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November the Month of Memories.....

Unlike other months, on the month of November, we prayerfully recall the memories of our beloved who gone to the Lord to receive their share of inheritance in the heavenly kingdom. They were invited by the Lord to share in the heavenly jubilation of the Saints, to taste their joy.

I remember the words inscribed at the door of a cemetery, "enter the world of holy memories with gratitude". Each tomb we stop by and pray for invites us to be calm and reflect the lovely memories we had with them.

In my last assignment as assistant pastor, my office was close to a memorial of soldiers who offered their life during second world war. Through my window, I could see the number of people visiting this memorial and praying for their loved ones. There are number of things that struck me. First is silence. The silence told loudly how strong and deep those memories and emotions are. Most of the people who come over and pray are not the ones who had direct contact with them. They are the people who inherited the sweet memories of them. In silence they enter those holy memories and remain in gratitude. The second thing I notice the prayer. What ever may be the level of faith each individual possesses; in heart they all pray. A prayer that hold deep sentiments. One thing that we always see, they hold in their hands, lighted candle and fresh flowers. These both objects symbolize the thoughtfulness of the person who visit their tomb. The return journey is never the same. They receive an energy and motivation which help them to live until they return next time.

It is a great realization that I am not so much descended from any individual but from a people. I am who I am because of all those people and for that I am grateful. This thought that I belong to something larger is the thought of the month of November. On 2nd November the holy catholic church commemorates the memories of the all the faithful departed. It is an occasion in which the faithful are encouraged to pray for the dead. It is an act of charity that we pray for the dead, "for when we pray, we place ourselves in God's presence in the company of those we love even if those persons have gone before us in death".

Pope Francis in one his homilies on All Soul's day tells, "today is a day of memory that takes us back to our roots. It is also a day of hope. It reminds us of what we can expect: the hope of encountering the love of the Father"

The month of November reminds us that "each of us is a unique person fashioned by a loving creator who are but part of larger communion of persons stretching back (and forth) in time". Remaining in gratitude to those memories of the past enlighten us how indebted we are to several people. We live the faith they have initiated in us. We live the values they taught us and lived by example. All the more it is their hard work and toil that helped us to grow.

These are emotions which would rule our heart as we dedicate the whole month for praying for our loved ones who went ahead of us to share the life in Christ.

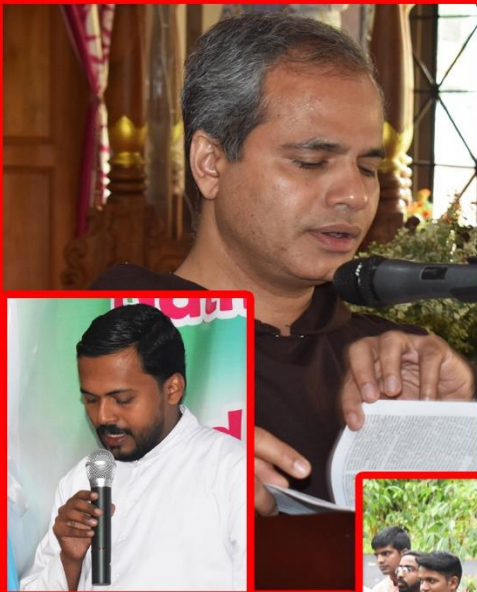
Let this be our prayer as we recall the persons who helped us to be today, "God our Father, from your hand we have received generous gifts so that we might learn to share your blessings in gratitude. Accept the gifts we bring and let the perfect sacrifice of Jesus Christ draw us closer to all our brothers and sisters in the human family so that we may share with them all the gifts of time and eternity."

(Prayer from the Thanksgiving Liturgy)

Yours in our blessed Mother,
Fr. Sajive Maliakal MS



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LA SALETTE MISSION CENTRE, PUNALOOR

Farewell: La Salette mission centre and parishioners here gave a grant farewell to Fr. Sajith. Everyone said best wishes to him for his new mission.



LA SALETTE BHAVAN, PARAKKADAVU

Back to Home: After having spent the days with the parents, minor seminary brothers were back home on 4th of October.

Days with our Heavenly Mother: As the month of October is especially dedicated for the rosary devotion, the Bhavan community had 10 days of special rosary devotion to Blessed Virgin Mary from 11th of October to 20th of October. Our brothers with their creativity made the days beautiful and prayerful.

Rosary Devotion with the Parish Community: Our minor seminary brothers were given an opportunity to take lead of rosary devotion in the Parish on 24th of October.



