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Dear Fathers and Brothers,

While writing this message, I travel back with the memories of the initial days of the Andhra Mission which officially started on June 2008. I still recall the mission journey with Fr. Andrews Kollannoor MS, from October 7th to 15 of 2007. We travelled through different diocese in Andhra Pradesh. Some bishops welcomed us offering non-Christian area of the diocese, while some others offered Christian areas. Finally, as the result of ardent prayer and searching, God helped us to find the right mission area to spread His Gospel in the Diocese of Visakhapatnam. The Bishop of Visakhapatnam Diocese entrusted us the Thorredu Mission after a long time of difficulties and struggles in the year 2008. Looking back, Thorredu Mission has grown up in its all aspects. We, the Missionaries of Our Lady of La Salette can be proud about the changes that have happened in this mission land. Our influence is evident in the culture of the villagers, in their faith life and in the area of education.

After 12 years, again we are assigned another mission in Telangana on 1st November 2022 as we carry the message of our Blessed Mother on our wit and heart. In obedience to the message of Our Lady "Make this message known to all my people", we stepped into the new mission at Nuthanakal in the Diocese of Khammam. I do believe that God would help us to enter into the culture and life situation of the people of this mission area.

The official inaugural ceremony of the erection of the new parish had a festive atmosphere. The people were so happy and enthusiastic to welcome us into their village. While boarding the vehicle for the procession and while walking with the bishop in the villages, Fr. Joji, the vicar of Mittappilly, said as follows: "These villagers are carrying the wound of being low caste and neglected. This is the first time a bishop has set foot on their soil. Some of the priests also hesitated to enter their village, and such wounds are still unhealed in their minds. That's why when we walk through the alleys of their village, their hearts beat with joyful rhythms. The wounds that have not healed yet are healing now. They also feel that they are loved and are valuable in the sight of God."

Like Jesus was welcomed on the solemn entry to Jerusalem by the Israelites, the people of Nuthanakal welcomed the bishop and priests. They offered flowers. They made the bishop and priests walk over saris paved as red-carpet on the ways. They washed bishop's feet with milk. Through all these activities the richness and beauty of their culture were proclaimed. If we evaluate these gestures apart from their culture, it may appear awkward and meaningless. It is necessary to understand that the villagers knew the saying how blessed are the feet of those who proclaim the word of God.

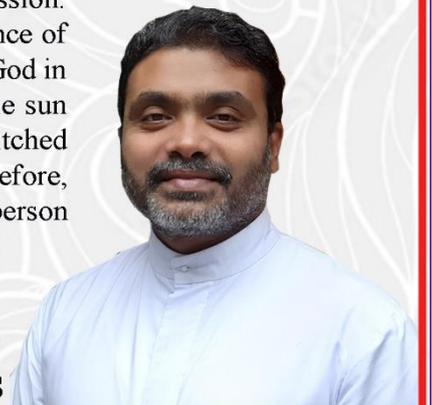
Let us always keep in mind that ours is a missionary congregation. Our blessed mother appeared at La Salette, which was a no man's land, a hill area, a place far from city, and a fringe part of France. It is only after the apparition of our Blessed mother, La Salette as a place got its recognition. We have received the call to go to the peripheries of the world. It is our call to serve the downtrodden. Surely the Holy Mother and Heaven will rejoice when we go down to such places and do the work of the Gospel. I still remember the words of my professor, Rev. Fr. Paul Vadakkumpadan SDB about mission: "When God sends a missionary with a new mission, God has prepared a place, people, and culture. The missionary's prime task is to give Christ to their culture, not to impose his culture into theirs."

As the Epistle of John says "we declare to you what we have heard, what we have seen with our eyes, what we have looked and touched with our hands..." (1 Jn. 1:1-2). Let us not forget that ours is a call to give Christ whom we have experienced to others. Let us pray for Fr. Benjamin and Fr. Nikhil who have been sent to Telangana Mission. We pray that God will bless us to reach out to the poor and give the gospel through this mission.

