



ORDER OF MALTA
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Dear friends,

I am honored to inform you that the Grand Master of the Order of Malta, H.M.E.H. Fra' Matthew Festing, along with the members of the Sovereign Council in Rome has awarded to your beloved, Anthony Abraham, the *Cross of pro Merito Melitensi* for his many years of outstanding humanitarian care for the sick and the poor of the world, especially the role he played in St. Jude Children Research Hospital.

The history of this award stems back to 1920, when the Order pro Merito Melitensi was first established. Since that time it has been given in recognition of those activities that have conferred honor and prestige on the Sovereign Military Order of Malta. Since its origin, the recognition was only given to civilians (non-members of the Order), including military, and Heads of State. In recent years, the Order has extended this recognition to include members of the Order who have done work over and above the expected normal charism that is becoming a Knight or Dame.

Even though Anthony has been called by God to new life, the Order would like to present you with this award in our appreciation of the outstanding works he performed over his lifetime for the betterment of humankind.

The Area Chair of our Miami Area, Professor Mark Wolf, will be contacting you very soon to make arrangements to make this presentation. On behalf of the 13,000 Knights and Dames worldwide, may I extend my sincere congratulations, and be assured of our prayers for the soul of our beloved confrere, Anthony. God Bless!

Sincerely in Christ,

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Cc: Professor Mark Wolff

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