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A priest, who had spent years in the religious congregation, approached the Guru with a restless mind. "This religious life does not make me happy at all. I want to give up this life."

"Why do you feel that way?" The Guru asked.

"No one sets a value to my desires and likes. My superiors tell me to go back to a place I do not like. Wouldn't it be better to give up this life and live freely?"

"You may be right. But should I ask a question? What is your actual problem? Whether your wishes are not considered or is it that the congregation does not have dreams about you?"

Since he did not reply, the Guru continued: "Son, religious life of a priest is a call to renounce one's own will and to accomplish the will of God. Believe that God will give us what is best for us through our superiors. If we pamper our own desires, we would be away from the will of God."

Dear fathers and brothers,

It has been only a few days since the new Provincial Council of La Salette Matha Province came in to force. We can trust that it is God's will to entrust our province into our weak hands. We can realize that the congregation can only grow if we give priority to the dreams of God and the Church than our impulsions.

The Provincial Chapter of 2022 took place in the midst of the complications of Covid epidemic. Many serving in foreign missions were, therefore, unable to attend the Chapter. Our Superior General Rev. Fr. Silvano Marisa and General Councilor Fr. Manuel arrived in India to attend the Chapter, but unable to attend as they were affected by Covid-19. And few other priests who serve abroad and across the country couldn't participate due to the Covid protocols. Their presence could mean a lot, even though; we should keep in mind the Word of God, "For surely I know the plans I have for you, says the Lord, plans for your welfare and not for harm, to give you a future with hope" (Jer 29: 11).

I am also in the grip of Covid as I prepare this write-up. Let us move forward with the ray of hope in God. In the message given before the Chapter, let us recall the words of the Superior General, "Religious life, as a whole, is today experiencing a 'winter' of suffering for the many religious who every year leave the community and ministry, of crisis in community life, of difficulty in giving itself a true and clear identity within the Church and to the world today...". We can recognize the fact that each of us is called to the monastic fraternity, and only when we respond standing with the community to one who called us, will our 'frigidity' change and the 'warmth' of the soul work.

La Salette Matha Province has been guided by Fr. Sajive Maliakal, Fr. Benny Thadathilkunnel, and Fr. Jojo Kachappilly since 2019 according to the will of Lord Almighty. Let us thank them for their selfless service to the growth and harmony of our congregation during their tenure.

During the Pre-Chapter was taking place, the father of Fr. Rijo Muttathil, who has been working in Germany, called to eternal rest. None could attend the funeral except Fr. Joby Muttathil. I pray for the departed soul and convey our condolences and solidarity to the family, especially to Fr. Rijo who couldn't arrive India to see off his beloved father who became the flower of the garden of God.

Let us praise God for giving us a new House at Chemperi. I take this opportunity to congratulate the newly ordained priests Fr. Tinto Kalapurackal and Fr. Nikhil Thekkineeth for their ardent reply to His call. And also I send prayerful wishes to Fr. Joemon Edakkala, who started working in our mission in Phoenix. I would like to extend my sincere gratitude to the Superior General Rev. Fr. Silvano Marisa and Rev. Fr. Manuel, as well for being with us last month.

Fr. Bino Poovannikunnel, Fr. Anoop Manchirayil, and I will be with you in all the matters of our congregation in the days to come. Be assured of my prayers. Let us work together for the people of God. May God bless you all!

Yours in Our Lady of La Salette
Fr. Jenson Chenthrappinny MS





LA SALETTE VIDYA NIKETAN, HUNSUR, MYSORE

House Visiting: As part of the Education ministry Frs. Sanish and Kuriakose along with staff members visited the houses of all 2nd PUC and 10th class students. The parents were happy to welcome us since the intention of the visit was to know about their academic life and their family.

FA3 Exams: The third formative assessment exam was conducted for all the students from 1 to 10 standards from 19th to 21 of January.

Birthday of Mr. Ravi V Deepak: The Happy Birthday of our Principal Mr. Ravi V Deepak was celebrated on 3rd of January very colourfully. He was welcomed to the college by a bouquet of flowers. In the presence of all the fathers, sisters and students the birthday cake was cut. Later there was a joyful celebration of the birthday program by the PU students which added more joy to his birthday. The management thanked him for all his remarkable service to our La Salette PU College.

