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“Come Near My Children....” (Message of Our Lady of La Salette)

Dear Fathers and Brothers,

The initial words of Blessed Mother at La Salette resembled like a cradle song of a consoling mother who welcomed her children to her bountiful love. She was “inviting” them (Children) to the merciful love of heavenly Father. She set a soothing tone, particularly with her appearance and words, for the children who remained in distance, portraying the fear of whole humanity. A Person who “welcomed” the Word of God to her life to be a dwelling for the Son of God, leads the scene to be a ‘door’ to God and to our neighbor.

This process begins with the scene of Annunciation, wherein Mary responded to Gabriel’s announcement of her role in salvation history with perfect humility and faith, saying, “be it done unto me according to Thy Word.” With that statement, she welcomed God’s son into her very being in a perfect action of hospitality. Her openness removed the shadow that prevailed over the salvation history.

Mary’s “yes” to God at the Annunciation was the first step on a journey that would lead her on a series of unexpected adventures, not the least of which was to the foot of the Cross. Mary’s “Yes” to Word of God motivated her to say “Yes” to humanity.

The Two occasions in the Gospel of John, the wedding feast at Cana and the foot of the cross, serve us examples of being open to the needs and wants of others. At Cana, by intervening in their life, she welcomed their needs as her own and she “welcomed” her Son Jesus to intervene like her and made a difference in the situation. At the foot of the cross, Mary was given John the apostle as her Son, and in turn, Mary was given mother to John. He said to her, “Woman, here is your son,” and to the disciple, “Here is your mother.” From that time on, this disciple took her into his home” (John 19:25-27). Mary was given a home by the disciple of Jesus.

Not surprisingly, this nesting process is heralded by Joseph, “When Joseph woke up, he did what the angel of the Lord had commanded him and took Mary home as his wife “(Mathew 1: 24). Joseph took Mary home; in fact, Mary was welcomed by Joseph.

Vatican II reminds us: “Taken up to heaven, she did not lay aside this salvific duty, but by her constant intercession continued to bring us the gifts of eternal salvation. By her maternal charity, she cares for the brethren of her Son, who still journey on earth surrounded by dangers and difficulties, until they are led into the happiness of their true home. This, however, is to be so understood that it neither takes away from nor adds anything to the dignity and efficaciousness of Christ the one Mediator” (Lumen Gentium, chapter 8, #62).

As we offer hospitality each day, we participate in the Christian work that was started with Mary’s “yes.” We continue to welcome Jesus, who begins from the bottom rung of the social ladder like the poor, the marginalized, and the suffering.

We, the priests, after the heart of Jesus, are called to welcome sinners and extend them merciful love of heavenly father by being available to all in confession and thereby offering them “the peaceful embrace of sacramental forgiveness”. Moreover, a religious must be “welcoming” in their character. A Religious has to intervene in the life of others like Mary and have to welcome all their situations of “needs” as their own and need to do what they can do to make a difference in the life of the people.

Yours in our Blessed Mother,
Fr. Sajive Maliakal MS



LA SALETTE MARIAN CENTRE, ANAPPARA

Birthday of Blessed Mother: On 8th September, we celebrated the Birthday of our Blessed Mother, our Parish Priest and members from neighbouring communities were specially invited. Fr. Joby cooked delicious meal for all of us while we all helped him.



Novena Days and Feast: We started praying our Novena on 11th September. Each day was guided by each one of us in the community. We did not invite any people for Novena due to the pandemic situation. We prayed for the intention of the province and for those who requested our prayers.

On the Feast day, Fr. Johnny MS lighted the Jubilee Candle and gave the message of the importance of our Jubilee Year. We had solemn High Mass. Our Dean Rev. Fr. Christudas, was the main celebrant and Rev. Fr. Joy Sabu (Parish Priest) gave a meaningful homily on the basis of Mother's message and he challenged everyone: How we can stop the tears of our Blessed Mother in this present situation? How should we live our life in this pandemic situation?



We had almost 21 people for our celebration in the afternoon and we invited a few in the evening who helped us in different ways.

