



# PROVINCIAL CIRCULAR

## LA SALETTE MATHA PROVINCE

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**“Why do you look for the living among the dead? He is not here, but has risen.”(Luke 24:5)**

Dear loving Fathers and Brothers,

**I WISH YOU A HAPPY AND BLESSED EASTER.**

Yet again we celebrate Easter, amidst doom of Corona Pandemic. Even after one year of difficulties caused by this pandemic, it shows no decline. Many of the countries report of second or third wave. The governments are forced to make strict measures affecting the normal life of the people. One of it is the faith life. People are compelled especially the sick and elderly to remain in their house out of fear of this sickness. As religious and as priests we have that great responsibility to reach to the people with the message of Easter.

The Lord appeared to His disciples after His resurrection and greeted them, saying, “Peace be to you.” Many times in sacred scripture our blessed Lord offers his peace. So it is in our lives, the Lord Jesus stands in our midst and says, “Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you. I do not give to you as the world gives. Do not let your hearts be troubled, and do not let them be afraid.” (John 14:27)

As we prepare to celebrate Easter, one might ask if this is the appropriate time in the midst of this global fear to proclaim the Good News that Jesus Christ is risen. Those who first witnessed the resurrection offer a response which is timely. To the women who came to his tomb with fear he offered peace. “Do not be afraid; go and tell my brothers to go to Galilee; there they will see me.” (Mat 28:10).

Jesus assures us not to be afraid. The fear of death, sickness and suffering should be replaced with the inner peace offered by resurrected Jesus. He invites us not to look the resurrected among the dead. Jesus is risen! This is the great message of Easter. The light of Easter is reaching to us to transform us and to strengthen us. We experience this in the Easter liturgy, when the darkened Church is lighted up with the light of Easter candle, the symbol of resurrected Christ.

At La Salette, Blessed Virgin Mary too uttered these words, “do not be afraid...”. She came in light as an expression of resurrected Jesus to cast away the deeds of darkness. At first, she casts away the darkness of fear from the children. They are invited to the love of mother. Their darkness of ignorance is removed through the proclamation of the word of God by beautiful lady. They testified, “she spoke of our life”. She invited them to Jesus who is crucified. The cross was “brightening with light”, a symbolism of Jesus who died for us to cast away the darkness of sin.

“Faith is like a bright ray of sunlight. It enables us to see God in all things as well as all things in God.” (St. Francis de Sales) Mary was inviting the children to this bright light of Christ. It was a transfiguration experience for the children like the disciple who experienced it in the presence of Jesus at mount Tabor. They went down the valley of mount Alps to share this joy and witness La Salette.

As an Easter people, let us proclaim the Resurrected Christ knowing that He has brought forth life from death, light from darkness, and hope from despair. As Saint John Paul II says, “Do not abandon yourselves to despair. We are the Easter people and hallelujah is our song.”

This Easter, in these unusual times, let us find within our faith the sustenance and resolve to proclaim, “He is risen.” And we rejoice saying, “Alleluia. Alleluia. Alleluia.” May God bless you with abundant faith, serenity and joy this Easter.

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





## LA SALETTE ASHRAM, WAYANAD

**Canonical Visitation:** The community had canonical visitation by Rev. Fr. Sajive Maliakal MS, from 8th to 10th of March. It was a time of mutual sharing, prayer, and listening to our Provincial Superior. Together with Fr. Mathew and Fr. Jenson, Fr. Provincial visited Bishop Jose Porunnedom, parish priest and nearby religious communities. Fr. Sibi Edakkara MS, also was present in our community during the visit.

**Parish Retreats:** The Ashram Community had the privilege to preach annual retreats in the following parishes:  
March 11- 14, Kattakulam Parish, Diocese of Kannur  
March 18- Convention at Mar Basil Jacobite Church, Thrisslery  
March 21- One day retreat at Edayoorkunnu Parish, Eparchy of Manathavady  
March 22-26- Mandalam Parish, Archeparchy of Tellichery  
March 29-20- Vimalassery Parish, Archeparchy of Tellichery.

