



**Decree for the opening of the Cause of the  
Beatification and Canonization of the  
Servant of God Father Marian Zelazek, SVD**

Archdiocese of Cuttack Bhubaneswar

Dearly Beloved Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

In the name of the Society of the Divine Word (SVD), Fr. Thazhathuveetil Kurian, SVD, appointed as postulator by Louis Ronald Pereira, the provincial Superior of the SVD INE province and the 'Petitioner', with my approval on the 10<sup>th</sup> of August, 2018, requested me to initiate the Cause of the Beatification and Canonization of the Servant of God Fr. Marian Zelazek, SVD. Father Marian rendered 56 years of dedicated service to the people of God in Odisha and died on April 30, 2006 at Puri in this Archdiocese.

After having consulted my brother bishops of Odisha Region (March 2, 2018) and having obtained a positive opinion about its desirability and having received the '*Nihil Obstat*' from the CONGREGAZIONE DELLE CAUSE DEI SANTI (May 30, 2018) and after verified the existence of a true and widespread reputation of sanctity enjoyed by him during his life and growing ever stronger after his death, I, John Barwa, Archbishop of Cuttack-Bhubaneswar, do here by publish the request of the postulator of this Cause, and thus hereby declare that I am initiating today (August 25, 2018), the Cause of Beatification and Canonization of the Servant of God Father Marian Zelazek, SVD.

In conformity with "The Norms to be Observed in Inquiries Made by Bishops in the Causes of Saints", I also call upon any and all, who may have useful information regarding the Cause of the Beatification and Canonization of the Servant of God Father Marian Zelazek, SVD, to bring such documents, materials or information to my attention or that of the postulator.

Given at Bhubaneswar this 25<sup>th</sup> day August in the year of Our Lord 2018

Archbishop John Barwa, SVD

By order of the Most Reverend Archbishop  
Vicar General