Punaloor Visit: We went to participate the solemn feast day of Punaloor Mission. Fr. Robin celebrated Mass and Fr. Joby Muttathil gave a meaningful homily on the message of our Blessed Mother at La Salette: he expressed the need of the message of our mother in this present situation and the value and meaning of message in our life. Fr. Rijo welcomed us and there were around 50 people for the Holy Mass.



Great Visit: Frs. Rojan MS, Rijo MS and Jobins MS visited Marian Center Anappara and we had a great time together. Since we are having this corona pandemic hard to have gathering and their visit gave us encouragement and fellowship.

LA SALETTE, PUNALOOR

Wonderful Celebration: Punaloor parish community solemnly celebrated feast of Blessed Mother of La Salette on 20th, Sunday. Fathers from Marian Centre were the special invitees for the day. Fr. Robin Vayalil MS Presided over for the feast mass and Fr. Joby Muttathil MS shared a meaningful message. Around 50 parishioners joined with us for the celebrations.



LA SALETTE ASHRAM, WAYANAD

Monthly Recollection: As part of spiritual renewal, on 4th September we had our monthly recollection. Using the material given from the Provincialate, Fr. Jenson guided the recollection. We also had our confession on the same day.

Visitors: Month of September was blessed with the visits of Fr. Jose Muttathan MS, Fr. Anoop MS, Fr. Benny MS, Fr. Kuriakose MS, Fr. Robin Vallattu MS, Dn. Anoop MS and Dn. Lithin MS.

Agriculture: Under the initiative of Fr. Anit MS, we planted 150 banana saplings. The plantation area was cleared by cutting the branches of trees around. The Ashram community sincerely acknowledges the manual help rendered by Dn. Anoop MS and Fr. Kuriakose MS.

Shalom TV Shoot: Two days our Shrine was fully covered with cameras and lights for shooting. Shalom team came for shooting ten episodes of Adorations and two Holy Mass. With our request they also shot Novena to our Lady of La Salette. The Holy Mass celebrated by Fr. Anit will be telecasted on October 3rd at 6.30 AM, 10.30 PM, and that which is celebrated by Fr. Jenson will be telecasted on October 5th 6.30 AM and 10.00 AM. The telecasting dates of Adoration and Novena will be informed later.



Feast: Marking the beginning of the celebration of the 174th anniversary of the apparition of our Lady of La Salette, on September 10th, Fr. Jenson hoisted the flag and celebrated the Holy Eucharist. In the novena days, we had 50 participants each for the daily Mass. On September 19th we had two Masses, one at 6.40 AM and other at 10. AM. Mysore-Mananthawady cluster Superior Rev.

Fr. Jose Muttathan MS was the main celebrant for the first Mass. He inaugurated the Jubilee Year by lighting the Jubilee Candle and crowning the statue of Our Lady with Roses. For the second Mass Rev. Fr. Anoop Manchira MS, the Assistant Parish Priest of Fathima Matha Church, Kudianmala was the celebrant and Dn. Lithin Palakkal for both the Mass.

Youtube Channel: Responding to the needs of the time, Fr. Anit MS took initiative to launch a You-tube channel "La Salette Ashram Waynad". The channel was helpful for people to participate in the Novena Masses. Spiritual programmes and activities will be telecasted through this channel. Congratulation to Fr. Anit Mavathara.

Eucharistic Adoration: We had our special adoration on 25th of September. On this day we prayed for the intentions of our province and special prayers were offered for Mr. Emmanuel, the nephew of Fr. Mathew Manjaly MS.



OCTOBER

09	1980	Birthday	Uriyarikunnel Sebastian MS
20	1958	Birthday	Cheerakathil Augustine MS
21	1986	Birthday	Muttathil Rijo MS
27	1982	Birthday	Thottumkara Jobit MS

NOVEMBER

01	1986	Birthday	Koothodiyil Jince MS
	1988	Birthday	Chennelil Kuriakose MS
	1989	Birthday	Edakkala Jomon MS



MONTHLY INTENTIONS

1. For our Postulant Brothers.
2. For all those affected by Covid19 Pandemic.
3. For the intentions of Region of Argentina-Bolivia.

