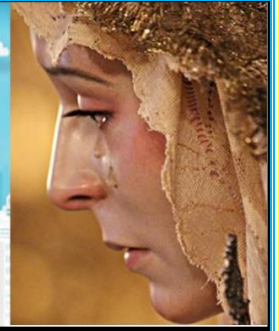


# PROVINCIAL CIRCULAR

## LA SALETTE MATHA PROVINCE

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Dear loving Fathers and Brothers in Christ,

**“This is what the eyes of consecrated men and women behold: the grace of God poured into their hands. .... we did not deserve religious life; it is a gift of love that we have received.”**  
-(Pope Francis)

We celebrated the day of consecrated on February 2, 2021 on the solemnity of the presentation of the Lord. This is a day which seeks to support religious women and men in their calling to radical discipleship to be – with a profound humility – a light for the world.

Religious life is a gift poured into the hands of all those who are called into it, like the Simeon received child Jesus in his hand. (Luke 2: 28). The “righteous and devout” (Luke 2:25) Simeon could say “My eyes have seen your salvation” (Lk 2:30). He saw in the child, “the Lord’s Christ”. Simeon sets an example for a true consecrated person. A consecrated is someone who could receive the gift of “religious life” and see in it the “way of salvation” which is of “the Lord’s Christ”.

The way of life of consecrated religious springs from the very heart of the gospel. It takes many forms in the way of Christ which is expressed in various ministries which also embody the Lord’s own way of life. One of Christ way of life is the life of poverty.

Jesus Christ is the teacher and model of poverty. The whole life of Jesus is a concretization of the virtue of poverty. “Though He was in the form of God, He did not regard equality with God” (Philippians 2:6.), but He allowed Himself to be carried in the womb of the Virgin Mary for nine months, “emptied Himself and took the form of a slave coming in human likeness” (Philippians 2:7) Jesus made Himself poor to make us rich through His poverty.”

Mary is the first and foremost among the poor of Yahweh. “She stands out among the poor and humble of the Lord, who confidently awaits and receives salvation from Him.” Mary represents the poor, subject, humble, and humiliated Israel, who hoped for all things from the powerful intervention of Yahweh. Mary, in her magnificat, knows and confesses that she has God on her side.

At La Salette witnesses the children, “she (Mary) was dressed like women of the region with a long dress, an apron nearly as long as the dress, a shawl that crossed over her breast and was knotted in the back, and a cap or bonnet similar to the ones worn by peasant women.” She wore a dress of peasant woman. In a way she identified her with the people of the area.

The clothes have lot to talk about our way of life especially in this era of brands and expensive trademarks. A religious through their humble clothing conveys the way of life one aspires.

Because clothing is one of the primary vehicles that human beings use to attract attention, assert power, flaunt prestige, and indicate status, the religious habit has been connected, since the beginnings of consecrated life, with both exterior poverty in fact and interior poverty in spirit. The religious habit has been both a means to and an expression of the “spirit of detachment” from material things and the “spirit of attachment” to God.

For La Salette a habit is an expression of the virtue of poverty one professes. “In our apostolate we follow the example of the handmaid of the Lord who was made reconciler particularly at the foot of the cross” (Rule of life 5) Through their habit a La Salette Religious, “desiring to be poor like Christ and in the tradition of the Apostles who left everything to follow him, we aspire to attain a spirit of evangelical detachment.” (Rule of life 10) Let us live our virtue of poverty following the example of our Lady of La Salette and Christ “the rule of our Life”.

Yours in our Blessed Mother,  
**Fr. Sajive Maliakal MS**



## LA SALETTE BHAVAN, PARAKKADAU

**Birthday:** We celebrated the Birthday of Fr. Benny Thadathilkunnel MS on the 10th and the 70th Birthday of Fr. Jose Punnakunnel MS on the 18th of this month with cultural programs and solemn Holy Mass.

**Monthly Recollection:** Brothers had their monthly recollection on the 22nd of January led by Fr. Jenson Chenthrappinny MS.

**Visitors:** We had many visitors this month as the La Salette fathers were kind enough to visit Bhavan community before and after Retreat and community meeting held at PACS, Kallettumkara. It was a beautiful occasion for the first year seminarians to meet our fathers and get to know some of them.



**Republic Day:** We had flag hoisting after the Morning Mass by Fr Jose Punnakunnel MS.

**Bon Voyage and Welcome:** Bhavan community had a grand meal and sent off party in honour of Fr. Lijohn Brahmakulam as he was transferred from Parakkadavu parish to Chennai mission. On the 21st of this month we welcomed our new parish priest Fr. Johnson G Alappat.

