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To

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All the Confreres of the Pune Province

All the other Family Members and friends of Fr. Thomas Fernandes

All the MSFS Confreres and Fransalian Associates world-wide

TRIBUTE TO FR. FERNANDES THOMAS ALEXANDER, MSFS

With deep gratitude to God, we remember and pay tribute to Fr. Fernandes Thomas Alexander, MSFS, who served the faithful in Davos, Switzerland, with unwavering dedication for the past 50 years. His missionary spirit found expression not only in his pastoral care but also in his generous support for missions in India and Africa—a legacy that will continue to bear fruit for generations.

Fr. Fernandes was a man of simplicity, humility, and deep faith. He was very unassuming. He lived a frugal life, quietly saving and offering his resources for the growth of the Church, especially in mission territories. He cultivated potatoes, vegetables, and salads in his small garden and was proud of his harvest. Even in his old age, he could interact well with children and adults alike. He also had a good sense of humour, even with young confreres. He kept himself informed about developments in the mission, especially in Africa. His lucid and engaging style of preaching, deeply rooted in Scripture and daily life, touched the hearts of the faithful and brought many closer to Christ.

Even after his retirement, Fr. Fernandes was always ready to offer his services freely whenever required, demonstrating his deep love for the Church and his unceasing pastoral commitment. He remained a man connected to the people, ever approachable and attentive to their spiritual and human needs.

His death was serene and dignified, accompanied by the prayerful presence and spiritual support of the parish priest, a fitting conclusion to a life wholly devoted to God and His people.

We thank God for the gift of Fr. Fernandes to the Missionaries of St. Francis de Sales (MSFS) and to the Universal Church. May his life of service, sacrifice, and love inspire us all in our missionary vocation.

Eternal rest grant unto him, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon him. May he rest in peace.

Yours in Christ Jesus, on behalf of the General Curia

Fr. Johnson Kallidukil MSFS
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“Well done, good and faithful servant...” (Matthew 25:21)