

WE MISS YOU DEAR FATHER

Rev. Fr. Felix Wilfred



An integrated theologian of international repute, our dear Prof. Felix Wilfred, has left us today to be with his master, Jesus, after having done yeomen service to the Church and to the country and to the region.

It is an irreparable loss for the national Church of India and the regional Church of Tamilnadu; Prof. Felix has bequeathed to us a legacy of **intellectual acumen**, profound thoughts concerning the Church, determined option for the poor; He has been an inspiring professor of Theology, a loving friend and philosopher of the students, erudite and simple person for the laity.

He has lectured in many universities, visiting professor in renowned academies of various countries.

He is acknowledged as a prolific writer, and author of many books and articles of international standard. He used to offer his insights to the Bishops, Priests and Sisters. His able guidance as the Secretary of Federation of Asian Bishops' Conference was a commendable one.

He knows the current waves of thoughts in the Church and in the world, and offers his valuable suggestions and insights to meet the challenges.

He has animated number of seminars, symposiums and other activities.

The Church has entrusted to him to **edit *Concilium***, a quarterly magazine of the Universal Church in 6 languages. He has coordinated and brought out the magazine choosing standardized articles wonderfully well.

He has also edited many magazines, and put his heart and soul together to bring out the Asian Cross Cultural Journal.

As a person, he is a very simple, human, gentle, kind and loving. He had a great vision for the Church of Tamilnadu **introducing new way of Christian life, provided with dignity, brotherhood, peace and unity**. He is associated also with our diocese as he has animated the priests and conducting renewal programmes for young priests. Our diocese has a number of priests who had been taught and trained by him. He has chaired the department of Christianity in Chennai university.

I express my heartfelt condolences to his students, to the Bishop, Priests, Religious and Laity of Kuzhithurai diocese and the people close to him.

We miss you dear Father.

By Bishop Dr. Stephen Anthony

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