

Heartfelt sympathies

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Dear Brother George,

I am deeply saddened by the news of the sudden demise of our Brother Gerard Patrick. Heartfelt sympathies to you, to the members of his beloved Family, to the Brothers of the Province of Yercaud, and to all the Collaborators, Beneficiaries and Friends of Montfort Community Development Society.

I had the privilege of meeting Bro. Patrick on several occasions. I always appreciated the quality of his presence, the honesty of his talk, his sense of commitment, his concern for others, his authentic leadership, his capacity to empower, and his deep love for our Congregation.

Last November, on the day I was leaving India after giving classes in the Novitiates and Pre-Novitiate, he insisted that I should go to MCDS headquarters and spend some time with him. We went on, for nearly three hours, sharing our views on religious life, mission, education, justice and peace, etc. The St. Thomas Mount Community then joined us for supper. I will always remember and cherish those valuable moments!

Bro. Patrick was deeply and genuinely committed for so many categories of less privileged people. I can easily imagine the Lord telling him something like this: *"I was poor, I was hungry, I was thirsty, I was differently able, I needed help, and you took care of me... Come, good and faithful servant, enter the joy of eternal life"*.

My thoughts are with you and my prayers accompany you, as you lead our Brother to his final resting place. May the grace of the Resurrection be a source of light and hope for all those whose lives have been touched by Bro. Patrick!

Bro. Rene Delorme