07 1983 Birthday Porianvelil Dileesh
 10 1976 Birthday Payyapilly Jobi
 11 2006 Ordination Poovannikunnel Bino
 15 1983 Birthday Chirayath Prince
 18 1977 Birthday Thekkekunnel Sijo
 25 2006 Ordination Muttathil Joby
 28 1974 Birthday Cheriyanadan Rojan
 29 1979 Birthday Vazheeparambil Alex





LA SALETTE ASHRAM, WAYANAD

Fr. Jenson's Arrival: Fr. Jenson arrived back to Ashram community after his six months mission preaching in United States on October 4th.

Cluster Meeting: On October 5th evening we had our cluster meeting of Mysore-Manathavady cluster here in Ashram along with an outing on the following day. Our cluster visited our new proposed property in Chembery, Kannur.

Feast Evaluation Meeting: On October 5th evening we had feast evaluation meeting of our "Ashram Koottayimma". We had good evaluation of feast and new suggestions for the next feast celebrations in 2020.

Retreat: Fr. Bibin Parekunnel went to preach retreat for MSJ Junior Sisters in Kothamangalam from October 14 to 20.

Brothers Gathering and Grand Opening of Vocation Year: Ashram community hosted brothers gathering and inauguration of vocation year from October 25 to 27. Provincial along with provincial council, formation team and all seminarians of La Salette Matha Province attended the event.

LA SALETTE MARIAN CENTRE, ANAPARA

Visits: We were blessed with a number of Visits from our Fathers in the month of November. On 3rd Fathers James and Alex Valummel made a friendly visit and organised a trip to Kanyakumary. Fr. Rijo, our German student from Bengaluru made a visit on 12th and Fr. Sajith from Punaloor visited us on 14th. Finally, Fr. Provincial made a visit on 30th of this month

Feast Celebrations: Our St. Jude parish, Panachamood celebrates Feast day on the 3rd of November and Novena masses started on October 28th.





LA SALETTE NIKETAN HUNSUR

Rosary Devotion: The community had wonderful and blessed 10 days of special Rosary devotion.

Dasara Lighting: The community along with Sisters and our domestic workers had an outing to Mysore to see the Dasara lightings and all enjoyed the beauty of Mysore.

Birthday Celebration: Niketan community celebrated the birthdays of Fr. Jobit and Sr. Ramya very colourfully.

Dasara Holidays: Brothers had their Dasara Holidays for one week and all of them had their vacation.

Midterm Examinations: Brothers began their midterm examinations.



LA SALETTE SADHAN, BENGALURU

Visitors: Frs. Jenson Chenthrappiny, Anoop Manchira, Jojo kachappily, Mathew Manjaly, Sajith Kallakkudiyan, and Sr. Vimala visited our LSS community.

Rosary Devotion: Sadhan community had 10 days Rosary devotion on 10th to 19th October. On the day of 19th we had a solemn rosary devotion along with laity members.

Birthday: Sadhan community celebrated the birthday of Fr. Rijo Muttathil MS with a cultural programme on 19th October. We also celebrated birthday of Bro. Georgekutty on which was on 9th October.

Institution Day in Suvidya College: With immense joy, Sadhan community participated in the institution day ceremony of Suvidya College on 24th October, and our philosophy brothers performed one of the most popular folk art of Kerala, the Kolkali.

Vocacion 2K19: Our brothers went to Waynad to participate the programme, *Vocacion 2K19* on 26th October.

Vacation: Philosophy brothers have their semester leave from 28th October to 3rd November.

BA Classes: BA Classes started for the Philosophy brothers.





LA SALETTE VIDHYA NIKETAN HUNSUR

Examinations: Students are having their First Semester Examinations.

Dasara Holidays: The School was closed for 10 Days of Holidays for Dasara festival.

PT Meeting: Our school organized Parents Teacher's meeting on 19th October 2019, to discuss about the children's progress at school & find solutions for academic or behavioural problems.

Gandhi Jayanthi: On 2nd October 2019, Salettinians celebrated Gandhi Jayanthi with great Zeal, enthusiasm & patriotism. The children of La Salette were given a deep insight into the life & times of Mahatma Gandhi & encouraged to think about the sacrifice of our freedom fighters, to analyse the importance and understand the value of freedom, through the day's activities. On the same day we had *Sevanavaram* for all the Students.

The Director's Birthday: The birthday of our director Fr. Jobit was celebrated on 28th of October. The students put-up a beautiful cultural show which brought color and beauty to this day.