LA SALETTE SADHAN, BENGALURU

In Memory of Josachan: On September 3rd, Rev. Fr. Sajive Malliakal MS celebrated Syro-Malabar rite mass and divine office for the repose of the soul in memory of Fr. JK.



Happy Birthday Mama Mary: In all the past years, we celebrated 8th September in a grant way. However in this season of this pandemic within our limitation made this day more blessed. The day became more joyful with the ordination Anniversary of Rev. Fr. Sajive Maliakal MS, our Provincial Superior and offered him hearty congrats for his successful priestly-religious life and wished all our spiritual support for his future ministries.

International Laity Day: It is always our obligation and expression of love to dedicate and pray specially for those who support us in our ministries. With this intention, the community celebrated as La Salette Laity Day on 10th of September. We prayed and celebrated Holy Mass for them, for their families and for their intentions.

Navanal Celebrations: The 10 days of Novena celebration began from 11th of September. Various themes (Mountain, Shepherd, Fire, Children, Mother, Silence, Discourse, Tears, and Spring) based on the Apparition were selected for the daily reflections and brothers used their creative skills to decorate alter and the statue of Blessed Mother of La Salette based on these selective themes on each days. Every day we had solemn Eucharistic celebration and Novena to Our Lady. Except on 18th, all other days Celebration were in the chapel and on 18th evening Front Grotto was chosen for the Holy mass and Novena.

As part of spiritual preparations, we specially dedicated the whole afternoon and evening of 17th with Eucharistic Lord and both fathers and brothers found fruitful time for the Monthly Recollection. The Eucharistic adoration was concluded with a spirit filled Eucharistic blessing of Fr. Bibin MS.



Rejoice in the Lord: The whole Sadhan community joyfully celebrate the 174th Year of Apparition of Blessed Mother of La Salette on 19th September. The day was began with a Solemn Morning Prayer and followed by crowning the Statue of Blessed Mother by. Rev Fr. Sajive Maliakal MS, Provincial Superior. The logo of the Jubilee year was unveiled by him and handed over to Fr. Robin Vallattu MS, our Rector.



We had a solemn festal Mass in the evening. The opening procession carrying the Jubilee candle and Rosary procession, and after the mass carrying the statue of Our Lady gave further colour for the feast. Fr. Sajive in his feast day message, forwarded the question of where the tears of our Mother had gone after falling from her eyes. He highlighted “Cessia” the spring originated at La Salette in connection with the apparition which still stands as a source of tears of our Bl. Mother. He titled La Salette as the “beer-la-hai-roi” of today. After liturgical celebrations we had community gathering with camp-fire and agape.

Let us Wish: on September 21st, Dn. Anoop MS and Bro. Robin Mathew celebrated the feast of their heavenly patron St. Mathew. Fr. Saneesh MS celebrated his feast on the feast day of Archangels.

Dn. Anoop MS is in his holidays after his successful completion of MSW studies.



LA SALETTE BHAVAN, PARAKKADAU

Memorial Mass: On the 3rd of September, a Memorial Mass was celebrated for Fr. Jose Kuzhinjalail, MS. Few of his family members were also present for the requiem mass.

12 Hours of Adoration Day: La Salette Bhavan community conducted 12 hours of Adoration with the intention of praying for the world as it goes through the difficult situation of Corona virus.

Feast Day Celebration: Community celebrated Feast day of our Congregation from 11th September to 19th, 2020. Though there were no much external celebration, the spiritual and liturgical celebrations were there as usual. Many people came during the daytime to pray to our Lady for Her powerful intercession. Bishop Pauly Kannookadan was the main celebrant for the first day of Novena mass, who also blessed our New Altar of La Salette Bhavan Chapel. La Salette Bhavan resident priests and Vicar of the parish took turn to celebrate Novena Mass and on the 19th Fr. Benny MS, La Salette Bhavna Superior celebrated the Holy Mass and we had small procession in the seminary compound. Brothers arranged some cultural programs after the celebration.

Birthday: We celebrated the birthday of Bro. Kafrin on the 23rd of this month.



LA SALETTE NILAYAM, THORREDU, A.P

Birthday Celebration: Nilayam Community celebrated the Birthday of Schol. Nikhil Thekkineth on September 1st, and wished him all the best.

