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Your Grace,

It is with deep sorrow that we learn about the passing away of Pope Emeritus His Holiness Benedict XVI. His Holiness charted the course for the Catholic Church with courage and inspired leadership at a time of much turbulence it encountered. One cannot forget the theological insights His Holiness provided during his tenure as H. E. Cardinal Ratzinger, underpinning the decisions of the Church with careful and sure guidance and insights.

The Malankara Orthodox Church, and the Diocese of Delhi, joins all the Catholic faithful in mourning for the loss of this great Church father. We pray that God will place His Holiness Pope Benedict XVI with all the Holy Ones, especially with the High Priest Aaron, Eliezer and all others who constantly behold the glory of God, even as the Holy Spirit comforts all in the Catholic Church at this time of great loss and sorrow.

Your Brother in the Service of our Lord!

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