

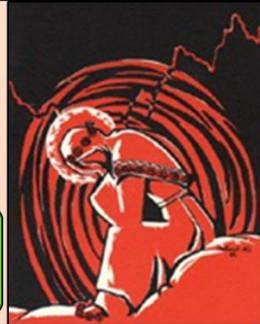


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Dear Fathers and Brothers,

On February 19, during a visit to Archbishop Antony Kariyil, he presented his book entitled "Sapthathi Chinthakal" (The Thoughts of Platinum Birthday). The bishop has shared a thought-provoking story in that book. Let me paraphrase it to you.

A man named Fride was on an evening trip. That's when he noticed someone on the side of the road getting ready to break a chair. Stopping him, Fride said: "Do not dismantle this chair. If you do not want this, please give it to me, and I'll use it well." The owner of the chair was furious when he heard Fride's words. "This is my chair, and I'll decide what to do with it." Saying this, the man smashed the chair into pieces. It hurt Fride's mind a lot.

Days passed. Unexpected tragedies and illness befell the life of Fride. He lost the desire to live. He prepared to attempt suicide. In those days when he thought of his death, he heard a voice like this: "If you do not want your life, can you give it to me? I can fix it..." It was the same question Fride asked the man who broke the chair a few weeks ago. This time he realized that it was God who was asking him. Recognizing this, Fride withdrew from the decision to commit suicide and decided to live in the belief of God.

We have entered the Lenten season of 2022. Our lives can be like broken chairs. Let us submit ourselves into the hands of God. We can vanish the thoughts of worries like 'I have no way to overcome', 'Nobody can resolve my problems.' Cast your burdens unto Him. We can be sure that He will deal with our shortcomings.

You might have read my letter requesting the special prayers for the intentions of our province. Together with Fr. Bino, Fr. Anil and Fr. Benjamin, I am setting-off for a mission trip to Andhra-Telangana. Kindly keep us in your prayers.

In the month of February, our beloved Fr. Jose Punnakunnel MS, visited our houses in Kerala and Karnataka. He had returned from each place with spiritual happiness as all the missions run well by the divine providence. I appreciate his enthusiasm and passion to the province even in the midst of great suffering. Let us continue to pray for his good health.

Together with Fr. Jesbin Pulavelil, I visited the families of few of our priests. Let us pray for the father of Fr. Jose Muttathan, the father of Fr. Jolly Ayyamkolil, the mother of Fr. Jose Manjaly who suffer with old age problems and other sicknesses. I request your special prayers for the mother of Fr. Jiss Kunnumpurath, who suffers a lot with rheumatic diseases. She needs to undergo one more surgery in the coming days.

Let us also seek the intercession of our blessed Mother upon the crisis and war that happens in Ukraine. Let us be strengthened by the word of God, "When the poor and needy seek water, and there is none, and their tongue is parched with thirst, I the Lord will answer them, I the God of Israel will not forsake them" (Isaiah 41:17).

Wishing everyone a blessed Lent with the Passion of Christ.

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





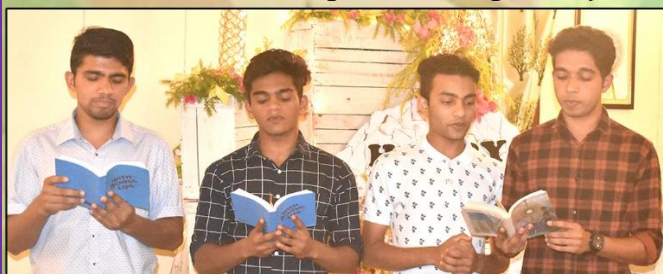
LA SALETTE SADHAN, BENGALURU

Month of Birthday Celebrations: This February was a month of Birthday festivities for the Sadhan community. We had a big and joyous birthday celebration of Fr. Joby Kadambattuparambil MS and followed by a grand and cheerful Birthday celebration of Fr. Robin Vallattu MS, our Rector. We also celebrated Birthdays of Fr. Jesbin Pulavelil MS, Bros. Akhil, Nibin and John. These were magnificent occasions for us with a lot of affection, a variety of cultural activities, and delectable cuisine.

Farewell Party: La Salette Sadhan community bid farewell to our dear father Sajive Maliakal MS, former Provincial Superior, Father Robin Vallattu MS, Rector, and to Fr. Jino Chakiyath MS. We hosted them a farewell party and thanked them for all they've done for our community, as well as greeted them the best wishes for their future ministries.



