



PROVINCIAL CIRCULAR

LA SALETTE MATHA PROVINCE

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On July 3rd, we are celebrating the Feast of St. Thomas the Apostle. He is informally called 'Doubting Thomas' because he doubted Jesus' resurrection when first told, followed later by his confession of faith, "My Lord and my God", on seeing Jesus' wounded body. Thomas the Apostle brought the Gospel to the subcontinent already in the 1st century. In this month I reflect with you, St. Thomas as model and inspiration for our faith.

With St Thomas, the Apostle in centre stage, we are once more blessed with a teaching on faith and goodness, which we find in every person. Goodness is man's natural trait as man is made in the likeness of our God and Father.

St. Thomas stands as a model of Faith and as model of proclaimer of Faith. As his name suggests, he is the "twin brother" in Faith. Among the apostles of Jesus, St. Thomas the apostle remains different with his attitude and response. "Let us go and die with him" (John 11:16) those courageous words categorises who he is. Someone who live up to the expectation of Jesus. Those words which he uttered after other disciples reported him, that they saw Jesus, he was adamant and he replied, "Unless I see the nail marks in His hands, and put my finger where the nails have been, and put my hand into His side, I will never believe." (John 20:25)

Thomas has been tagged as the 'Doubting Thomas'. But his nature won for him the greatest experience ever a disciple could have. He was blessed to see and touch the wounds of Jesus. This experience allowed him to experience the depth of love of Christ. The wounds of risen Christ was never the same wounds of his live body. It was a transformed wound. The wound lightened up with love, compassion and joy. It was a glorified wound. In the wound he never saw the blood and water rather the source of Sacramental energy was visible to him.

Thomas is certainly a victim of man's tendency to highlight the negative rather than focus on the positive. We tend to proclaim a failure and set aside the victory. Thomas' skepticism earned for himself the name of Doubting Thomas for all ages and yet he never earned the recognition of being the only character in the Bible to call Jesus, "God." Jesus said, "Put your hand into my side. Do not persist in your unbelief, but believe!" Thomas said in response, "My Lord and my God!"

Today, as we relate with one another, we are made aware that we should not only be able to see what is positive in every circumstance but be able to transcend the negative and make it work for God's greater glory.

Yours in Our Blessed Mother
Fr. Sajive Maliakal MS.



LA SALETTE NILAYAM THORREDU, AP

Farewell: Rev Fr Manibushan was given a grand send-off on 9th of June as he is transferred to another parish in the same Deanery. Nilayam community along with St Joseph parishioners wished him a fruitful ministry.

Hearty Welcome: Nilayam community along with people of Thorredu wholeheartedly welcomed Rev. Fr Joby Payyappilly, MS to our mission, who is already well known to them as Bike-Father.

Birthday Celebration: Nilayam community along with Parishioners visited Fr Mani on his birthday and wished him all the blessings of the day.

New Seminarian: We are very much glad to welcome Bro. Francis from Tuni, to our mission as a minor seminarian. Thanks to Rev Fr. Jenson MS for his initiative to bring him in to our community. He is making steady progress under the able Guidance of Fr. Joby, MS.

Beseeking His Guidance: Though our school, La Salette Vidyanilayam began its classes on 12th June, on the solemnity of the Sacred Heart of Jesus, we had the official inauguration, blessing and dedication of our school and campus to the sacred Heart of Jesus.



LA SALETTE BHAVAN, PARAKKADAVU

New Seminarians: We are blessed with around 19 first years in this new seminary year. They are all being happy here and adjusting with our programs.



LA SALETTE MARIAN CENTRE, ANAPPARA

New Vehicle: We got the delivery of our new car Maruti swift on 18th of this month..

Cluster Meeting: Frs. Joby, Joy and Robin attended cluster meeting at Parakkadavu on 25th.

Visit: Our vicar Forane Fr. Christudas paid a visit to us on 29th.

Punaloor Visit: Frs. Joby and Joy paid a visit to Fr. Sajith at Punalur on 30th.



LA SALETTE ASHRAM, KAYAKUNNU

New Comers: On June 1st, 13 boys from Malabar area came to La Salette Ashram to join the first year formation.

Forane Recollection: We had arranged recollection of Nadavayal Forane in La Salette Ashram in the evening on June 12th. Many parish priests and religious attended the recollection.

La Salette Laity Gathering: we had conducted a gathering for La Salette Laity in Wayanad on 16th of this month. Fr. Sajive MS, our provincial superior was the felicitator. La Salette laity of Wayanad officially welcomed him.

Brothers Retreat: we had brothers retreat for IMS congregation from June 13th to 18th, there were 15 brothers who are going to take their first profession attended the retreat.

Dedication to Sacred Heart of Jesus: On the feast of Sacred Heart of Jesus, we had blessed our house, premises and belongings and dedicated to the Sacred Heart of Jesus. All community members and our daily workers also attended the prayer service.

Cluster Meeting: We had Mysore –Wayanad cluster meeting in La Salette Nikethan , Hunsur on June 29th & 30th. All the community members participated in the meeting.



LA SALETTE SADHAN, BENGALURU

Vistors: Frs. Rijo Muttathil, Benny Thadathilkunnel, Jojo kachappilly, and Johny Vadakkan, visted our LSS community.

Feast of Pentecost: We had nine days of solemn Novena to the Holy Spirit and Adoration from 30th May to 8th June. The feast of Pentecost was celebrated with solemn Adoration and Laity meeting.