LA SALETTE NILAYAM, THORREDU

Cluster Meeting: La Salette Sadhan and Nilyam community had come together for the second cluster meeting in Hyderabad on 2nd October. It was very good to meet both communities from Sadhan and Nilayam to share our feelings of our community life as well.

Visitations: Fr Sajive Maliakal MS our Provincial visited our community on 14th October and we had good time with him.

Hearty Welcome: We are happy to welcome Deacon Benjamin, MS to our community as part of his diaconate ministry. We are also happy to welcome Fr. Alex MS to our community. Their presence gives us more joy to our community.

Sacrament of Baptism: On 19th of October, 14 of our faithful received baptism at Vedulapally village. Fr. Jince MS, administered baptisms for the first time in Andhra Pradesh.

Rosary Devotion: On 21st of October, we have begun the Rosary devotion in our parish church and it was first time since it became parish in Thorredu to have such a devotion to our Mother Mary. Final day we had 12 people receiving Holy Communion, procession with Marian Statue and served Biriyani for all those who participated.



LA SALETTE VIDYANILAYAM, THORREDU

Congratulations: Those who have scored high mark in class level for the month of September were appreciated by presenting them the certificates by Rev. Fr. Sajive Maliakal MS.

National School Games 2019: Our students participated in national school games held in Rajasthan and we all are proud of our school and its achievements.

Exams: Students had their semester exams and all have done well in their exams.

Dasara Holidays: Our students had their Dasara holidays from Sep 28th and school was re-opened on 9th October.

New Band Set to School: Our school has received a Band set which is sponsored by Rev. Fr Jacob Vettathu MS and our students are busy in learning it.





Rev. Fr. Joy Chukkananickal MS

I was just four years old when I first mentioned to my Mother that I want to become a priest. I already had special love towards baby Jesus in the crib, special love for the statue of Mary in the church and looked at the Monstrance with awe and wonder at adoration, during those years.



They were self-prompted... Nobody instructed me to do so. I also liked our parish priest as a friend those days.

It continued till I was in 10th standard. That time my parish priest was very unfriendly and unapproachable guy. So I started to drift away from my faith and closeness towards church.

During my second year degree course my best friend expressed his wish to become a priest and slowly my feelings towards priesthood was rekindled in my heart and upon graduation from college I had but one desire that is to be religious as I was inspired by my uncle who was a Franciscan Brother and I joined his community.

There in the Franciscan community after three months in Postulancy, I was promoted to the novitiate. Although I was very happy in the novitiate a few things weren't right so I had to leave and stop my formation with them.

After five months out of Franciscan formation I heard about Fr. Jos Kuzhinjalil who was in the Philippines and I wrote him. He in turn gave my letter to Fr. Efren Musngi who met me at Ernakulam and accepted me to start my formation to be a La Salette in the Philippines.

Though I was only one year and three months with the Franciscan Brothers, without me realizing it, my religious life formation was already done with them because I loved them and I was so happy while I was with them. This community is a religious brothers' community and God wants me to be Priest so this transition was essential.

I arrived in Philippines on August 23rd 1981 and I must say if I didn't have the Franciscan formation I would not have survived in La Salette because of the culture of Philippines.

I got ordained as a Priest on 23rd February 1991. God definitely has a plan for each and every one and that is the only one plan that will come true in our lives. So here I am a La Salette Missionary priest for the past 28 years.



Bro. Ajin Mathew Kuttiyanickal

I am Ajin Mathew Kuttiyanickal, hailing from Ezhukumvayal, Our Lady of Perpetual Help Parish, Iddukki, Kerala. My father's name is Mathew Joseph and mother is Jessy Mathew. My father is a farmer and mother a house wife. I have an elder brother and his name is Abin Mathew, doing his studies in Ernakulam.

Fr. Jenson Chenthrapinny MS came to our parish as an assistant vicar while I was studying in 2nd standard. His active pastoral work helped me to know more about La Salette and deep devotion to Blessed mother of La Salette. From my child hood I had a deep desire to be a priest and shared it with my parents many times. Whenever it was shared, they considered it as only a childish thought. Finally, when I was in 8th standard my parents granted me the permission to choose my vocation. I was filled with joy and shared my great desire with one of my neighbour, who was a Diocesan priest. He asked me to take a wise decision after a good prayer.

I joined with La Salette community in June, 2015. Now I am doing my 2nd year Philosophy and Graduation studies in Bangalore. Our charism of reconciliation and missionary spirit of our missionaries are always challenging for me to be a good missionary. I always reflect more on the concluding words of Blessed mother "make this known to all my people". My dream is that to become a good missionary of Our Lady of La Salette and for the entire church.