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Dear Fr. Alex and all gathered to give a farewell to our dear Father Alex,

Greetings and prayerful wishes to all of you from Bishop Thomas Macwan!

First of all I thank Jagdishbhai for giving me the opportunity to write these few lines.

Fr. Alex, you are known to me for so many years. You are kind, loving, simple, and prayerful and a dedicated priest. This has been my experience with you. On two occasions I met you in the United States of America during which I felt your warmth and experienced your loving care. More than anything, I appreciate the person that you are.

I congratulate you for being successful in completing your Doctorate. It has not been that easy for you as you had to serve in a parish as well as do your studies. But you have done well and I feel proud of you. Whatever you have gained through your studies will definitely benefit the Indian Church at large. I wish you all the best for your future endeavors.

Being in New York you made yourself available to the Gujarati Catholics in NY as and when the need arose. You gave them the most precious gift – the Holy Mass in Gujarati language and at times paid visits to their families. May God bless you for these services to the people of God!

Dear Gujarati Christians, I feel proud of you for your presence in the USA. You are representing the Gujarati Christians of India in the United States! You are doing so well. Keep up this spirit! Continue being the light of Christ in the USA. I appreciate and thank you for what ever you did for Fr. Alex since the time he reached NY. Thank you for loving him. We are waiting for Fr. Alex to return back home!

Be assured that we are praying for all of you. Do keep us in your prayers.

Yours devotedly in Christ

+ Thomas Macwan
Bishop of Ahmedabad.