



LET US ALSO GO, THAT WE MAY DIE WITH HIM *John 11:16*

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*Rev. Fr. François Chazal receives an emotional farewell from the faithful of St. Bartholomew's Priory, Vasai.*

My dear Faithful,

To leave is to die a little. The events of the last seven years in India have been plentiful enough and colourful enough to fill an entire lifetime. I doubt that I shall experience anything like them in the future. But more vast and more frightening is the magnitude of the Priesthood—a participation in the life of the High Priest, Our Lord Jesus Christ. It is frightening not least because souls might attach themselves in error to the creature which He

uses to establish Himself in our hearts.

That is why the creature has to go, to make way for another, so that the Unity of the Priesthood of Jesus Christ may be upheld. I therefore believe and pray that the work of God will increase in my absence and that new avenues of the faith will be exploited.

Fr. Timothy Pfeiffer, my replacement, is well known to me; his experience and zeal will be invaluable—India has plenty of scope for his attentive care of souls—even in its remotest corners.

So leaving you is a little death, but not a death to you who will live now more in the source of life after I have decreased entirely. Is it not one of the paradoxes of the Mass? The priest is in front of the congregation before the altar, but the rite makes him disappear, taking over his gestures, taking over his gaze to centre everything on our Eucharistic Lord.

In Jesu et Maria

Fr. Francis Chazal ✠