Let me conclude this note with the words of my professor: "Mission is an experience of an experience. The experience is Christian discipleship. A person who experiences God in Christ cannot but become a missionary wherever he is and whatever he does. The sun spreads its rays, simply by being the sun. Even a simple electric light, when it is switched on it cannot but throw its light around. A flower cannot but spread its fragrance. Therefore, the motivation for mission is not something from outside but it is from within a person who experiences Christ."

Let our congregation always remain a missionary congregation.

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





LA SALETTE ASHRAM, WAYANAD

New Associate Director: On 7th October, Fr Anil MS took charge as the Associate Director of La Salette Retreat center, and the community wholeheartedly welcomed him.

Laity Gathering: Ashram community organised a laity gathering on 30th of October, Sunday.

Visit: Mar Pauly Kannookadan, Bishop of Irinjalakuda Diocese visited our community on 30th of October.

Rosary Devotion: Ashram community along with the faithful had a Ten days of special Rosary celebration to honour our Blessed Mother. On the Tenth day, we had recitation of Rosary from morning 6 am till 6 pm in the evening, which was concluded with Holy Mass.

Day Out: The Alter servers and choir members who help out at our Shrine were taken for a day out to Mysore. Children greatly enjoyed visiting Mysore- Zoo and Sukh- Vana Birds Sanctuary.



NOVEMBER 2022

07	1983	Birthday	Porianvelil Dileesh
10	1976	Birthday	Payyapilly Jobi
11	2006	Ordination	Poovannikunnel Bino
15	1983	Birthday	Chirayath Prince
18	1977	Birthday	Thekkekkunnel Sijo
25	2006	Ordination	Muttathil Joby
28	1974	Birthday	Cheriyadan Rojan

ATTENTION!



LA SALETTE MARIA BHAVAN, CHEMPERI

Visited: Frs. Jince MS, Sebastian MS & Fathers from Ashram community visited La Salette Maria Bhavan. We gratefully acknowledge their Brotherhood and Love.

Life-Banquet of Love: We were fortunate to celebrate the Birthday of Fr. Sebastian here in Chemperi.

Frs. Jince & Sebastian celebrated Solemn Eucharist and led the novena of our Lady of La Salette for the faithful.

Rosary: People in and around of La Salette Maria Bhavan joined together for the Rosary all throughout the month of October. Neighbouring families gathered together on 20th evening for a collective Rosary. Zonal Rosary of both the zones of Edamana and Mannamkundu were conducted in our Chapel. It was indeed a time of blessings.



LA SALETTE MARIAN CENTER, TRIVANDRUM

Feast Celebrations: St. Jude Church, Panachamood celebrated its 70th Feast and the first Holy Communion service from October 24 to 30. Rev. Dr. Mon. G Christudas hoisted the feast flag on the first day. Rev. Frs. Ratheesh Markose, Lijo Francis, Varghese Hridhaya Das, Joby Muttathil MS, and MK Christudas presided over for the novena days. Rev. Fr. Mon Roofas Payasil was the main celebrant for the feast day.





LA SALETTE NIKEHAN, HUNSUR, MYSORE

Rosary Devotion: The community organised ten days of special devotion to Holy Rosary. It was an occasion for us to be more rooted in the power of the Rosary. The celebrations were concluded with a rosary procession from novitiate house to the seminary with lighted candles.

Visit of Ex- Lasalette Film Star: Mr. Antony Varghese, the Ex-La Salette and now a film Star in the Malayalam industry visited the Nikethan campus and spent a day with the community.

