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Dear loving Fathers and Brothers in Christ,

“We wonder why the Gospel makes so little mention of St. Joseph. But did it not say everything when it taught us that he was the husband of Mary?”

--Blessed William Joseph Chaminade

Dear Fathers and Brothers,

On the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception and the 150th anniversary of the proclamation of St. Joseph as patron of the Universal Church, Pope Francis declared this “The Year of St. Joseph” through December 8th, 2021. The Holy Father also published an apostolic letter about Jesus’ beloved foster-father entitled “Patris Corde” (or “With a Father’s Heart”).

Traditionally the month of March is dedicated to St. Joseph. It is in this month we reflect the life and spirituality of St. Joseph. “The Year of St. Joseph” invites us specially to follow this saint closely in responding to the call of God.

There are no recorded words of St. Joseph in the entire Bible. There are words in the Old Testament for the great patriarch that we can apply to St. Joseph. But in the New Testament there are no recorded words for St. Joseph. He’s always there, though, as a silent presence. In fact, even his death is wrapped in silence. When Gospel said, Joseph was the “husband of Mary” (Mathew 1:16), it says clearly what he was as a person, and who was committed to God and his plans. This enables us to learn from St. Joseph to order our ways of life in following Jesus.

The Gospels tell us that Joseph was a “just” man. That means that he was faithful. He was faithful to God and said yes to God’s plan for him to be Mary’s husband and Jesus’ foster father. He was faithful to Mary, caring for her while they waited for her baby to be born. He was faithful to Jesus, protecting him from all possible dangers.

John Paul II in his apostolic exhortation “The Guardian of the Redeemer” calls Joseph the just man. What does that mean? It means that he was a holy man. A righteous man. A man of honesty, integrity, and virtue. St. Joseph is the greatest and holiest saint after the Blessed Mother herself. In fact, some of the Doctors of the Church said that there was no grace ever given to any of the Saints (except Mary) that was not given to St. Joseph as well.

I used to think what could be the place of St. Joseph in all event of La Salette. Is any of Mary’s words, presence, or her gestures would have an influence of St. Joseph her husband. One immediate thought that strikes me is the words of Mary regarding Sunday observance. “Six days have I given you to labor, the seventh I have kept for myself, and they will not give it to me.

Blessed Mother was insisting on rest and of the sanctification of the Sunday, the day which God has reserved to himself. As a Jewish woman she grew up by fulfilling the obligation of Sabbath a day reserved to God alone. Her husband Joseph, being “a just man” in every sense also observed Sabbath in its real spirit. A carpenter who earned livelihood for Jesus and Mary, Joseph committed himself in every sense for God. His commitment to God helped him to commit himself wholeheartedly to Jesus and Mary.

The lessons learned from St. Joseph is an inspiration for all who seek the way of the Lord. He stands as an icon who challenges us in our love towards God and man.

Let me conclude my letter with a prayer addressed to St. Joseph by Pope Francis.

Hail, Guardian of the Redeemer,
Spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary.
To you God entrusted his only Son;
in you Mary placed her trust;
with you Christ became man.

Blessed Joseph, to us too,
show yourself a father
and guide us in the path of life.
Obtain for us grace,
mercy, and courage,
and defend us from every evil. Amen.

Yours in our Blessed Mother,
Fr. Sajive Maliakal MS



LA SALETTE MARIAN CENTRE, ANAPPARA

Birthday Celebration: Community celebrated the birthday and Silver Jubilee Year of religious life of Fr. Johnny on 4th of February. We had some invited guests to be part of our celebration.

New Member: Bro. Tinto joined with our community for community experience on 4th of February. He started learning Tamil language and four wheel driving.



Novena Days: We had our Novena and prayer days from 11-19 February.

Cluster Gathering: Community actively participated for the Cluster gathering and picnic of Parakkadavu-Trivandrum Cluster

Death Anniversary: Frs. Joby and Rijo attended the 9th death anniversary of Dn. Binih Muttathil, MS on 20th of September at Parakkadavu.

Canonical Visitation: Fr. Sajive Maliakal MS, our Provincial Superior made his Canonical Visitation on 23rd and 24th of this month. Community were blessed with a fruitful time through his visit and special thanks to Fr. Sajive for taking time to be part of our Anappara community

Visitors: Frs. Robin Vayalil and Jesbin made a short visit to our community



ST. JUDE'S CHURCH PANACHAMOODU

Lenten Journey: We began our lenten season with Ash Wednesday liturgy and our lenten journey is going on in good spirit.

Visitation: As Part of Canonical Visitation, Rev. Fr. Sajive Maliakal MS, made a visit our parish and celebrated mass for the parishioners.

In Full Swing: After a short break due to the social circumstances, Masses and Catechism classes are running in regular schedule in the parish. Cooperation from parishioners are well appreciated for this.

Jubilee Celebrations: The parish is in preparations to join with the whole Diocese for the Silver Jubilee celebration of the Diocese.

As a part of the Jubilee celebration, Fathima Matha Church Paravila also have planned many programs to be fulfilled. We had one day

'Akhandajapamala' in Paraviala church and many parishioners participated and had lunch for all..





LA SALETTE SADHAN, BENGALURU

Rector's Day: La Salette Sadhan community with lots of joy and happiness celebrated the birthday of Fr. Robin Vallattu MS, the rector on 6th of February. The parents of Fr. Robin, his brother with his wife and child was present for the cultural programmes as guests, and the sister in-law of Fr. Kuriakose was also present for the function.

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

Birthdays: La Salette Sadhan community celebrated the birthdays of Bros. Akhil, John, Nibin and of Fr. Jesbin with various colourful programs.

