

Fr. Saji K Thomas, CMI was born on December 8, 1975 in Murickassery, India. He is one of eight children of the late Thomas Matthew. Fr. Saji was ordained on December 31, 2005 and is a member of the Carmelites of Mary Immaculate (CMI), the first indigenous congregation founded in India in 1829. Following the example of the Founder of CMI, St. Kuriakose Elias Chavara, who was canonized on November 23, 2014 by Pope Francis, Fr. Saji simultaneously serves in the fields of pastoral ministry and education.

Fr. Saji obtained his Master of Science in Education from Eastern Oregon University, La Grande, OR., Masters in Sociology from Madurai Kamaraj University (MKU), Tamil Nadu, India; his Bachelors of Education in English, History and his Bachelors of Arts in English, Sociology, and Psychology from Christ University, Bangalore, Karnataka, India; and his Bachelors of Theology and his Bachelors of Philosophy from Dharmaram Vidya Kshetram (DVK) Pontifical Athenaeum in Bangalore, India.

Fr. Saji has served as Associate Pastor, Vice Principal and Principal in Kerala and Bangalore beginning in 2006 until his arrival in the Baker Diocese in May of 2015. Fr. Saji served as pastor at Our Lady of the Valley in La Grande from 2015 – July 2022. He currently is serving as Vicar General for the Diocese of Baker and pastor at St. Thomas Catholic Church in Redmond.

Fr. Saji speaks four languages and enjoys reading, hiking, playing basketball, playing pickle ball and being with people.

