



## FELICITATION BY ANGELO CARDINAL AMATO, PREFECT OF THE CONGREGATION FOR THE CAUSES OF SAINTS, VATICAN, ROME



*The new Saints, Euphrasia of the Sacred Heart and Kuriakose Elias Chavara of the Holy Family, the new stars in the sky of sanctity, illumine our ways with the testimony of their lives and the generosity of their prayer. They, as all the authentic witnesses of faith, are transparent examples of civility and of hope even in the dark moments of the history. St. Euphrasia lived so intensely the charism of prayer and contemplation that she merited to be called the “Praying Mother”, “Virtuous Sister of the Family” and “Moving Tabernacle.” She manifested a unique solicitude towards the suffering and the marginalized by becoming a model for the sisters, the faithful and for the whole people.*

*St. Kuriakose Elias Chavara instituted the first men religious community of Kerala, the Congregation of the Servants of Mary Immaculate, today known as the Carmelites of Mary Immaculate; he favoured the promotion of women and founded a convent of the Sisters of the Third Order of the Discalced Carmelites. He was a true guide and a reformer at the service of the Church and the society.*

*These glorious Saints of Kerala did not close their hearts to the call of the Lord but they engaged themselves with a spirit of love and sharing in humble and efficacious service. In prayer and in concreteness they diffused seeds of hope and charity.*

*Let us look at them with faith and enthusiasm; they, as all the Saints, are an extraordinary gift of God to the humanity, are the constructors and announcers of a new world, are the most authentic educators of humanity. We still have the need of saintly men and women. May Euphrasia and Kuriakose Elias deign to receive the homage of our most fervent and profound gratitude.*

*Vatican City, Rome*