### Seminar for MSMI Superiors:

Fr. Jenson conducted one day seminar for the superiors of MSMI congregation of Kannur province at Nellikutti on March 20.

### Seminar for Mathruvedi Members:

Fr. Jenson organized a half-day seminar for Mathruvedi members of Kalpetta Forane on 21st march, at Kalpetta De Paul Church.







**Adoration and Way of the Cross by CML (Cherupushpa Mission League):** On the 28th of March, under the leadership of CML Mananthawady, half-day Adoration and Way of the Cross was conducted at La Salette Ashram. More than 150 participants were present.

**Birthday Celebration:** The community celebrated the birthday of Fr. Jenson. The occasion was graced with the presence of priests from the parish and S.D. sisters.



**Formators Seminar:** Fr. Anit, the vocation promoter, participated in the formators seminar conducted at Provincial House, Bengaluru.

**Visitors:** Relatives of Fr. Anit visited our community and shared their joy with us. Fr. Jesbin, Fr. Sibi Edakkara, Dn. Anoop also visited our community.

**Shalom Shooting:** A group of Shalom TV personnel were present at La Salette Ashram from 15-17. They were visualizing the first devotional song written by Fr. Jenson "Enthoru Snehamenneeso". The song was composed by Jojo Johny and sung by Kester. The Shalom personnel also took a documentary based on Fr. Jenson's mission experience at Andhra Pradesh. Both these programmes will be telecasted at Shalom TV in the Holy week.

**Farewell:** After a period of four months stay at La Salette Ashram, the community gave farewell to Fr. Alex Vazheeparambil. The community thanked him for his presence and service.







## LA SALETTE SADHAN, BENGALURU

**Exam Mood On:** Third year brothers attended their 5th semester B.A exams and first year and second year brothers their philosophy exams.

**Canonical Visitation:** La Salette Sadhan community were in graceful days through the canonical visitation of Rev. Fr. Sajive Maliakal MS, the Provincial Superior from 17th to 19th of March.

**Monthly Recollection:** We had our monthly recollection on 12th and the session was guided by Fr. Saneesh Alapattu MS.

**Novena Devotions:** As a part of our Marian year celebration we had special novena devotion and also special devotion to Blessed Joseph from 11th to 19th of this month.

**Birthdays:** La Salette Sadhan community happily celebrated the birthdays of Bros. Adarsh, Alen & Abins.

**New Motor Bike:** Community added a new motor bike (TVS Luna) to our fleet for the needs of community. We greatly acknowledge and thank the contribution from Fr. Joby Kadambattu-paramil MS to make our life more active through his kind heart to support for us in it.



**Adoration and Confession:** Sadhan community organised a whole day adoration and confession as an immediate preparation to the Holy Week. This was a fruitful opportunity for the hundreds of people around us to prepare themselves for the Holy Week

**Solemnities:** our community celebrated the Solemnity of The Annunciation of the Lord & the Solemnity of St. Joseph with solemn Eucharistic celebrations.

**Palm Sunday:** Sadhan Community organised Solemn liturgical celebration on Palm Sunday and hundreds of people from our neighbourhood joined with us.







## LA SALETTE NIKETAN, HUNSUR, MYSORE

**Blessing of the New Altar:** The most cherished moments for Niketan Seminary, a historical day for La Salette Niketan Minor Seminary, the Bishop of Mysuru, Rev. K.A. William, blessed the new altar in Niketan Chapel on the Solemnity of Annunciation of the Lord. As part of the 175th Jubilee preparations, Niketan Seminary has been renovating the Chapel, Refectory, etc... We are grateful to everyone who supports us in bringing changes in the seminary.

**Canonical Visitation:** The Provincial did his canonical visitation from 21st to 25th of this month. The Niketan community was well motivated with the canonical visitation of the major superior. It was a well-organized visitation. He spent sufficient time with all the members and listened to the words of the members. He appreciated the hard work of each member of Niketan campus. He highlighted the spirit of community living of Niketan members. We are grateful to him for his well-motivated words and inspiring thoughts. May the Lord bless him more and more.