Vaccination for Students: The Covid Vaccination camp was conducted at our La Salette Vidya Nikethan. The CO-VAXIN was given to students all those who attained the age of 15 and above on 7th of January.

Investiture Ceremony: The long awaited day of taking oath of leadership was held on 11 of January for the PU students. It was for the first time the investiture ceremony was organized for the PU students. The oath was preached by Mrs. Sourabha Shidharaju, to the students, the first woman citizen elected from Ward No. 16 Hunsur. The director of the institution Fr. Sanish declared official permission to the principal to form the student's council. The principal received the official written note undersigned by the Manger Fr. Jojo and the director. Thereafter the principal addressed the students about the duties of student's council. Fr. Jojo Kachappilly our manager motivated the students about the importance of leaders in the society. The presence of fathers, sisters, parents and students made the day more worthwhile.





LA SALETTE NIKETAN, HUNSUR, MYSORE

Christmas Celebration: We the La Salette Niketan community celebrated the Christmas in month of January and the celebration was creatively arranged by our brothers. Fire camp, decoration and lights for Christmas tree, gift exchanges, delicious food, etc., were very special.

Ordination Anniversary: Community celebrated the Ordination Anniversary of our fathers Sanish and Kuriakose with solemn Eucharistic celebration and with short programs prepared by our brothers

Birthday Wishes: Nikethan community joyfully celebrated the Birthday of Bro. Jophin.

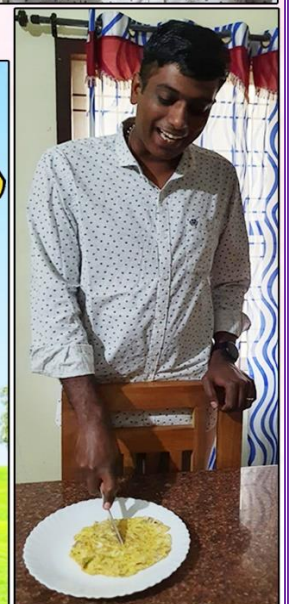


LA SALETTE ASHRAM, WAYANAD

Ordination Anniversary: The community celebrated the Ordination Anniversaries of Frs. Robin Vallattu and Anit Mavathara.

Visitors: Ashram community enjoyed the presence of Frs. Sajive Maliakal, Jojo Kachapilly, Robin Vallattu, Anoop Manchirayil, Sanish Alappatt, Sanish Poovathinkal, Jesbin Pulavelil, Sebastian Uriyarikunnel, Kuiakose Chennelil, and Jineesh Karakkada.

Community Experience: The presence of Bro. Sarath was a great help for the Ashram community during the provincial chapter days.



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| 04 | 1965 | Birthday | Vadakkan Johnny |
| 04 | 2010 | Ordination | Valiyakandathil Jiju |
| 05 | 1999 | Ordination | Thadathilkunnel Benny |
| 06 | 1986 | Birthday | Vallattu Robin |
| 06 | 2010 | Ordination | Uriyarikunnel Sebastian |
| 10 | 1995 | Ordination | Vettathu Jacob |
| 15 | 1988 | Birthday | Chakkittakudiyil Anoop |
| 16 | 1984 | Birthday | Kochuthazhath Anil |
| 16 | 1978 | Birthday | Poovannikunnel Bino |
| 17 | 2003 | Ordination | Chettiyakunnel Jojohn |
| 20 | 2012 | Death | Muttathil Binish |
| 23 | 1991 | Ordination | Chukkananickal Joy |
| 26 | 1990 | Birthday | Pulavelil Jesbin |





LA SALETTE MARIA BHAVAN, CHEMAPERI

La Salette Maria Bhavan, Chemperi, was blessed on January 22, Saturday, 2022 by Archbishop George Njaralakat, Arch Bishop of Archeparchy of Tellicherry in the presence of Very Rev. Fr. Silvano Marisa MS, Superior General, Rev. Fr. Sajive Malakal MS, Provincial Superior of La Salette Matha Province, and Rev. Fr. William Kaliyadan MS, Provincial Superior of La Salette American Province.