Presence of Shamberry Sisters: Rev. Sr. Prabha, Provincial Superiors of Sisters of St. Joseph of Shamberry, graced us with her presence. We expressed our gratitude to her and her province for all of their assistance to our province especially in La Salette Vidya Niketan, Hunsur.

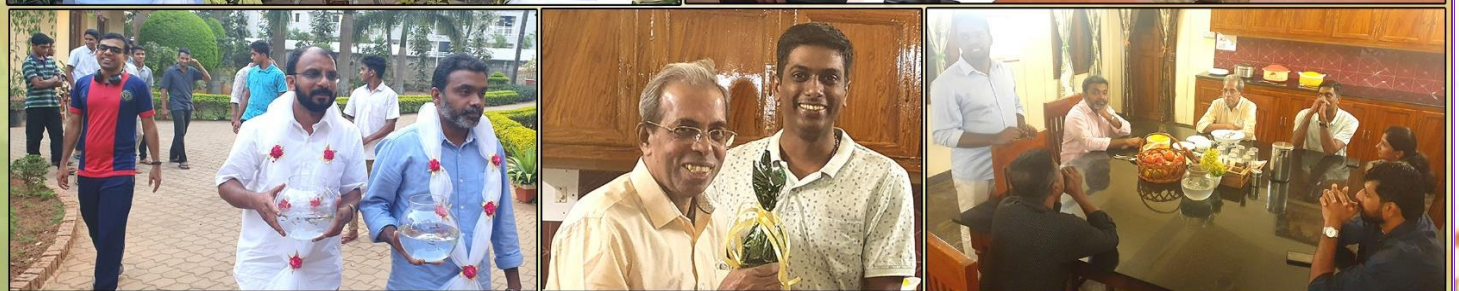




Formation Commission Meeting: Formation commission meeting was held in our community on 12th, February 2022.

Visitors: We were blessed with presence of Fr. Joseph Punnakunnel MS, Fr. Jojo Kachapilly MS, Fr. Anit Mavathara MS, Fr. Jobins Veluthedathuparambil MS, Fr. Sibi Edakkara MS, and Fr. Jojo Pulpayil. Their valuable presence in our community made community active and joyful.

Great Welcome: Our newly elected Provincial Rev. Fr. Jenson Chenthappinny MS and councillor Rev. Fr. Anoop Manchirayil MS were warmly welcomed by the Sadhan community. We greeted them with a thrilling entrance and a fantastic welcome party.





LA SALETTE NIKETAN, HUNSUR, MYSORE

Visit of Fr. JP: La Salette Niketan community had been praying and waiting for the visit of Fr. JP. Father spent two days with us, explaining how the land was purchased, sharing time with brothers and seeing the development of the farm and school. He expressed his happiness and satisfaction over the growth of the campus.

Visit of Fr. Provincial and Councilor: Rev. Fr.

Jenson Chenthrappinny MS, Provincial Superior and Fr. Anoop, had a short visit at Niketan seminary on their way to provincial house. The community wished them and assured prayer support.

Ordination Anniversary: The Niketan community celebrated the 2nd ordination anniversary of Fr. Benjamin on 22nd of this month.

Annual Picnic: The Niketan community organized annual picnic on 27th of this month. We went to see Sukhavana at Mysore, Railway museum and then proceeded to GRS Fantasy Park and later visited GRS Snow Park. It was a wonderful time to relax and rejuvenate and spending time as community.

Community Visits: All the postulants are back after visiting different communities. As part of the Postulancy programme, they spent few days at various houses to know the province better.





B'Day of Rev. Anoop Chakkitakudiyl: The Niketan community celebrated the B'day of Rev. Anoop. The presence of Fr. JP and other fathers added special grace for the occasion.

LA SALETTE VIDYA NIKETAN, HUNSUR, MYSORE

Visitation: Rev. Fr. Jenson Chenthrappinny our new chairman of the school along with Councilor Fr. Anoop visited La Salette Vidya Nikethan on 11th of February.

Sports Day for PU: The sports day was held for the PU students on 19th of February. All the students took part in various sports competitions. The sports day was began with Marathon from Bannikuppe to school. The inauguration of the sports day was initiated with the March fast, pledge of the group leaders, lighting of the lamp and flag hoisting. The students and staff really made use the sports day and enjoyed very well.





Provincials Visits: Rev. Fr. Jenson our Provincial Superior and Rev. Sr. Prabha the Provincial Superior of Sisters of St. Joseph of Shambery visited La Salette Vidya Nikethan on 25th of February. We gave them a warm welcome with the school band and with the traditional welcoming of honouring, garlanding and with crown. Fr. Jenson addressed the students during the morning assembly and later the staff as well.

