

**MILESTONES IN THE LIFE OF ARCHBISHOP
RAPHAEL CHEENATH, SVD**

- Born on - 29.12.1934 of late Sri Francis and Theresa at Manalur under Pallissery Parish, Trichur Diocese, Kerala State.
- Received Confirmation - From Rt.Rev. Jr. George Alapatt on 21.11.1949
- Completed High School Studies - At C.N.N. Boy's High School. Cherpu in 1953
- Joined SVD Seminary - At Palda, 1953-1955
- Novitiate - At Khurda, 1956-1957
- First Profession - At Khurda on 31-05-1957
- Joined Philosophy - At Papal Seminary, Pune 1957-1959
- Started Theology - At Papal Seminary, Pune (JDV) 1960-1963
- Final Profession - At Divine Word Seminary, Pune on 18-03-1963
- Ordained Priest - At Divine Word Seminary, Pune on 21-09-1963 by His Excellency Andrew D'Souza, Bishop of Pune.
- Appointed Procurator, St. John's Mission Seminary Changanachery, Kerala - 1964-1967
- Prefect of Minor Seminary, St. John's Mission Seminary Changanachery, Kerala - 1964-1968
- Rector, St. John's Mission Seminary, Changanachery - 1966-1968
- Assistant Rector & Spiritual Director Divine Word Seminary Pune - 1968-1969
- Novice Master & Assistant Provincial - 1969-1972
- SVD Provincial - 1972 (Half an year)
- Consultor General of the Society of Divine Word, Rome - 1972-1974
- Ordained Bishop of Sambalpur - 18th May, 1974
- Transferred to Sambalpur - 18th November, 1979

- Transferred to Archdiocese of
Cuttack-Bhubaneswar - 11.08.1985
- Chairman, Commission for Peace,
Justice Development - 1985-1989
- Governing Body Member,
CARITAS, INDIA - 1989-1993
- Member of the Governing Body IGSSS - 1991-1995
- Member of CBCI committee
for Dialogue with MISEREOR - 1993
- Chairman of Regional Bishops'
Conference, Orissa - 1985-1998
- Governing Body member of St. John's
Medical College, Bangalore - 1996-1998
- Governing Body member of
CARITAS INDIA - 1998
- Member of CBCI
Doctrinal Commission - 1998
- EPISCOPAL SILVER JUBILEE - 1999
- Chairman of Commission Regional
 - ❖ Council of Bishops of Orissa
 - ❖ Bible and Catechetics
 - ❖ Justice, Peace and Development
 - ❖ Family and Laity