Feast of Sacred Heart of Jesus: We celebrated the feast of Sacred Heart of Jesus with solemn Adoration. Fr. Sajive Maliakal blessed our house.

Initiation to Education: Fr. Joby Payyapilly initiated the children to the field of education on the Feast of Pentacost.

Birthdays: LSS Community celebrated the birthday of Fr. Saneesh Alappattu with various cultural programmes on 7th June and at that occasion Fr. Joby payyapilly inagurated our First Aid Box. Community also celebrated birthday of Bro. Ajin (Thomman) on 16th June



LA SALETTE NIKETAN, HUNSUR

Inauguration of the New Academic Year and Fresher's Day: On June 9th, we had celebrated the great Feast of Pentecost the Birthday of our mother church and opening of new academic year and fresher's day.

We began the day with solemn Eucharistic celebration presided by Rev Fr. Sajive Maliakal, Provincial Superior of Indian Matha Province. The message of the day was very much inspirational and motivational to our younger brothers. The creative decoration and melodious singing was added more beauty to the celebration.

Cultural Evening: As part of the inauguration of the new academic year and fresher's day celebration, we had cultural program. Rev Fr Sajive Maliakal the Provincial superior of Math province opened the new Academic year and gave the inaugural address and encouraged our brothers. His presence was a valuable contribution to the Niketan community. Our brothers performed their programs very colourfully and creatively. The presence of our neighbouring religious communities and families released the spirit of togetherness and love.

Birthday Celebration: On June, 12th Community celebrated the Birthday of Bro. Benjamin MS. We had Morning Prayer and mass and especially we have prayed for Bro Benjamin's future ministry and Ordination. We had cake cutting in seminary as well as in the school. It was very joyful and blessing day to have such a wonderful celebration in the community.

Feast Day Celebration: On 13th of June, community celebrated the Feast day of Fathers Johny Vadakan, MS, Jojo Kachapalli, MS and Bro. Jomon. It was a very meaningful celebration with the community and we all prayed for their intentions and asked intercession of St. Antony of Padua for their wellbeing. Thereafter we had fellowship meal which was very delicious. As part of the celebration we all visited the shrine of St Antony of Padua in Doranahalli, where we all have experienced the powerful intercession of St. Antony of Padua.

Birthday Celebration: On 30th of June community celebrated the Birthday of Fr Thooyanathan MS. We thanked the lord for the gift of his life and his vocation to La Salette family. Community wished Him all the best for his future mission in Tamil Nadu.

Recollection: Our brothers had their first monthly recollection led by Rev Fr. Thooyanathan MS; it was very prayerful and meaningful one as they began their academic life of this year as well as renewing their vocation.

Cluster Meeting: We the both communities of La Salette Ashram and Nketan had cluster meeting on 30th of June. We had an eye opening discussions on our ministry of both communities. This gathering increased the temperature of La Salette spirits to the members of CB.



MONTHLY INTENTION

Let us Pray for the Province of Philippines



LA SALETTE VIDYA NIKETAN, HUNSUR

Environmental Day: On 15th June La Salette Vidya Nikethan celebrated the World Environmental Day as the part of sharing and caring the nature. The chief guest of the day was Honorable Dr. Pushpa Amaranth, the Mahila President of Congress of Karnataka. Her message was very inspiring and encouraging for our students and the staff members. In memorial of the Environmental day we have planted some plants around our school ground.

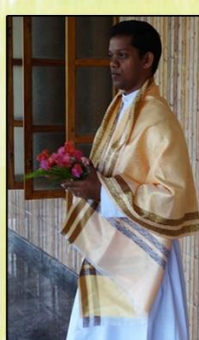
Blessing of the new Bus and Renovation of the Auditorium: The auditorium was renovated and the newly fixed floor carpet has added more beauty to it. The new Bharat Benz was purchased for PUC students.

Water Facility: Purified Drinking Water facility is provided for the students both school and PUC. Now students are in Queue to catch the water.

Convocation Day: The convocation event was conducted on 29th June, and our passed out students were invited and welcomed to receive their Degree Certificate for their successful achievement in PUC. The Chief Guest of the day was Dr. Hemachandra, who delivered a thoughtful message to our students. And the presence of our priests also gave more meaningful to the event. Special thanks to Rev. Fr. Sajive Maliakal, Provincial Superior of Indian Matha Province and Fr. Sebastian MS, Fr. Rijo MS and to all our community fathers.

Birthday celebration: The Birthday of Fr. Thooyanandhan MS was celebrated in the school by cutting of the cake and by wishing him birthday wishes. All shared the joy and gift of his life.

Hearty Welcome: Fr. Anit Mavathara MS, the newly assigned Assistant Director of La Salette Vidya Niketan is active with his new responsibility.



**“Home for a Needy Family” - By God’s grace, we were able to fulfill our dream to construct a new home for a family at Parakkadavu....
Thanks to all who helped us to make it Possible.....**



Days to Remember - Month of July

- 03 1971 Birthday Kalliath James**
- 03 1988 Birthday Kizhikandayil George**
- 11 1960 Birthday Chukkananickal Joy**
- 16 1973 Birthday Peethuruthel Joseph**
- 18 1990 Birthday Kalapurackal Tinto**
- 22 1987 Birthday Poovathinkal Sanish**