Practical Exams: The second year PUC students began their final year practical exams from 26th of February. Those who are enrolled for science and commerce are attending the practical exams.

Arts Competitions: Our students from KG to third standard took part in the arts competitions like rhymes, poems and tables. The teachers enthusiastically prepared our students and it was a successful one.



LA SALETTE MARIAN CENTRE, ANAPPARA

Birthday Mood: The Marian Centre Community along with parishioners of St. Jude's Church and Fathima Matha Church celebrated the Birthday of Fr. Johnny Vadakkan MS, the Superior and Parish Priest joyfully.

Synod Preparations: Both of our parish communities initial stage for the various programs for the Year of Family and Year of Synod.





LA SALETTE BHAVAN, PARAKKADAU

Hearty Welcome: La Salette Community at Parakkadavu welcomed our new member Fr. Tinto Kalapurakkal MS who is appointed as vocation promoter residing at La Salette Bhavan Parakkadavu

Celebration: La Salette Parakkadavu community had simple celebration of Ordination Anniversaries of Frs. Benny Thadathilkunnel MS and Joy Chukkananickal MS.

The newly ordained priests Frs. Nikhil Thekkineth MS and Tinto Kalapurakkal MS celebrated their thanksgiving mass at La Salette Bhavan and it was quiet inspiring for the minor seminary brothers.

Ash Wednesday: Some of the community members and seminarians joined the parish community for the Ash Wednesday liturgy.

Death Anniversary: A Memorial mass was celebrated for Dn. Binish Muttathil MS on the 19th of the month.



MARCH 2022

26	1978	Birthday	Chenthrapppinny Jenson MS
26	1975	Birthday	Parayil Roy MS
30	1983	Birthday	Mundithottiyil Jeneesh



LA SALETTE ASHRAM, WAYANAD

Welcoming the Provincial and Councillors: La Salette Ashram community welcomed Rev. Fr. Jenson Chenthrappinny MS, Provincial Superior Rev. Fr. Bino Poovannikunnel MS, Provincial Vicar, and Fr. Anoop Mnachirayil MS, Provincial Superior.

We were also blessed with the presence of Frs. Joseph Punnakunnel MS, Sijo Thekkekunnel MS, Sibi Edakkara MS, Dileesh Porianvelil MS, Robin Vallattu MS, Jineesh Karakkada MS, Fr. Saneesh Alappattu MS, Jesbin Pulavelil MS, Jobins Veluthedathu Parambil MS, Lithin Palakkal MS, Nikhil Thekkinrth MS, and Bros. Joyal MS and Anson MS.



New Roopakood: Fr. Joseph Punnakunnel MS blessed a new Roopakood in the shrine chapel to keep the statue of our Lady of La Salette.

Bon Voyage: La Salette Ashram community thanked Rev. Fr. Jenson Chenthrappinny MS for his selfless service and wished all the best and success for his election as new Provincial Superior.





LA SALETTE VIDYA NILAYAM, THORREDU, A.P

Happy Birthday: La Salette Vidyanilayam School Staff and Students celebrated the Birthday of Fr. Anil Kochuthazhath MS, the Correspondent, on 16th of February with Colourful programs and wishes.

National Science Day: On 28th February, Vidya Nilayam School celebrated National Science day with a Science exhibition. Fr. Alex Valummel MS inaugurated the exhibition. Around 28 models were displayed by the students.





LA SALETTE NILAYAM, THORREDU, A.P

Ordination & First Mass: Rev. Panthakani Joseph Jivan VC of Torredu Parish was ordained to Priesthood on 12th of February by His Grace Dr. Prakash Malavarapu, Archbishop of Vishakapatanam. The new Priest celebrated his first Mass on the following day.

Birthday Wishes: Nilayam community along with the parishioners of St Joseph Church, Thorredu celebrated the Birthday of Fr. Anil Kochuthazhath MS on 16th February. Community organised Holy Mass and a colorful cultural programs in the evening.

Blessing of the Renovated Church: His Grace Archbishop Dr. Prakash blessed and inaugurated our renovated Parish Church. Thanks to all of our supporters, particularly to Rev. Fr. Andrews MS and his Louisiana parishioners, to Rev. Fr. Augustine Cheerakathil MS, and to all the members of La Salette Matha Province. With their help, we were able to renovate the front elevation, main entrance and windows, side walls, and frontal iron truss roofing.