Ash Wednesday: We began the season of lent with celebration of Ash Wednesday and even many lay faithful were participated for the morning liturgical service.

Death Anniversary: Community commemorated the death anniversary of Dn. Binish Muattathil MS on 20th with offering of the Holy mass and office for the dead.



Guests: Frs. Jojo, Jeneesh, Jobit, Sanish, Rijo, Bibin, Joemon, Anit, Kuriakose, Benjamin and family members of Fr. Robin, friends of Fr. Robin and relatives of Dn. Anoop made a short visit to us.



LA SALETTE BHAVAN, PARAKKADAU

Canonical Visitation: Provincial Superior Very Rev. Fr. Sajive Maliakal MS., made his Canonical Visitation to Parakkadavu Community on the 2nd and 3rd of this month. We had liturgical celebration and meals in both houses as part of the canonical visitation. He met every member of the community and had meeting with the first year minor seminarians. The cultural programs of seminarians added color to the visit.



Visitors: Mr. Justin and Family, former La Salette lay association president, and Family of Bro. Joshua visited La Salette Bhavan.

Monthly Recollection: Brothers had their monthly recollection on the 16th of February led by Fr. Prince Chirayath, MS.

Celebration: We had the Ordination anniversary celebration of Fathers Benny and Joy C. in this month. We also had birthday celebration of Bro. James.

Cluster Meeting: The members of Parakkadavu Community joyously participated in picnic and meeting of Parakkadavu-Trivandrum Cluster.



Death Anniversary: We had requiem Mass and prayers on the death anniversary of our beloved Dn. Binish Muttathil. His parents and family members were also present here at LS Bhavan.



LA SALETTE ASHRAM, WAYANAD

Ash Monday: On 15th of February, Monday, our community began the Lenten season. Fr. Mathew celebrated Mass and put the sign of the cross on the forehead of the public. The day kept aside for prayer and fasting.

New Place: The Ashram community accompanied Fr. Lithin to his newly appointed ministry at St. John's Parish Church, Mandalam. Fathers had a warm welcome by the parish Priest and the parishioners.

House Visit: Ashram community visited the family of Fr. Alex and spend time with his parents.

Representation: Fr. Mathew and Fr. Anit represented the ashram community for the ceremony of laying foundation stone for our new mission in Chemperi.

Hearty Welcome: Ashram community gladly welcomed two of our postulants Br. Albin Baby and Br. George Kutty for their community experience.



LA SALETTE VIDYA NIKETAN, HUNSUR, MYSORE

Conventional Classes: Regular classes from 6th to 10th have begun in La Salette Vidya Nikethan from February 2021. Almost 99% of the students attend the classes without fail.

Bus Facility: Since the conventional classes have begun in La Salette Vidya Nikethan from the month of February, the management make sure that the students reach the school and be back at home safe. So five of our buses have started their regular services to different villages.



LA SALETTE VIDYA NILAYAM, THORREDU, A.P

Innovative Minds at Work: Abhishek, student of La Salette Vidhya Nilayam participated in a divisional level Science exhibition and achieved second price. He is preparing to participate for the District level competition to exhibit his creative idea of protecting the paddy cultivation from cyclone.

Back to Study: After the Sankranti holidays, the students from the 1st standard to the 9th are back for the regular classes.





LA SALETTE NILAYAM, THORREDU, ANDHRA PRADESH

Birthday Celebration: on 16th of February, the community celebrated the birthday of Fr. Anil. We also had grant celebration in the school and parish as well. The parishioners and the students of La Salette Vidhya Nilayam expressed their love through various programs.



Perpetual Adoration: On 19th, February we had perpetual adoration in the parish. The concluding session was led by Fr. Inna Babu Ofm Capuchin, batch mate of Fr. Anil.

Death Anniversary: On February 20th, community joined in prayer for the departed soul of Deacon Binish, MS.

Novena: The community celebrated nine days of Novena to Our Lady of La Salette and sought her intercession from 11th to 19th of February.

Bishop's Visit: Most Rev. Gabriel Kujur, Bishop Emeritus of Diocese of Dalton Gang, Jarkhand made a short visit along with Fr. Rayappa TOR, batch mate of Fr. Anil.

Visit: Scholastic Suresh made a visit to Nilayam community and joined for the Birthday celebration of Fr. Anil and for the Ash Wednesday Ceremony

Tapas Kalam: On Ash Wednesday, we had solemn liturgical celebrations in the parish. Around hundred people have taken 'Diksha'; a traditional way of observing the Lenten observances through prayer, penance and mortification. They will be wearing only white dress all throughout the Lenten days.

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B'thday: The Niketan community celebrated the Birthday of Dn. Anoop. We had dinner out as part of the celebration.

Ordination Anniversary: The Niketan community celebrated the first ordination anniversary of Fr. Benjamin. We had few programs as part of the celebrations.

Visit to Bangalore: The Niketan community had a trip to Bangalore to visit Fr. Robin Vallattu MS. We expressed our prayer support and wished him speedy recovery.

Postulants in Wayanad: Postulants are gone to Wayanad Ashram community as part of the Postulancy program. They will be staying two weeks with Ashram community.



MARCH

26	1978	Birthday	Chenthraipinny Jenson
26	1975	Birthday	Parayil Roy
30	1983	Birthday	Mundithottiyil Jeneesh

APRIL

02	1997	Ordination	Valummel Alex
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Don't Miss

MONTHLY INTENTION

Let us pray for the Intentions of our Mission in Tanzania

The Foundation Stone Laying of our Community House in Chemperi was done by His Grace Mar George Njaralakat, the Archbishop of Tellichery on Thursday, 18th February at 04.00 pm

