



# PROVINCIAL CIRCULAR

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Dear Fathers and Brothers in Christ!

We are entering into the third month of the year. Month of March offers us an opportunity of self-renewal in the form of season of Lent. Lent is a new beginning, a path leading to the certain goal of Easter, Christ's victory over death. It invites us for a renewed "friendship with God". It is time to deepen one's own spiritual life by fasting, prayer and almsgiving.

Jesus answered and said to her, "If you knew the gift of God, and who it is who says to you, 'Give Me a drink,' you would have asked Him, and He would have given you living water." John 4:10

The above mentioned Bible verse is from the conversation between Jesus and the Samaritan Woman. Jesus invites the Samaritan woman to put aside all Prejudices of Religion and Tradition and to see him a Person, a Gift of God. I feel along with all the traditional and liturgical way of observing the season of Lent, let us take this as a goal: seeing the other person as a "Gift of God"

In his Lenten Message in 2017 Pope Francis emphasized, "the other person is a gift". He narrated the parable of Richman and Lazarus, in which Lazarus turned to be a Gift for the rich man to transform and change.

In our life especially as a Priest and as a Religious we encounter people. God brings them into our Life. The question is how do I see them? When we begin to see them as a Gift, who brings many new dimensions into my life, we transforms ourselves and at the same time others.

In this Season of Lent let us be deeply aware and try to experience our own community members as a "Gift from God" to us. Let us accept them the way they are and try to enrich ourselves and others. Each of our brothers are with lot of potentialities which opens up new horizons of our life, life of our brother and eventually the growth of our community.

The best example to meditate and intercede upon is St. Joseph whose feast we celebrate on March 19. St. Joseph is a model and patron of the Religious. He accepted Mary and Jesus as a "Gift from God" and re organized his life around these two individuals which transformed his Life too. Silently he cooperated with plans of God. He recognized his role in Holy Family and committed himself to its perfection

Our presence like St. Joseph can open up new possibilities in our brothers and help them to unfold the vocation God envisioned of them. The great challenge is to recognize our Role. We discern it through prayer and penance. Once we realize what we are supposed to along the plan of God it makes us free to achieve this goal.

In this season of Lent let us make this as a goal: accepting our brothers and sisters "as a Gift from God" and to unfold the possibilities hidden in them. Let us strive for our own self renewal and there by the renewal of our own community.

May Blessed Mother and St. Joseph guide and pray for us.

Yours in our Blessed Mother  
Fr. Sajive Maliakal, M.S.





## **La Salette Bhavan, Parakkadavu**

**Ordination anniversary:** Ordination anniversary of Fr Benny on 5th February and Fr Joy C, on 23rd February were celebrated meaningfully and colourfully in our community.

**Debate:** On Feb 8th we had a wonderful debate session on the success and failure of our ruling party during the flood affected days.

**Prayer day:** Third Saturday prayer day was conducted and we had more faithful who participated in the program. One of the lay person led the adoration and gave the talk.

**Death anniversary:** A Holy mass was offered for Dn. Bineesh MS in the presence of his family members and we had office for dead at the tomb.

**Picnic day:** On 21st of February our seminarians had their picnic to Kodungalloor at St Thomas church and nearby lake for a boat trip.

**Parents day:** on 24th of February we had parents day and the program began by 9:30 am until 2:30 pm. We had Holy mass, cultural programs, meeting and sharing.

## **Punalur Mission**

**Missionaries visited the mission:** The Punalur mission community was extremely happy to have the presence of Fathers Jenson, Robin Vayalil, and Bibin in this month of February. They came in different days and found time to visit our substation churches.



**Visit of Bishop:** We had a wonderful celebration here in St. Alphosa church, which is added to our mission recently. It's a small church without much facilities. Bp Silvester Ponnumuthan and a new priest (Fr. Nelson, Passionist) also joined for the mass. Since there are no Latin Catholic families around, people from Umanor, Vapala parishes and also few Malankara families too joined there for the holy Eucharist. The whole arrangements were well appreciated by His Excellency. And after the Eucharistic celebration Bp. Silvester visited the Ummannoor parsonage.



