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## CONDOLENCE MESSAGE

It is with tremor We heard the sad news about the sudden parting away of our beloved Revd Fr. (Dr.) O.Thomas from this world. Our Prayers to Almighty Lord to receive his soul by the heavenly orders. We express our heartfelt condolences to Achan's family and May the invisible hands of Lord give them courage and strength to accept the situation as the will of God.

Revd Fr.O Thomas was my teacher at orthodox Theological seminary, Kottayam. He was instrumental in moulding my spiritual voyage and contributed in my theological up bringing. Later on, in these past years we worked together in many areas of the various ministries of our Church. He excelled in all the areas and imprint remarkable examples in the history, as the Principal of Orthodox Theological seminary, Priest Trustee of our Church, Vaidihkha Sangham Geenal Secretaty, Director General of OSSAE, Chief Editor of Doothan and Snehelokam, General Secretary of the Orthodox Christian Youth Movement, Principal of the St. Paul's Mission Training Centre, Mavelikara, former Vicar of St Gregorios Parish, London and many other key positions of our Holy Church.

He was an excellent teacher, outstanding orator, able administrator and blessed spiritual father. His contributions to the Holy Church and the community in general will be always remembered with reverence and gratitude. Presently I am out of India and unable to attend the funeral service in person which make me feel sad. Our thoughts are with the grieving family and friends of O Thomas Achan and my prayers to Almighty Lord that May the departed soul rest in peace and be seated on the bosom of Abraham, Jacob and Isaac.

*The righteous man perishes, and no one lays it to heart; devout men are taken away, while no one understands. For the righteous man is taken away from calamity; he enters into peace; they rest in their beds who walk in their uprightness (Isaiah 57:1-2)*

With Prayers

  
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