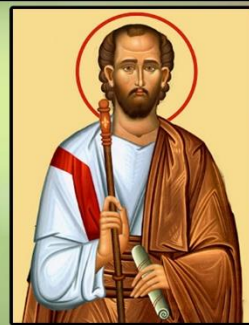




# PROVINCIAL CIRCULAR

## LA SALETTE MATHA PROVINCE

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**Jesus answered, "I am the way and the truth and the life." (John 14:6)**

Dear Fathers and brothers,

On 3rd of July, we celebrate the feast of St. Thomas, the Apostle. The Catholic Church in India invariably traces its origin to the preaching and martyrdom of St Thomas the Apostle, who, according to tradition, came to India in 52 A.D, nearly 2000 years ago. Beyond doubt, our faith lineage is rooted in Jesus Christ through a person who lived and shared his life with Him. Thomas the Apostle, who among the apostles travelled far to a country, landed in India and in those circumstances sowed the seeds of Gospel and reaped the harvest with baptismal consecration to Christ. History proves undoubtedly that he founded several communities of Christian faith in our country. We are the inheritors of this greatest treasure. The Gospel records three interventions made by Thomas, that shares with us abundance of his faith in Christ.

I would like to reflect with you the intervention he had with Jesus during last supper.

On that occasion, predicting his own imminent departure, Jesus announced that he was going to prepare a place for his disciples so that they could be where he is found; and he explains to them: "Where [I] am going you know the way" (Jn 14:4). It is, then that Thomas intervenes, saying: "Lord, we do not know where you are going; how can we know the way?" (Jn 14:5). In fact, with this remark he places himself at a rather low level of understanding; but his words pave a clear path for Jesus with the opportunity to state his famous definition: "I am the Way, and the Truth, and the Life" (Jn 14:6). "Thus, it is primarily to Thomas that he makes this revelation, but it is valid for all of us and for every age. Every time we hear or read these words, we can stand beside Thomas in spirit and imagine that the Lord is also speaking to us, just as he spoke to him." (Pope Benedict XVI). In short, the revelation, "I am the Way, and the Truth, and the Life" shows us that every moment of suspicion in faith can lead us to sovereign truth and higher certainty.

The concept of truth is elusive and unanswered, as seen in the plot of the trial of Jesus by Pilate who asked, "What is truth?" (Jn 3:18), in this present world because we fail to search for the pearls of faith in the field. We are happy in our comfort zones with minimal outcomes. Restricting ourselves in our tiny cocoons and shells and being satisfied with old revelations will limit us the way of new revelations and new arena of truths. To its core, the world seeks answers and solutions and we need to respond like Apostle Thomas who pioneered the disciple community to find answers to their question. Thomas who found true "way" in Jesus, voyaged longest way to share his faith. He experienced the kernel of "truth, that sets all free" (Jn8:31) in Jesus by insisting to see the transformed wounds of Jesus, declared the greatest truth ever, "My Lord and My God". St. Thomas dared to stand with Jesus; losing his "life" found in his martyrdom the real "life", winning life in eternal.

"Thomas was an impulsive type of man, zealous in reaching out to others, not afraid to ask questions and seek clarifications when required, who battled with his own resistance and doubts surrounding the extraordinary events of Christ's death and resurrection in Jerusalem." (Homily-Cardinal Crescenzo Sepe at Marine Drive ground in Ernakulam, Sunday 17 November 2002)

As disciples of Christ, more especially as his followers as religious priests, we should live and lead by example to pause questions of faith and find answers to satisfy our deepest questions and Thomas' example will never fail to strengthen our faith in Jesus Christ, Our Lord and Our God.

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







## LA SALETTE SADHAN, BENGALURU

**Birthday Celebration:** Sadhan Community joyously celebrated the birth day of Fr. Saneesh Alappattu MS on 7th of June. Community thanked him for all his faithful service to the province. Community also made an anticipated Birthday Celebration of Scholastics Tinto and George on 30th.

**C.C.T.V and Sound System:** "Be watchful! You are under CCTV surveillance". CCTV is being fixed in and around of our provincial house and old house. New sound system is fixed in the chapel.

**Hearty Welcome:** Sadhan Community welcomed Fr. Jobit Thottumkara MS to our community and wished him all the very best for his higher studies. He is enrolled for the doctoral studies in Christ University, Bengaluru.

**House Blessing:** The whole provincial house and its surroundings were blessed on the Solemnity of Sacred heart of Jesus. We organised a prayer service with a solemn adoration on this day.

**Best Wishes:** Community expressed our sincere thanks to Fr. Jineesh Karakkada MS who was in holidays with us.







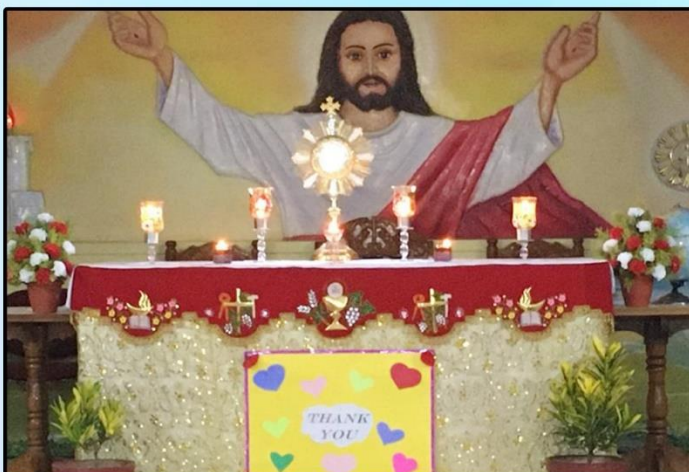
## LA SALETTE NIKETAN, HUNSUR, MYSORE

**Banana Harvest:** The Niketan community witnessed the harvest of banana cultivation after the one year long hard work. We thank God for his continued protection and safeguarding us during these days of hard work.