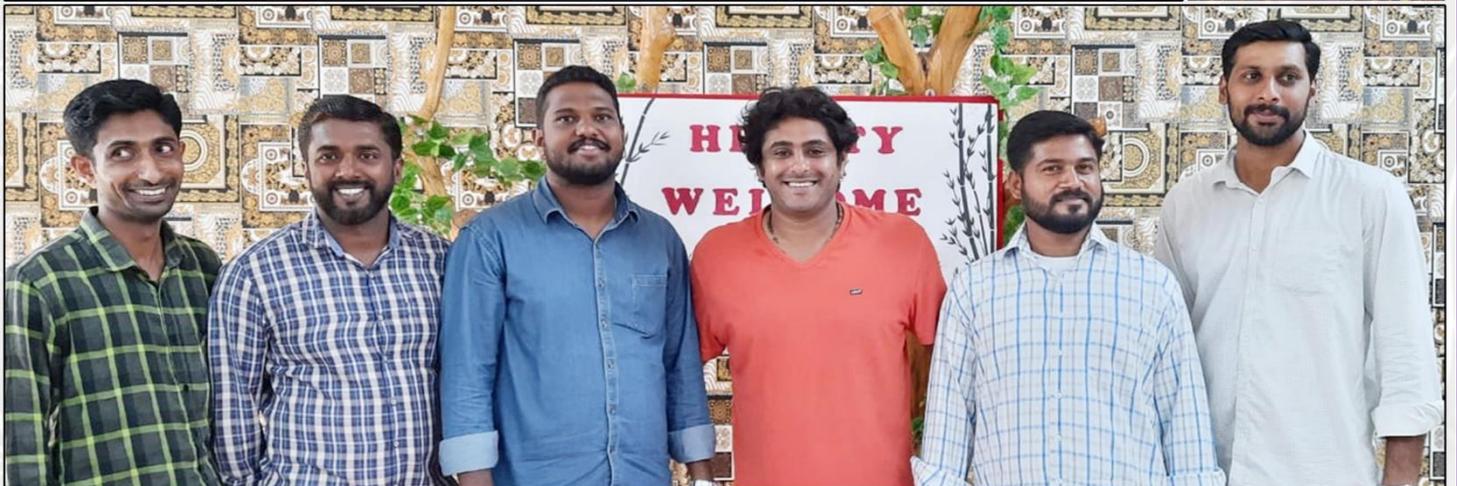
Exam and Vacation: Brothers had their mid-term exams, and after blessed with one week of holiday.

Provincial's Meeting with Novices: Fr. Provincial stayed two days with the novices as part of their half year evaluation.

Birthday: The community celebrated the Birthdays of Bros. Joshua and Austin.

Visit to the Cloistered Convent: The novice master and the novices visited a Cloistered Convent in Mysore for an experience and spent half day with them.

Visitors: The community enjoyed the presence of Frs. Sebastian MS, Mathew MS, Anil MS, Rojan MS, Anit MS, and altar boys from Wayanad Ashram.





LA SALETTE VIDYA NIKETHAN, HUNSUR, MYOSRE

Prathibha Karanji: Taluk level Prathibha Karanji (talent show) for the Primary and High School students were held in Hunsur Government School. Three of our students awarded with two first prizes and one second prize in Darmika Padana Arabic and Marathi and in English poem recitation.

Dance Competition: Mysuru district level dance competitions were held in Mysore in which two of our students Snehith from 7th std and Raksha from 6th std is awarded with 2 first prizes and two second prizes.

Ethnic Day Celebration: La Salette Vidyanikethan meaningfully celebrated ethnic day on 21 of September. The depiction and enumeration of different cultures on the stage was the icon of the programme. It was a great occasion for all the staff and students to get to know more about the various cultures and to show respect towards each other. Each culture is unique in itself and is important. As part of the celebration Rangoli competition was held for the school students.



Red Day: For the Kindergarten students the RED DAY was observed. The KG students dressed up with red colour and posed for the photos. This particular day help the students to identify the red colour.

Drawing Competition: Seventeen of La Salette students participated in the drawing competition on the eve of the first death anniversary of Punith Raj Kumar in Hunsur.





Cookery Show: On 29th of October cookery show was conducted for all our primary and high school students. The cookery programme was based on food without fire. Many of our students participated in the event preparing varieties of Salads, Juice, Pista, Cakes, Falooda etc. It was an enjoyable moment for all the students and staff. Our concern was to prepare the food with hygienic way for the better health.