St. Matthew's Feast: The community celebrated the feast of Frs. Anil MS and Jince MS as they are named after St. Mathew. The celebration began by the Eucharistic Celebration at the parish. And the community wished them all the best and prayed for them.

Novena: We began the preparations for the Feast of Our Lady of La Salette, by reciting the solemn Novena. Each day the community spent time to share the reflections on the particular theme of the day during the homily.

Feast Day Celebration: The community celebrated the feast of Our Blessed Mother at La Salette together with the parishioners. The lighting of the Jubilee Candle and the planting of the Marian tree gave more meaning to the year of 175 th Jubilee celebration.

Memorial Mass: On September 3rd, the community offered a memorial Mass for the departed soul of Fr. Jose Kuzhinjalil, MS. The community joined in prayer by offering the office for the dead.



Teacher's Day Celebration: La Salette Vidyanilayam School celebrated Teacher's day with all the safety measures. Most of the teachers were present for the small function and they were given gifts as a token of appreciation for their dedication.

Eucharistic Adoration: Seeking the special protection for the whole world, on September 11, the community joined together with the province for the 12 hours of adoration from morning 8 am till evening 8pm.



LA SALETTE VIDYANIKETAN, HUNSUR, MYSORE

Birthday: We the La Salette Vidyanikethan family celebrated the birthday of our Manager Rev. Fr. JoJo Kachapilly MS on 5th September, 2020. In the presence of all the staff he cut the birthday cake and we wished him all the very best and blessings and made his day more colourful and a memorable one.



Teacher's Day: On 5th September Teacher's Day was celebrated in La Salette Vidyanikethan. There was a grant function conducted in the campus in which we wished all teachers happy teachers day and acknowledged their great service that they render to the society. Mr. Ravi Deepak facilitated the gathering. Gifts were distributed to the teachers. The celebrations came to an end with a delicious meal.

Parent's Meeting: There was a gathering of Parents for the first year science and computer science combination students conducted on 11, September 2020. All students along with their parents attended the meeting. The students who received highest marks in the SSLC Examination were congratulated during the meeting. The primary instructions were given to the parents regarding the reopening of the new academic year.



Jubilee Tree: In preparations to the 175th apparition anniversary of Our Lady of La Salette, the Jubilee Tree was planted in La Salette Vidyanikethan Campus by all fathers and sisters on 19, September 2020.



Parents Gathering: In order to give the basic information regarding the reopening of the new academic year 2020, there was a gathering of the parents of the first year commerce and arts combination students on 25th September 2020. All students along with their parents attended the meeting.



LA SALETTE NIKETAN, HUNSUR, MYSORE

Onam Celebration: The Niketan Seminary celebrated Onam (festival of Harvest) with different cultural programs, delicious food and few out-door games. Arrival of Mahabali and his assistant was very creative and apt to the present situation.



Rector's Day: The seminary organized 'Rector's Day' on 6th of September. We had variety of programs such as basketball match, in-door games and colorful cultural evening with invited guests. Everyone got surprised seeing the creativity of our next generation of brothers. Fr. Rector congratulated everyone for their tireless efforts and commitment.

The Feast of the Nativity of Blessed Virgin Mary: The Niketan community celebrated the nativity of our blessed mother on 8th of this month. We had special prayer service as part of the feast of our Blessed Mother.

La Salette Feast: The feast of Our Lady of La Salette was celebrated on 19th of September. The day of celebration was begun with planting of Marian Tree in La Salette Vidhyaniketan. We also planted a Marian Tree near the old Novitiate house.



Jubilee Candle at Novitiate House: All the members of Niketan Campus came together in Novitiate House to celebrate the Eucharistic Celebration and Fr. Jeneesh Mundithottiyil MS (Director of Postulants) lit the 'Jubilee Candle' as part to the 'Jubilee Year Inauguration.'



"Project of 175 Saplings and Jubilee Memorial Fruits Garden":

As a part of Jubilee year, the Niketan community has initiated a project of planting "175 saplings" in the Niketan campus and "Jubilee Memorial Fruits Garden." We hope and pray that this initiation will yield sufficient fruits for the next generation and give awareness of planting trees in our campus

