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Dear Fathers and Brothers,

It is our long-cherished dream to begin one more mission center in Andhra- Telangana region. In view of that together with Fr. Anil and Fr. Benjamin, I started my journey to Andhra Pradesh and Telengana on March 21st. We were able to meet the bishops of the dioceses of Adilabad and Khammam. They were kind enough to bring us to some of the mission areas of their diocese. I am waiting to get an appointment with the Bishop of Guntur this month.

In this message, I wish to introduce you a religious priest whom I met in a mission center of Adilabad. He is Rev. Fr. Amal Raj Paramasivam SJ, a native of Tamil Nadu. He was the provincial of Andhra Pradesh, Jesuit Province, from 2014 to 2020. He also served as the Principal of Loyola Collage, Vijayawada for a long time. After his tenure, he met his provincial with an exceptional request. It was like this: "Father, it is a great need that we have to start a mission in the diocese of Adilabad in Telangana. If you don't mind, please allow me to go with another priest to begin a mission in the diocese."

With the granted positive attitude of the congregation, Fr. Amalraj visited the bishop of Adilabad diocese. Bishop received him with joy. At present, two of them are staying with diocesan priests at the mission center of Indravalli. They are preparing to launch a mission among the Adivasis (indigenous people) of the area.

What amazed me was the zeal of that 85-year-old religious priest. "The people need us for their all-face development. Our presence will help them to rise spiritually and materially. At this age, I can retire if I need to. But I truly believe that a missionary of Christ has no retirement. He has to be at the service of the people of God until the last breath of life. Mission areas are not places with beds of roses. The Church has got an epidemic that the mission areas are abandoned by the missionaries for their quest for a smooth and comfortable life. There is no medicine for this disease other than to be a role model for myself." The words of Fr. Amalraj must have shaken not only my mind but also the minds of those who were with me.

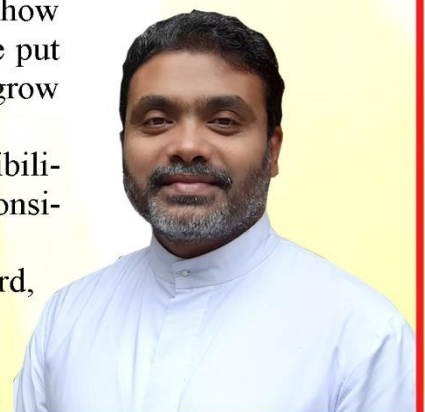
As we enter the silver lining of the resurrection after completing the days of fasting and abstinence, perhaps it is necessary to think if we have the tendency to seek the safest places is overpowering us as well. Let us be reminded that the Risen One was formed from the fiery furnace of suffering. The words of Moses, when he entrusts Joshua as his successor, at the age of 120, are inspiring: **"Be strong and bold, for you are the one who will go with this people into the land that the Lord has sworn to their ancestors to give them' and you will put them in possession of it. It is the Lord who goes before you. He will be with you; he will not fall on you or forsake you. Do not fear or be dismayed"** (Deut 31: 7-8).

We need deep trust in God if we are to break through the barriers of security and embark on the adventures of insecurity. When we face crises in our daily life, we must show loyalty to God and we should cling to the one who called us. When we put the will of God above our own, the Congregation and the mission will grow up. Let our efforts for that be our hallmark.

My prayers and good wishes to everyone who steps into new responsibilities within these two months. Let us joyfully submit our duties and responsibilities to the safe hands of our Master.

Extending prayerful greetings of Passion and Resurrection of our Lord,

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





LA SALETTE ASHRAM, WAYANAD

Warm Welcome: The La Salette Ashram wholeheartedly welcomed Fr. Sajive Maliakal MS to the community. The presence of Fr. Sebastian Uriyarikunnel MS with the community added more joy to it.

Bon Voyage: After the vacation of Fr. Jineesh Karakkada MS flew to Germany for his priestly service with more joy and enthusiasm.

Formation Commission Meeting: Ashram community hosted the first formation commission gathering of this year. All the members of formation commission were present for the meeting.



LA SALETTE SADHAN, BENGALURU

Ash Wednesday: We Sadhan community along with our well-wishers devotedly celebrated the Ash Wednesday. Many faithful from our neighbourhood attended the Holy Mass, and received ashes on the forehead as a sign of repentance.

Hearty Welcome: A wonderful and warm welcome was given on his first visit to, Fr Bino Poovannikunnel MS, our beloved Vicar Provincial.

Birthdays: Sadhan community with lot of love and joy celebrated the birthdays of Bros Alen and Abins.

Visit of Fr. Lawrance: We were blessed with the presence and visit of Fr. Lawrance from Rajkot Diocese. He inspired all of us by sharing his mission experiences. He was also so kind enough to guide our brothers through the monthly recollection and confession.

Exam Mood: Our Brothers are in full swing for their B.A and Philosophy exams.