**Solution for Long Pending Land Issue:** The Niketan Community is so grateful to God for settling the long pending land issue concerning our property near to the Novitiate House. We are able to settle the issue in the presence neighbouring members, Mr. Monson and community members. Now, we are trying to solve the pending issue of River-side property. Requesting your prayer support to complete the pending issue of the land.

**B'thday of Fr. Jeneesh MS:** The Niketan community celebrated the B'thday of Fr. Jeneesh on 30th of this month. The community wished him all the best.

**Kappa Cultivation:** The Niketan community had one day "kappa plantation" work in our agricultural land. We hope better harvest this year.



## DAYS TO REMEMBER: APRIL 2021

02	1997	Ordination	Valummel Alex
05	1987	Birthday	Karakkadayil Jineesh
06	2016	Ordination	Parakunnel Bibin
07	2016	Ordination	Chackiath Jino
09	2016	Ordination	Alappattu Saneesh
11	2016	Ordination	Karakkadayil Jineesh
13	2002	Ordination	Kunninu Sibi
	2016	Ordination	Robin Vayalil
14	1983	Birthday	Kallakkudiyan Sajith
15	1986	Ordination	Punnakunnel Jose
17	2004	Ordination	Poovathumkudy Sunny
20	2002	Ordination	Parayil Roy
21	2001	Ordination	Avittappally Baiju
			Chempottickal Biju
			Cheriyadan Rojan
			Peethuruthel Joseph
28	1990	Birthday	Veluthedathuparambil Jobins





## LA SALETTE VIDYA NIKETHAN, HUNSUR, MYSORE

**Exams:** Formative assessment exams were conducted for the students during the first week of March 2021.

**St. Joseph's Day:** 19th of March on the solemnity of St. Joseph the spouse of Bl. Virgin Mary we celebrated the feast day of sisters of Chambery who are collaborating with our school ministry and whose heavenly patron is St. Joseph.

**Honouring:** On 8th of March international Women's Day was celebrated in La Salette Vidya Nikethan. As part of the celebrations the entire women faculty was honoured by the management and staff and gifts were distributed to them acknowledging their selfless service to the school and to the nation.

**Sports Day:** La Salette Pre-University students who participated the Taluk level sports meet which held at Hunsur, and have won prizes in different competitions and were selected to the district level. Three of our students have won medals there in district level and got selected to the state meet which is a great honour for our institute.

**Blessing:** It was one of the long cherished dreams of La Salette Vidya Nikethan over the years that to have a good open stage for conducting assemblies and various programs. On 24th March Rev. Fr. Sajive, the Provincial blessed and inaugurated it during the time of his Canonical Visitation. Along with it the newly built cafeteria was also blessed by Fr. Provincial on the same occasion.

**Canonical Visitation:** As part of the Canonical Visitation Rev. Fr. Sajive Maliakal MS, the provincial superior made his official visit to La Salette Vidya Nikethan campus on 24th of March 2021. He was given a warm welcome by the Vidya Nikethan Band, teachers, staff and students. The chairman of the institute, Fr. Sajive also addressed the gathering of teachers and distributed gifts to the students who won the prizes in the Taluk level completions.







## LA SALETTE NILAYAM, THORREDU, A.P

**Legion of Mary:** On the eve of women's day the parishioners honoured the members of the Legion of Mary. They had special prayer service and meeting.

**St. Joseph's Feast:** We had grand celebration of the feast in the parish as the parish is named after St. Joseph. We began our preparation by three days of Novena devotion to St. Joseph. Priests were invited all these days for the celebration of the Holy Eucharistic. On this day six of the faithful received sacrament of baptism. We also celebrated the feast of Schol. Nikhil. The celebration concluded with 'Oottu Nercha'.

**Busy with the Exams:** Fr. Anil is busy with the semester exams of LLB. All the best and prayers to him.

**Palm Sunday Celebration:** The community together with the parishioners entered into the Holy Week; singing Hosanna to the King of Kings. All the villagers gathered for the celebration of the Holy Eucharist and prayerfully entered into the Holy Week.

