



PONTIFICIUM CONSILIUM
AD CHRISTIANORUM UNITATEM FOVENDAM

E Civitate Vaticana, die 5 May 2021

PROT. N. 356/2021/e

TO HIS GRACE
MOST REVEREND DR THEODOSIUS MAR THOMA
Metropolitan of the Malankara Mar Thoma Syrian Church

It is with deep sadness that I have learned of the death of His Grace Philipose Mar Chrysostom, emeritus Supreme Head of the Malankara Mar Thoma Syrian Church.

Personally and on behalf of the Pontifical Council for Promoting Christian Unity, I express our deepest sympathy and closeness in prayer to the episcopate, clergy and faithful of the Malankara Mar Thoma Syrian Church for the loss of such a distinguished and beloved leader.

The Pontifical Council calls to mind with sentiments of gratitude and esteem the longstanding commitment to Christian unity over so many years of Metropolitan Philipose Mar Chrysostom, and the deep friendship it maintained with him from the time of the Second Vatican Council, which he attended as an appreciated observer.

His Grace had been a longstanding friend of Catholic community in Kerala, encouraging bonds of friendship and trust with the Catholic Church in India, as well as fostering a wider ecumenical outlook on the international level.

I join in the prayer that Metropolitan Philipose Mar Chrysostom may be granted eternal rest together with the saints in the never-ending joy of God's Kingdom. Eterna memoria!

Please accept, Your Grace, this expression of our fraternal communion and prayerful solidarity.

Requiescat in pace

Kurt Cardinal Koch
President