**Farewell Function:** The Niketan community organized heart touching farewell function of our two priests. We are grateful to Frs. Johnny and Jobit for their tireless efforts that enabled Niketan campus to reach to this level of growth. We wish them all the best for their future mission endeavors.

**Sacred Heart of Jesus:** The Niketan community had special celebrations on the Solemnity of Sacred Heart of Jesus. We had half day Eucharist adoration, blessing of entire campus of Niketan community and sacrament of reconciliation. The whole Niketan campus is consecrated to the care of the Sacred Heart of Jesus.

**Send off Function:** The Niketan community organized send off function for the senior brothers who are preparing to go to bengaluru for their philosophical studies. We had few cultural programs and felicitation speeches. The Niketan community is indebted to all of them for their true commitment to the community. We wish them all the best for their future life in Bangalore.







## LA SALETTE BHAVAN, PARAKKADAU

**Recollection Day:** Our Philosophy students who were at La Salette Bhavan had their Recollection day on the 5th of June. Father Joy Chukkananickal MS led the Recollection day.

**Celebration:** Bhavan Community celebrated the birthday of Bro. Ajin on the 16th of this month. We had our Sacred Heart Feast day on the 19th of this month with blessing of the House.

**Hearty Welcome:** New Candidates, for the First year minor seminary formation, arrived on the 25th of June. Fathers and Philosophy students gave a warm welcome with flowers and songs. We had our Holy Spirit mass and official inauguration of the academic year on the 26th.

**Best Wishes:** The Bhavan community expressed our gratitude to all the Philosophy Brothers for their active presence in the community for the last few weeks. They left for Mysore on the 26th morning with Fr. Anit Mavathara MS.







## LA SALETTE ASHRAM, WAYANAD

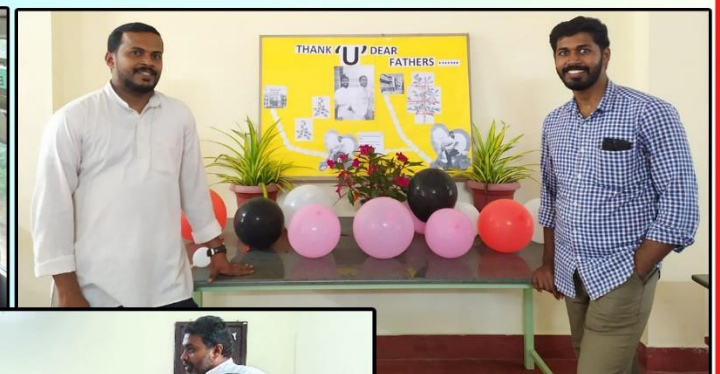
**Farewell:** The Ashram community gratefully acknowledged Fr. Bibin Parakunnel MS and Fr. Jeomon Edakkala MS for their selfless service to the community. The community along with neighbouring religious communities gathered together to wish our dear fathers all the best for their future ministries.

The community also acknowledged the great service of our parish priest Fr. Benny, Fr. Jithin assistant parish priest and also Fr. Jaison. The community wished our dear fathers all the best for their future ministry.

**New Comers:** 8 of our new comers to minor seminary from Malabar region joined with us on 24th of the month.

**Hearty Welcome:** Ashram community joyfully welcomed our new member Bro. Bins Muttathil.

**Visit:** The visit our energetic philosophy brothers made ashram community more vibrant for couple of days.







## LA SALETTE NILAYAM, THORREDU

**Happy Birthday:** La Salette Nilayam community celebrated the Birthdays of Fr. Benjamin MS on 12th and Fr. Manibhusan MS on 24th of June.

**Welcome Back:** Fr. Manibhusan MS returned the community from his parish ministry on 21st of June. Parishioners along with sisters accompanied him to our house.

**Ordination:** Third priest from our mission in Thorredu, Deacon M David Raju was ordained as priest on 24th of June. Due to covid-19, the attendance was limited only for 50 people.

**Go Online:** La Salette Vidya Nilayam School started its online classes for its already existing students as there is no chance for regular classes in the near future. Thanks be to God for the enthusiasm of both students and their parents.



## Days to Remember-JULY

11	1960	Birthday	Chukkananickal Joy MS
16	1973	Birthday	Pee Thuruthel Joseph MS
18	1990	Birthday	Kalapurackal Tinto MS
22	1987	Birthday	Poovathinkal Sanish MS



## MONTHLY INTENTIONS

1. For our General Administration.
2. For our First year Minor Seminarians.
3. For all those affected by Covid19 Pandemic.





## LA SALETTE VIDYA NIKETHAN, HUNSUR, MYSORE

**Sent Off:** Taking into consideration the present dangerous situation, but still acknowledging the great services that our dear fathers and sisters rendered for the growth of La Salette Vidya Nikethan, we arranged a setoff function to Frs. Jobit Thottumkara MS, Johny Vadakkan MS, and Srs. Karuna and Ramya on 4th of June 2020.

**Patents Meeting:** On 16th of June 2020, there was an immediate parents meeting called in order to discuss and to know the opinion from the part of parents regarding the possibilities of starting the new academic year. The opinions were collected and sent to the ministry of education according to which the government will come up with final decision on new academic year.

**Exam Orientation:** As an immediate preparation for the SSLC exams the 10th class students were invited for an Exam orientation seminar conducted in La Salette Vidya Nikethan on 19th of June 2020. On the same day after the prayer session the Hall Tickets were blessed and distributed to the students.

**SSLC Exams:** On 25th June, 2020, the SSLC exams were began in the State of Karnataka. This year we have 70 students appearing for the exams.