PROVINCIAL CHAPTER

6th Provincial Chapter of La Salette Matha Province was held from 24 to 28 January, 2022 in PACS, Kallettumkara, Kerala. Rev. Fr. Jenson Chen-thrappinny MS was elected as Provincial Superior, Fr. Bino Poovannikunnel MS as Vicar Provincial, Fr. Anoop Manchirayil MS as the Provincial Councilor of the Province.





LA SALETTE MARIAN CENTRE, ANAPPARA

Prayers: Fr. Joby Muttathil MS attended the funeral service of father of Fr. Rijo Muttathil MS.

Hearty Welcome: Community enjoyed the presence of our Tanzanian missionary Fr. Dileesh Porianvelil and of Postulant Jophin who served the community during the chapter days of the Province.



LA SALETTE SADHAN, BENGALURU

New Year in Wonderla: Sadhan community organised a one day picnic to Wonderla, Bangalore. It was a wonderful experience for the community to start the year with a thrilling joy.

Ordination Anniversary: Community with great joy and love celebrated the ordination Anniversary of Fr. Jesbin Pulavelil MS.

Help from Fathers Ignatius And Jojo: Father Ignatius Arulappan, a Mariansit priest and Fr. Jojo Pulapayil helped us to have Holy Eucharistic celebrations in the absence of our fathers who were away from home for the 6th Provincial Chapter.

Visitors: We are blessed with the visiting of Fathers Jineesh Karakkada MS and Joby Kadambattuparambil MS.

Republic Day: Sadhan community celebrated the 73rd Republic Day of our nation. We had special holy mass and flag hoisting along with the La Salette laity.

Happy Birthday: Community with lot of joy celebrated the Birthdays of our dear brothers Shan and Blevin.





LA SALETTE BHAVAN, PARAKKADAU

Vacation: After their holiday, all of our Seminarians returned to the community on January 8th. They were refreshed and reenergised after their first vacation after joining the seminary.

Parish Feast: The La Salette Community took part in the Parakkadavu parish's feast celebrations. All the members of La Salette houses in Parakkadavu were invited for a feast day meal at the parish church.

Celebrations: La Salette Parakkadavu community celebrated the Birthday of Frs. Benny Thadathilkunnel MS, Superior, and of Jose Punnakunnel MS, in the month of January 2022. The celebrations were vibrant, with fathers, seminarians, and postulants working together in the kitchen, decorating, and presenting a variety of cultural performances. Community also celebrated the Ordination Anniversary of Fr. Sibi Edakkara MS with a sumptuous meal at Snehabhavan.

Visit of Fr. General: Very Rev. Fr. Silvano Marisa MS, Superior General and Councillor Rev. Fr. Manuel Boniface MS, visited La Salette Bhavan and celebrated Holy Mass for the community. Fr. General was kind enough to give a talk to the young seminarians reminding them of their vocation to La Salette.

Missionaries from Tanzania: Fathers Dileesh Porianvelil MS and Sajith Kallakkudiyan MS celebrated mass for the seminarians and shared their Tanzanian mission experiences.



LA SALETTE VIDYA NILAYAM, THORREDU, A.P

Sankranthi Celebrations: La Salette Vidyanilayam Celebrated the festival of Sankranthi on 8th January with different competitions and cultural programs.

Republic Day Celebration: La Salette Vidyanilayam School Celebrated Republic Day. Flag Hoisting was done by Deputy HM Sr. Angela BS and the message was given by Rev. Deacon Jeevan, VC.



LA SALETTE NILAYAM, THORREDU, A.P

New Year Celebrations: On 1st of January, Nilayam community had midnight Holy Mass & programs to welcome the New Year 2022. After the Mass, there was some games for the children

Feast of Mary Mother of God: On the Feast Day of Mary Mother of God, the Mariyadalam members (Legion of Mary), celebrated their patroness day. We had solemn Holy Mass followed by lunch for all. Around 300 people attended the function.

Birthday Greetings: On 21st of January, community celebrated the Birthday of Fr. Alex Valummel MS.

With the Lord: Thorredu parish community organised a solemn Eucharistic adoration and Procession on evening of 7th January.

