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To
The Taize Community
France

Dear Brothers of the Taize Community.

We with profound joy received your invitation, inviting us to participate in the Jubilee celebrations for the Centenary of the birth of Brother Roger, the 10th anniversary of his death and the 75th anniversary of the foundation of the Taize Community from 09 to 19 August 2015.

It has been our longing from many years to visit this blessed and witnessing community place and have the rich experience as described by our Beloved Metropolitan His Grace Geevarghese Mar Coorilos.

As we are pre occupied with our assignments in the Church we have delegated His Grace Geevarghese Mar Coorilos, Fr Aswin Fernandis and Ms. Elizabeth Mathew to be there on behalf of the church.

We join you all to thank God Almighty and we congratulate The Taize Community on this great occasion of celebration and would like to quote the beautiful words of Brother Roger:

“Since my youth, I think that I have never lost the intuition that community life could be a sign that God is love, and love alone. Gradually the conviction took shape in me that it was essential to create a community with men determined to give their whole life and who would always try to understand one another and be reconciled, a community where kindness of heart and simplicity would be at the centre of everything.”

People compared Brother Roger’s death to that of Martin Luther King, Archbishop Romero and Mahatma Gandhi. And yet it cannot be denied that there was also a difference. Those men were engaged in a political and ideological struggle, and were assassinated by opponents who could not stand their viewpoint and their influence.

At the same time we would like to laud the works of the brothers of the community made up of over a hundred brothers, Catholics and from various Protestant backgrounds, coming from around thirty nations. By its very existence, the community is a “parable of community” that wants its life to be a sign of reconciliation between divided Christians and between separated peoples. Their dedication to the vision and mission of the community has kept alive the sole motto of Brother Roger “God is Love alone”.

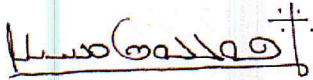
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We wish the Community on the Centenary Celebration to touch more hearts in the world and to being at the foot of the Lord for mercy and compassion and to reach out to the world for peace and harmony.

For the past 25 years our Church has been associated with the community and our young people who have had the rich experience to be in the community, We appreciate the great contribution and witness, and are truly grateful .

Wishing the community fruitful endeavours in the Ministry of Christ.

With God's Love, Fraternally yours in Christ,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Baseline Marthoma Paulose II', with a small cross symbol at the end of the signature.

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