## PROVINCIAL ASSEMBLY & ANNUAL RETREAT

Annual Community Retreat of the Province, which was postponed due to pandemic Covid 19 from last year is conducted from 25 to 27 of January 2021 at PACS, Kallettumkara, Kerala. Rev. Fr. Biju Madathikunnel, Csr, guided the retreat.

Provincial assembly of 2021 was held after the Annual Retreat on 28th and 29th of January 2021 in the same venue. Both were attended by around 30 of our members working in India.

## MONTHLY INTENTION

Let us pray for the various intentions of our Province.

## LA SALETTE NIKETAN, HUNSUR, MYSORE

**Kappa Ulsav:** The Niketan Community had second round of “Kappa Ulsave” this month. We had begun the preparation of making dried kappa at 7am and finished at 1am. Everyone one (fathers, brothers and families) was part of this mega event which turned to be motivating and inspiring for all.

**Kappa and Yam Cultivation:** Hoping better harvest season, the Niketan community has taken bold decision of planting Kappa and yam cultivation this year. Praying for better weather and result this year.



**Ordination Anniversaries:** The Niketan community had celebrated the ordination anniversary of Fr. Jeneesh, Fr. Sanish Poovathinkal and Fr. Joemon. We did extend our warm wishes and words of appreciation.

**Annual Retreat:** All the fathers from Niketan community attended in the annual retreat held in PACS, Kerala. It helped us to spend sufficient time with the Lord and was enriching time for all of us to meditate our religious and community life.



**Visit of Fr. Provincial:** Fr. Provincial on his way back to Bangalore from Kerala, stopped over here and stayed two days in order to join in the Ordination Anniversary celebrations of Fr. Jeneesh MS. It was wonderful time for all of us. We had very surprise event of catching fish in our own pond. It was an amazing and relaxing time for all of us.





**Visit to Tamil Nadu:** Fr. Jojo MS, (mission incharge from Provincial Council) accompanied Fr. Provincial to Madurai to visit Fr. Thooyanadan and the Archbishop in order to explore the possibilities of La Salette mission. We hope for a better result of the hard work.

**Stay at MC Brothers' Institution:** Postulants were sent to the institution of MC Brothers in Mysore. They stayed 20 days to learn the difficulties of physically challenged people and meditate the value of our religious life. They said after reaching back that it was really heart touching and challenging experience and needed to be continued in the formation years.



**New Goats:** The Niketan campus welcomed two new comers. Our sheep gave birth for two goats. We are happy about the new development in our farm.

**Areca Palm:** The Niketan Community is on fast-track to fulfil the initial desire and dream of the senior fathers of province to make Niketan community self-sufficient with farm products. With this desire, we have planted 2000 areca saplings last year and coming up better.



**Banana Cultivation:** Plantation of 12 thousand banana saplings this year has been done and praying for a better Onam and Dasara season. The Niketan community is fully involved in using the agricultural land in the campus. These efforts will help the next generation to love and nature and inculcate the sense of hardworking and total commitment to the Province.

**Feast of Parish Priest:** The Niketan community wished parish priest Fr. John Bosco the blessings of his feast day. He got surprised to see us with feast day cake and flowers.



## LA SALETTE VIDYA NIKETAN, HUNSUR, MYSORE

**Regular Class:** The regular classes have begun in La Salette Vidya Nikethan for students of 1st & 2nd PUC, 10th and 9th from January 1st, 2021. Classes are being conducted by keeping all Covid- 19 protocols given from the government such as sanitising the class rooms and campus, social distancing in the class rooms, using mask and sanitiser and emergency beds etc...The students are dropped and picked up from the school by their own parents.



**Parents Meeting:** In order to evaluate and to make further improvements the management regularly arrange parents meetings in all sections such as LP, UP, High School and PUC. This works as an open platform to know, to share and to discuss the views and opinions between each other.

**Republic Day:** There was republic day celebration conducted in La Salette Vidya Nikethan on 26th of January 2021.

**Exams:** The midterm exams for 10th, 1st and 2nd PUC students were conducted from 23rd to 30th, while FA-3 exams for 6th to 11th classes were conducted from 27th to 30th of this month.



