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Dr. Fr. Roby Kannamchirayil CMI (*Carmelites of Mary Immaculate*) is a Catholic Priest in Syro - Malabar Rite from Kerala, India. He is a prominent figure renowned for his outstanding contributions to education, inter-religious dialogue, art music, and cultural interactions. He serves as the Director of the Chavara Cultural Centre in Delhi, India. He had been serving as the Secretary to the Dialogue and Ecumenism Commission of Kerala Catholic Bishop Councils (KCBC -2011-2017).

On the global stage, Dr. Fr. Roby is an NGO Representative at the United Nations. His 27 years of experience and leadership in the field of dialogue extended to assuming the role of the Secretary-General of the World Fellowship of Inter-Religious Councils (WFIRC) from 2014 onwards. He has organized six World Assembly of Religions in different parts of the world. He usually participates and presents papers in Interreligious Meetings at the international level. He was one of the special invitees at the *Chicago Parliament of World Religions in 2023*.

For his unwavering efforts in promoting peace, harmony, and inter-religious dialogue Fr. Roby has received prestigious awards including the URI Asia—Pacific Region Lifetime Achievement Award in 2018 and the *'Vishwa Shanti Padmam'* (Lotus of World Peace) from the World Yoga Community in 2019 at New York. These accolades underscore his global impact as a peace advocate.