Kannada Rajyolsava: As part of the Karnataka Jayanthi celebration the government has asked all the students to sing various Kannada songs and uplift the language Kannada. On 28 of September at 11 o'clock, all our students came forward in assembly ground and sang various Kannada songs (Koti Kannada Gayana). It's for the world record purpose that all the students in all over Karnataka took part in it.





ANNUAL RETREAT 2022

The Annual Retreat of La Salette Matha Province was organised from October 03, Monday to October 07, Friday, 2022 at Shanthidhara Retreat Centre, Valvayal, Wayanad. Rev. Dr. Alex Kalathikattil, sdb (Rector, Viswadheep, Bengaluru) guided the community in a spirual atmosphere.





LA SALETTE VIDYA NILAYAM, THORREDU, AP

Farewell: La Salette Vidyanilayam gave a grant farewell to Fr. Alex MS. He offered Holy Mass in the school for the staff and children. Everyone thanked him and wished all the blessings in his new ministry.

Birthday Celebration: La Salette Vidyanilayam joyously celebrated the Birthday of Fr. Sebastian MS and wished him all the blessings of the day.



LA SALETTE NILAYAM, THORREDU, AP

Annual Retreat: The La Salette Nilayam community participated in the annual retreat of the Province for the spiritual refreshment.

Bon Voyage: The Nilayam community and the parishioners of St. Joseph RCM Church proudly gave grant farewell to Fr. Alex Valummel MS for his wholehearted service and dedication to the community as a procurator for the last three years.

Birthday: The Nilayam community celebrated the Birthday of our loving Fr. Sebastian Uriyarakunnel MS and wished him all the blessings.

Visitors: Rev. Fr. Jenson Chenthrappinny MS, the Provincial Superior, and Frs. Bino MS, Anoop MS, Anil MS, Jojo MS, Bibin MS, Anit MS, Nikhil MS visited La Salette Nilayam community and stayed with us on their way to the new mission in Khammam Diocese

Feast: The feast of Our Lady of La Salette celebrated solemnly at Bobbilanka with nine days of Novena and Holy Mass.

Month of Rosary: The parish of community devotedly conducted thirty days of rosary devotion to our Blessed Mother. A solemn rosary procession was organised in the day of culmination.



Hearty welcome
Dear Rev.Fr.Jose MS



LA SALETTE SNEHA BHAVAN, PARAKKADAVU

New Backyard: The backyard of Sneha Bhavn is beautified with space for leisure walk and other recreation activities. Now the whole ambience around the building is refreshing for anyone makes a visit. Great thanks to Fr. Jacob Vettatahu MS for his financial assistance to complete this project.

Hearty Welcome: Sneha Bhavan community joyously welcomed the new member Fr. Joseph Punnakunnel MS.



LA SALETTE SADHAN, BENGALURU

Feast Celebrations: The Sadhan community devotedly celebrated the feast days of Theresa of Child Jesus, Our Lady of Rosary, St. Luke the Evangelist, and Sts. Simon and Jude.

Visitors: Rev. Fr. Bino Poovanikueel MS, Vicar Provincial, and Frs. Jojo Pulpayil, Jojo Kachappilly MS, Anit MS, Lithin MS visited us and spent their valuable time with us.

Rosary Month: Sadhan community solemnly celebrated the rosary month with special 10 days of devotion. The celebrations were concluded with a devout Eucharistic Adoration.

Basketball Match: Philosophy Brothers played a Basketball match with M.S.F.S brothers as part of Inter-Seminary Championship. The M.S.F.S brothers managed to win the game.

Mission Trip: Rev. Fr. Jenson Chenthrappinny MS, the Provincail Superior, and Fr. Anoop Manchirayil MS along with Frs. Anil Kochuthazhath MS and Bibin Parakunnel MS made thier mission trip to Khammam to attend the opening of the new misison.





A NEW BEGINNING.....

The new La Salette Mission, La Salette Matha RCM Church, Nuthankal, Diocese of Khammam was officially inaugurated by Most Reverend Dr. Udumala Bala, the Apostolic Administrator to the Diocese of Khammam on November 01, 2022. Many priests, religious, and laity participated in the ceremony. The renovated presbytery was also blessed by the Bishop.