## FEBRUARY 2021

01	1980	Birthday	Kadambattuparambil Joby
02	1975	Birthday	Chempottickal Biju
04	1965	Birthday	Vadakkan Johnny
04	2010	Ordination	Valiyakandathil Jiju
05	1999	Ordination	Thadathilkunnel Benny
06	1986	Birthday	Vallattu Robin
06	2010	Ordination	Uriyarikunnel Sebastian
10	1995	Ordination	Vettathu Jacob
15	1988	Birthday	Chakkittakudiyil Anoop
16	1984	Birthday	Kochuthazhath Anil
16	1978	Birthday	Poovannikunnel Bino
17	2003	Ordination	Chettiyakunnel Jojohn
20	2012	Death	Muttathil Binish
23	1991	Ordination	Chukkananickal Joy
26	1990	Birthday	Pulavelil Jesbin

**REMINDER**



## LA SALETTE SADHAN, BENGALURU

**Happy New Year:** With prayer, hope and joy the community celebrated the new year colourfully.

**Campus Life:** Fr. Jobit Thottumkara MS, Fr. Bibin Parakunnel MS and all our Scholastics are moved to college campus for their studies.

**Captured Moments:** Through the initiative of Frs. Kuriakose and Anit, Fr. Manoj, the media in charge of Diocese of Manathavady captured our daily routine to use as a useful resource for vocation promotion.

**College Life:** Regular classes are in full swing for our Philosophy brothers after their Christmas holidays.

**Navanal:** As a part of our Marian year celebration, special Novena devotion from 11th - 19th was conducted to Our Lady of La Salette.

**Institution Day and Feast Day:** All our philosophy brothers actively took part in the institution day celebration and the feast of St. Francis de Sales in Suvidya College.

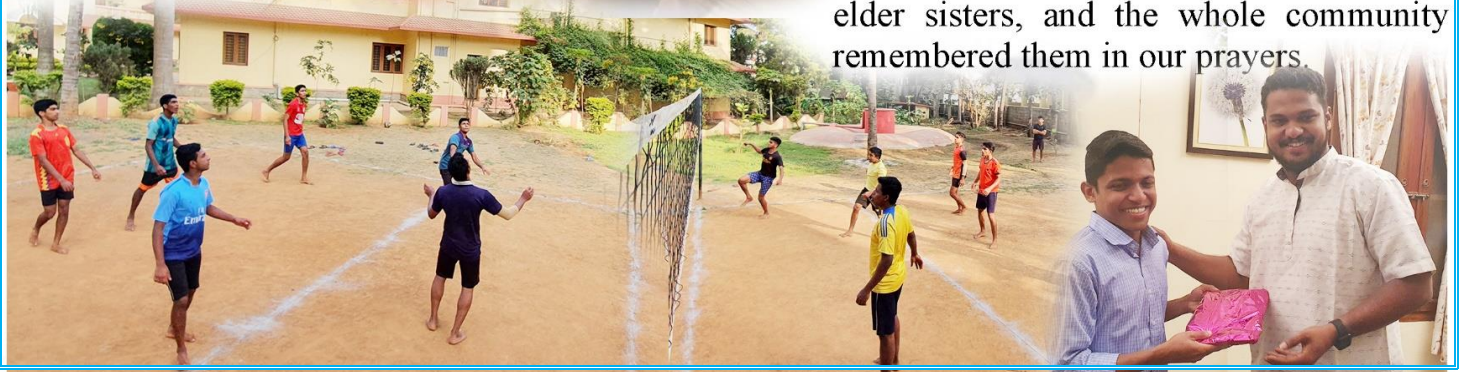
**Republic Day:** Community celebrated the 72rd Republic day of our nation by hoisting our national flag and a Solemn Eucharistic Celebration.

**Ordination Anniversary & Birthday:** Sadhan community with immense joy celebrated the seventh ordination anniversary of our beloved rector Robin Vallattu MS on 30th of January and the Birthday of Bro. Jophin Thakolkaran on 11th of January.



**Exam Fever:** Third year philosophy brothers attended their final semester examination and now in the mood of intensive preparation for their comprehensive exams.

**Marriage:** Bros. Abhishek and Rimal attended the marriage functions of their elder sisters, and the whole community remembered them in our prayers.





## **LA SALETTE MARIAN CENTRE, ANAPPARA**

**Birthday:** The community celebrated the Birthday of Fr. Joby Muttathil MS on 6th of January. We had a great lunch with our whole deanery priests and Bethany sisters. It was also a great occasion for us to say *Good Bye* to Frs. Prince and Robin to their new places of ministry and to thank them for all their services for us.

**Good Bye:** Fr. Robin Reached in his Punaloor Mission on 21st and Fr. Prince to La Salette Sneha Bhavan, Parakkadavu for his new appointment on 24th of this month.

**Great Participation:** The Marian Centre community energetically participated in the annual retreat and assembly of the Province.



## **ST. JUDES CHURCH, PANACHAMOOD/ FATHIMA MATHA CHURCH, PARAVILA**

**Thanks Fr. Prince:** The whole Parishioners gave a send-off to Fr. Prince Chirayath MS on January 17th. A small farewell function was arranged by the parishioners and Secretary of the parish felicitated him.