### **Days to Remember – Month of March**

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

### **Monthly Intention**

**Let us pray for  
the Province Madagascar**



## **La Salette Niketan, Hunsur**

**Birthday Celebration:** Niketan community joyfully celebrated the birthday of Fr. Johnny as the Rectors and Superiors day. The day was well organized in order to make it a memorable one.

**Formation commission meeting:** The Formation commission meeting was held in La Salette Niketan.

**Board Examination:** The First year students of PU completed their annual board exams and second year and SSLC students are in their full swing for the final Exam.

**Excursion:** In order to have a relief from the study tension 9th and 10th students spent a day in GRS Fantasy Park Mysore.

**Farewell:** By cherishing the sweet memories of each and every moment they spent together in the campus the SSLC and Plus Two students had their farewell organized by their juniors.

**Awareness class:** In collaboration with the Police department the school organized an awareness class for the students related to child abuse issues.

**Tribute to the Heros:** The school paid tribute to the brave jawans who were martyred in Pulwana terrorist attack. We salute the sacrifice of our soldiers.

**Finally it is done:** Tarring of our road is finally done. Thanks to the officials.

## **La Salette Nilayam**

**Blessing and inauguration:** Basilian sisters in Thorredu had their Convent blessed on 6th of February. Frs Jenson and Jobit were present for the function.

**Recollection:** We had our monthly recollection by Fr. Jenson on 8th February, Thank you dear father for enriching us with your thoughts.

**Visitors:** Frs Mathew and Sanish Poovathinkal visited our community on 27th of February.

**Congratulations:** La Salette Vidyanilyam students participated in the state and south Indian level Karate Championship held at Amalapuram and Kakinada respectively. Our smart Karate Kids bagged 21 Gold Medals, 15 Silver and 6 Bronze medals from the championships. Congratulations to the winners and the staff.

**National Science Day Celebration:** La Salette Vidyanilyam Commemorated national science day on 28th February. The students from Class 6 and 7 organized a science exhibition.





## **La Salette Ashram, Kayakkunnu**

**GATHERING:** The meeting for the La Salette Laity was conducted in La Salette Ashram on 24th of February 2019, Sunday at 2.30 pm. More than fifty members attended the gathering. There was an awareness class given by Fr. Jenson MS for the parents, on the topic: "creative parenting in the modern family". After a brief discussion on various agendas and future plans the meeting was concluded at 5.00 pm.

**PERSONAL RETREAT:** Rt. Rev. Dr. Euyakim Mar Coorilos Episcopa the bishop of Mar Thoma Kottarakkara Punalur Diocese, spent a week's time in personal prayer in La Salette Ashram Kayakkunnu.

**PRAYERS:** The Ashram community visited and prayed for Mrs. Saly the elder sister of Fr. Jojohn Chetiyakunnel MS, while she was at the hospital at Karuvanchal. We also visited the father of Fr. Jojohn, who is sick and conveyed our prayerful support to the family.

**VISIT:** The Ashram community was so happy to have the presence of Very. Rev. Bro. Peter Reyan, the Superior General of the congregation of Brothers of St. Patrick who visited with Bro. Manu, who is the younger brother of Fr. Alex Vazheeparambil MS.

Fr. Jiss Kunnumpurath MS. visited the Ashram community in the beginning of the month of February.

**THANKS:** The Ashram community whole heartedly thanked Bro. Prince, who stayed with and helped the community for a period of one and half months.

## **La Salette Sadhan, Bengaluru**

**Birthday Celebrations:** The community celebrated the birthday of Dn Anoop

**CRI Meeting:** First year Philosophy students represented our community for CRI Sannyasa Sangamam of 2019.

**Annual Retreat:** Scholastic brothers and Philosophy brothers had their annual retreat from 22 to 24 of this month. Fr Emil MCBS guided the retreat.

**Visitors:** Frs Jenson, Jineesh Karakkada, Sibi Edakkara, Bro Benjamin and sister of Fr Sibi Edakkara and Augustin Chettan. We thank them all for their visit and inspiring presence.



# LENT

A SEASON OF RENEWAL

