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I am very saddened to hear that your teacher Anthony Damiani has passed away. I offer my sincere prayers. And if any of you know the mantra Om Mani Padme Hum it would be an appropriate Tibetan practice to recite it at this time.

Anthony Damiani established this center for philosophical studies, not for himself, but with a more universal purpose in mind. It is now your responsibility to maintain that goal and to continue your efforts as before.

Only a few days ago, during my last meeting with Anthony, he told me that when he passes away I should take the responsibility of guiding you because of the trust he believes you have in me. As a dharma friend I will try to assist you as much as possible despite my limitations.

I share with you my deepest prayers and thoughts for Anthony.

A handwritten signature in cursive script, likely belonging to the Dalai Lama, written in dark ink.