On 17th, Dean Fr. Christudas came over to the parish to announce the new parish priest Fr. Johnny Vadakkan MS.

**Jubilee Year Celebrations:** Diocesan Silver jubilee celebration is going on together with the year of St. Joseph. The Diocesan jubilee is celebrated at the parish level with many charitable and spiritual programmes. Both the churches; Panachamoodu and Paravila parish councils have decided to do many good programs for the parishioners as well as for the common people.

## LA SALETTE ASHRAM, WAYANAD

**Retreat:** Fr. Jenson guided 5 days of annual retreat for the TOR brothers at Meenangadi.



**Visitors:** Ashram community joyfully welcomed most of our Fathers and Brothers from different communities and had a wonderful sharing moments.



**Thanks Giving Mass:** The Ashram community was so happy to welcome our newly ordained priests Fr. Lithin MS and Fr. Benjamin MS who celebrated their first mass in the Ashram community on 16th Saturday.

**Ayurvedhic Treatment:** As part of the Ayurvedhic medical treatment Bro. Bins is in his holidays at home.



**Farewell:** The community was so grateful for the selfless service of Fr. Shijo and Fr. Nithin who were the Assistant Parish priests of Holy Cross Church Nadavayal, and the community wished all the best for their future ministry.





## LA SALETTE NILAYAM, THORREDU, ANDHRA PRADESH

**New Year Celebrations:** We began our New Year celebrations with Holy Mass and after sumptuous lunch was served to the people under the leadership of Mariadalam members.

**Golden Jubilee Celebrations:** Our beloved Tataya Alias Kothapalli Sundra Rao, one of our Catechists at the Parish church has completed his 50 years as Catechist. On January 3rd, Parishioners together with the family offered a Thanksgiving mass and felicitated him.

**Ordination Anniversary:** On 14th January, community celebrated the 8th ordination Anniversary of Fr. Anil Kochuthazhath MS, our beloved Superior.



**Visit of Bishop Mar Raphael Thattil:** Bishop Raphael Thattil, of Eparcy of Shamshabad made a visit to our community on 22nd of January.

**Thanksgiving Holy Mass:** On 17th January, our newly ordained priest, Rev. Fr. David Madugula celebrated his thanksgiving Holy Mass. After the mass parishioners and villagers gathered together and felicitated the new priest.

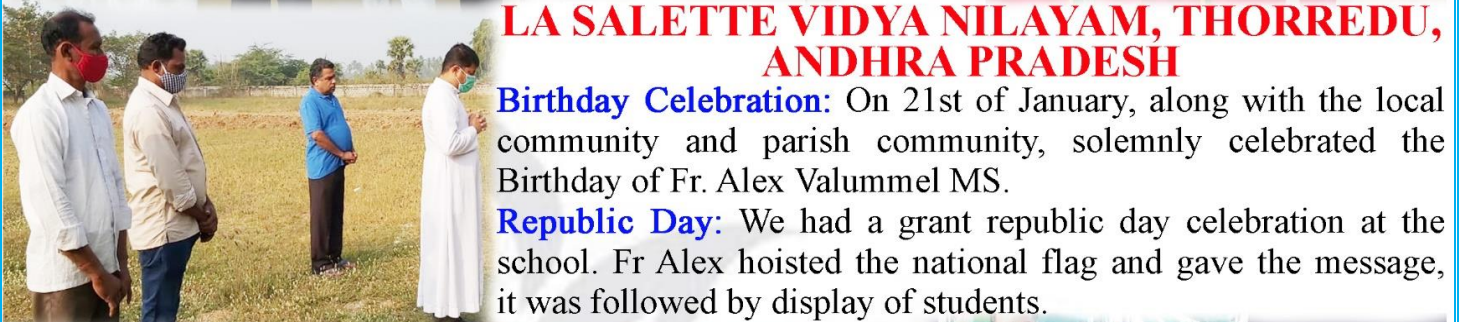
**Jothirmai Sunday:** On 31st, Sunday, we celebrated Jothirmai Sunday. All over Andhra it is celebrated to instil the importance of Holy Bible in the life of all the faithful.



## LA SALETTE VIDYA NILAYAM, THORREDU, ANDHRA PRADESH

**Birthday Celebration:** On 21st of January, along with the local community and parish community, solemnly celebrated the Birthday of Fr. Alex Valummel MS.

**Republic Day:** We had a grant republic day celebration at the school. Fr Alex hoisted the national flag and gave the message, it was followed by display of students.





# PROVINCIAL ASSEMBLY & ANNUAL RETREAT JANUARY 25-29, PACS, KALLETUMKARA, KERALA