to Abp Lima & Chancellor of the Archdiocese: 1929-1941

Rector of the Pro-Cathedral of the Holy Name: 1941-1946.

*Appointed* Titular Bishop of Tenneso and Auxiliary Bishop to Archbishop Roberts: April 11, 1946.

*Ordained Bishop:* June 29, 1946 at St. Peter's Church, Bandra.

*Archbishop of Bombay:* December 1, 1950.

*Nominated Cardinal:* December 29, 1952 and received the Red Hat from Pope Pius XII: January 12, 1953.

Presided over the organization of the National Marian Congress held in Bombay and was appointed Papal Legate to it: December 4-8, 1954.

Elected President of the Catholic Bishops' Conference of India from 1954-1972.

Papal Legate to the 1st National Eucharistic Congress of Burma: 1955

Member of the Central Commission to prepare for Vatican Council II and participated in the Council's 4 sessions: 1962-1965.

Presided over the organization of the 38th International Eucharistic Congress held in Bombay: November 28 — December 6, 1964.

Awarded the "Padma Vibushan" on Republic Day, 1966.

Appointed by Pope Paul VI a member of the special Papal Commission to study the question of Birth Control: 1966.

Member of the Commission for the Revision of the Code of Canon Law, of the Consilium for the Implementation of the Constitution on the Sacred Liturgy, of the Secretariat for Non-Christians, and of the Sacred Congregation for the Evangelization of Peoples.

President of the Organizing Committee of the All-India Church Seminar held in Bangalore: May 15-25, 1969.

Golden Jubilee of the Priesthood: October 3, 1976.

Silver Jubilee of the Cardinalate: December 29, 1977. On this occasion the Mayor of Bombay presented him with a gold medallion, the highest honour that can be conferred on a citizen by the Bombay Municipal Corporation.

Hospitalised at St. Elizabeth's Nursing Home, Bombay: May 27, 1978.

*Died:* September 11, 1978.

Buried on the left aisle of the Cathedral of the Holy Name below Our Lady's altar.

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of Bombay

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