MAY 2022

07	1953	Birthday	Kollannoor Andrews
15	1984	Birthday	Narimattathil Joyal
20	1968	Birthday	Porathur Joy
	1973	Birthday	Chettiyakunnel Jojohn
	1981	Birthday	Edakkara Sibi
25	1965	Birthday	Ayyamkolil Jolly
30	1973	Birthday	Avittapally Baiju





LA SALETTE BHAVAN, PARAKKADAU

Lenten Season: Seminarians participated in the Lenten services at Parakkadavu parish. They had their Lenten Recollection on the 30th and 31st of this month led by Rev. Fr. Joy Vattoli, CMI.

Transfers: On the 12th of March, La Salette Community at Parakkadavu welcomed Fr. Jiju Valiyakandathil MS at Snehabhavan after his successful ministry in Ernakulam-Angamaly Archdiocese and at the same time community members accompanied Fr. Jose Muttathan MS to Kolenchery parish where he is assigned as the vicar.

Community was happy to welcome Rev. Fr. Bino Poovanikunnel, new superior of La Salette Communities at Parakkadavu. We wish him all the best.

Celebration: La Salette Parakkadavu community had simple celebration of the feast of St. Joseph on 19th of March.

Basketball: Seminarians with lots of enthusiasm began their basketball coaching.



LA SALETTE VIDYA NILAYAM, THORREDU, A.P

Hearty Welcome: LSVN gave a warm welcome to Rev. Fr. Jenson Chenthappinny MS, Provincial Superior & School Chairman on 28th March. It was also a great joy for us to celebrate his Birthday on 26th.

Farewell: LSVN shared bid farewell to our first 10th batch on 29th March.





LA SALETTE NILAYAM, THORREDU, A.P

Hearty Welcome: La Salette Nilayam community wholeheartedly welcomed Bro. Anson and wished all the best for his ministry.

Women's Day: The parishioners celebrated women's day by honouring women in the parish and acknowledged their selfless works in the parish as well as in the families.

Home Mission: Parish community started home mission in the parish by the help of Nirmala Sisters. They are going to the villages and preparing the people for the reception of sacraments

Catechism Camp: St. Joseph Parish conducted a camp for the catechism students. There were almost 160 students from the parish and villages. Students were motivated by the classes taken by Nirmala sisters

Blessed with New Car: The community has purchased a new car by the grace of God. We remember all the benefactors with gratitude.

Birthday Celebration: It was our privilege to celebrate the birthday of our dear Rev. Fr. Jenson MS, the Provincial Superior in our community. We had grand celebration in the Church too. The parishioners conducted colourful programs which made the celebration so vibrant.

Baptismal Ceremony: Fr. Jenson Chenthrappinny MS administered the sacrament of reconciliation baptism for 56 people in the La Salette Church Bobbilanga.



Feast of St. Joseph and Retreat: We had novena in preparation for the feast day of St. Joseph, the Patron of our parish, and there was a retreat for three days conducted by Rev. Fr. Thomas VC.





LA SALETTE VIDYA NIKETHAN, HUNSUR, MYSORE

Science Day: Science Expo 2021-22 was held at La Salette Vidya Nikethan campus on 5th of March. Fr. Sanish Poovathinkal MS, the director, opened the scientific exhibition in the presence of Fr. Kuriakose, Sr. Parimala, and Mr. Ravi Deepak. A scientific quiz was held for high school students as part of Science Day. On this occasion, students were presented with state-level scientific honours.

Women's Day Celebration: On 8th of March La Salette PU college and Vidya Nikethan celebrated Women's Day very joyfully. On the stage, there were a variety of colourful cultural programmes, as well as a few games for the female professors, with prizes awarded to the victors. The men faculty of our institution and school planned a meal for the female faculty on this Women's Day. They had a great time and expressed gratitude to the administration for making this day possible for them.

St. Joseph's Feast Day: The feast of St. Joseph, the patroness of the sisters of St. Joseph of Shambery celebrated on 19th of March. During the assembly there was a small prayer service in honor of St.-Joseph and the management felicitated the sisters during the assembly.

SA2 Exams: From KG to 9th students are began their SA 2 examination on 22th March. It's their annual examination before closing of the school for the annual leave.





Preparatory Exam for II PU: The preparatory exams were conducted for second PUC students from 17th of March. The second PUC students are getting ready for their final exams in the coming month

Farewell: The school bid farewell to 10th class students on 19th of March. The ninth class students initiated various programmes for the farewell of the tenth class students. The hall tickets were blessed on that day for SSLC students. Lunch was provided for all the 10th and 9th class students.

SSLC Exam: The SSLC exam for this academic year 2021-22 is begun on 28th of March. 61 of our students are appearing for the exams. Students are working hard to make great achievement in their examination.



Teacher's Picnic: On 27th of March the La Salette PU and Vidya Nikethan family arranged a one day trip of outing. All the teachers were present for the outing. It was a day of refreshment and relaxing for all and enjoyed the company of one another.