**Lenten Retreat:** The parishioners had two days of Lenten retreat led by Fr. Tony VC and team.







## **LA SALETTE VIDYA NILAYAM, THORREDU, A.P**

**Dream Comes True:** At the Feast of the Annunciation of the Lord, the first batch of La Salette Vidhya Nilayam students entered in to the 10th standard on 25th of March 2021. They had a special prayer service and were given the text books.

**Winners:** The students who were participated in the Karate competitions achieved Gold medals and Trophies at Rajahmundry. They were honoured in the school assembly.



**Xerox Machine:** The La Salette Vidhya Nilayam school faculty is blessed with a new Xerox Machine with all the modern technologies. Thanks to Fr. Jacob MS who sponsored it.

**Promise of our Future:** Abhishek, the student of La Salette Vidhya Nilayam participated in a district level Science exhibition, achieved the price in exhibiting his creative idea of protecting the paddy cultivation from cyclones.

**Cancer Awareness Program:** On 27th of March 2021 the students of La Salette Vidhya Nilayam had a cancer awareness program. It was an opportunity for the children to know more details about Cancer and the ways to avoid its chances.







## LA SALETTE BHAVAN, PARAKKADAU

**Visit:** La Salette Bhavan community visited the tomb of St. Mariam Thresia and prayed there.

**Visitors:** The parents of some of the brothers visited La Salette Bhavan as there was no parent's day celebration this year. It was great time for brothers to know the families of their batch mates.

**Picnic:** Brothers had their picnic on the 27th of this month, Muziris boat ride, visiting many important places of history and, visiting Cherai beach. The trip was very interesting and joyful as we had no such trips for one year because of Corona pandemic.



**Monthly Recollection:** Brothers had their monthly recollection on the 15th of March led by Fr. Johnson G Alappattu, Vicar of Parakkadavu. He also gave a motivation class for seminarians.

**Celebration:** We had special feast day celebration of St. Joseph.

**Laity Meeting:** There was a meeting of La Salette lay association on the 20th of this month.

**Examination and Vacation:** Brothers had their annual exams from 22 to 29 of this month. Brothers left for home for their summer holidays on 31st of this month.

**Best Wishes:** La Salette Bhavan had a sent off party to our seminarians as they complete their first year seminary studies and moving towards their next stage of formation in Mysore.







## LA SALETTE MARIAN CENTRE, ANAPPARA, TRIVANDRUM

**Retreat Ministry:** Fr. Joby Muttathil MS is active in his charism of sharing the Word of God. He guided two retreats in the April. Annual Retreat at St. Jude's Church Panachamoodu from 11th to 13th of this month, and also at Fathima Matha church Paravila, from 18th to 20th of this month. Both retreats were highly a blessing for the people and many were turned for the retreat and for the sacrament of reconciliation. This was also a God given opportunity for the parishes to prepare themselves for the Holy Week.

**Musical Ministry:** On March 19th, Fr. Joby Muttathil released a new song on St. Joseph titled as "Neethiman"

**Palm Sunday:** Palm Sunday celebrations of Anappara parish was began from our House. Everything were set in advance by the community and initial rites were ministered by Fr. Joby Muttathil and procession were moved from our chapel to the parish Church on 28th of March.

**Chrism Mass:** on 29th, Monday, community attended the Chrism mass in the Cathedral Church.

**Congratulations  
Dear Fathers  
Johny Vadakkan MS  
Jenson Chenthappinny MS  
and  
Joby Muttathil MS  
for your Latest  
Musical Albums.**

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Lyrics  
Fr. Jenson La Salette



Music Director  
Jojo Johny



Singer  
Kester



Video Musical Album

In Shalom Television

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# Formation Commission Meeting & Seminar

The Formation Commission meeting and a Seminar for the formators were held in La Salette Sadhan on 15th of March, Monday, 2021.  
The Seminar was led by Fr. Paul Achandy CML, Rector, Dharmaram College, Bengaluru.

