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Dear Fathers and Brothers,

During the festal Mass at La Salette Sadhan, Bengaluru, on 24 September 2022, Archbishop Peter Machado shared a memory. Once, he happened to attend a funeral service of a woman. The deceased lady had a little girl who was sleeping calmly during the time of her mother's funeral service. Later, The Archbishop came to know that the particular girl was able to sleep because she was covered by the sari of her mother.

After so many years, when the girl was eighteen, The Archbishop happened to meet her again.

"Even now, in moments of sorrow, worries, anxieties and loneliness, when I am not able to sleep, I cover my face with my mother's sari. Then I feel that I am wrapped in my mother's love. I feel her presence so close to me," she explained to him.

From the La Salette Month of September, we have entered into the Rosary Month of October. As the girl explained about the Sari of her mother, the rosary gives us an assurance of the powerful intercession, presence, and companionship of Mary. At **Lourdes**, Mary appeared with rosary beads on her arms. She reminded the children to pray the rosary. At **Fatima**, Mary teaches the three young shepherds to recite the Rosary every day to obtain the end of the war and the advent of peace: "**I want you to recite the Rosary every day to obtain the end of the war and peace in the world**". The Queen of Peace in Medjugorje reconnects to Fatima and invites to fast on bread and water and to recite the Rosary every day to stop violent wars. At La Salette, the weeping mother invites the children to pray at least one Our Father, Hail Mary, and Glory be.

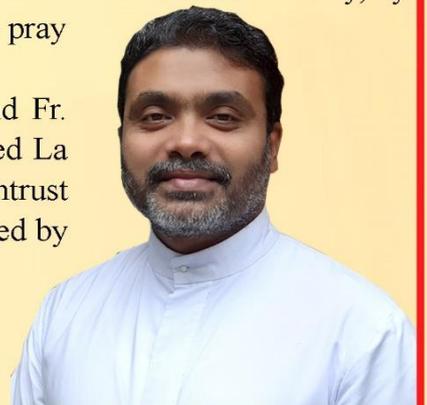
In the apostolic letter **Rosarium Virginis Mariae, Pope St John Paul II** explains the importance of the Holy rosary: "To recite the Rosary is nothing other than to contemplate with Mary the face of Christ. The contemplation of Christ has an incomparable model in Mary. In a unique way, the face of the Son belongs to Mary. No one has ever devoted himself to the contemplation of the face of Christ as faithfully as Mary. The eyes of her heart already turned to him at the Annunciation, when she conceived him by the power of the Holy Spirit. When she gave birth to him in Bethlehem, her eyes were able to gaze tenderly on the face of her Son, as she **"wrapped him in swaddling clothes, and laid him in a manger"** (Lk2:7)"

"In the Rosary we turn to the Virgin Mary so that she may guide us to an ever-closer union with her son Jesus to bring us into conformity with him, to have his sentiments, and to behave like him. Indeed, in the Rosary while we repeat the Hail Mary, we meditate on the Mysteries, on the events of Christ's life, so as to know and love him ever better. The Rosary is an effective means for opening ourselves to God, for it helps us to overcome egotism and to bring peace to hearts, in the family, in society and in the world", says **Pope Francis**.

Dear Fathers and brothers, let me joyfully invite all of you to devote the month of October to Mary, by praying the rosary individually and solemnly in the communities. When we pray the rosary, Mary holds us by hand and leads us to Jesus.

I would also request you to pray for Fr. Benjamin Arugolanu MS and Fr. Nikhil Thekknieth MS who will take their assignments at the newly erected La Salette Matha RCM Church, Nuthankal, Khammam, Telangana. Let us entrust this mission under the care of our Blessed Mother. May all of us be protected by the powerful intercession of our Lady of the Holy Rosary.

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





LA SALETTE NIKETAN, HUNSUR, MYSORE

Vanakkamasam: As a special devotion to Our Lady La Salette, we had everyday special time for Vanakkamasam reading in our community.

Onam Festival: Community organised grand Onam celebration in the community. The celebration was outstanding with the delicious Onam Sadhya with twenty-nine variety of dishes and in the afternoon traditional Onam Kalikal. Fr. Mathew was the chief guest for the celebration.

Visitors: The community enjoyed the presence of Fathers from Provincial House, Bangalore, La Salette Ashram, Wayanad, and La Salette Maria Bhavan, Chemperi.



Spiritual Preparations: Nikethan community organised nine days of Novena Devotion with deep reflections on the La Salette messages. Monthly recollection and Confessions were arranged as part of the spiritual preparation of the feast.

Feast of Our Lady of La Salette: Nikethan had meaningful and colorful feast day celebration. Rev. Fr. Jenson Chenthrappinny MS, the Provincial Superior was main celebrant for the festive Mass. Hundreds of people were invited and a sumptuous meal was served for all.

Celebration Continues: The community members made them available for the feast day celebrations at Provincial House, La Salette Ashram, and La Salette Maria Bhavan,





LA SALETTE VIDYA NIKETAN, HUNSUR, MYSORE

Teacher's Day: The celebration of Teachers Day was a great honor to our respected teachers at our college and school. We had the celebration on 3rd of September, Saturday. The whole day was dedicated for the teachers. Special gifts were given to all the teachers by the students. Lunch was provided to all our teaching staff from the management. The day was filled with cultural program, games, different activities, food etc.

Prathibha Karanji: Our primary and high school students participated in the Prathibha karanji (talent show) which was held in KG Koppal Government School. The programmes like action song, Dharmika patana (Arabic, Sanskrit), Pick and speak, devotional song, English recitation, Fancy dress, Comedy, English poem, Arabic slogan etc were held. Our students have obtained 8 first prizes, 4 second prizes and 3 third prizes.

Taluk Level Sports: Our High School students participated in the Taluk level sports which was on 13th of September. We have obtained 2 first prizes in 100-meter race and discus throw, and one second place in shot put. These students are eligible to compete in district level sports.





La Salette Feast: La Salette PU College and school celebrated the feast of our Lady of La Salette very joyfully. On 17th September we had arranged a procession carrying the statue of La Salette Mother from the premises of seminary to the school and prayer service was held in the school premises. Flowers were offered to mother Mary by all the kids and students. The depiction of the apparition story was the main icon of the program by the students. Festal meal was served to all our staff and students on the day of feast. On 19th of September we declared holiday for our college and school.

Parents Meeting: Parents' meeting was held for the first PUC students on 23rd of September.

SA1 Exam: Midterm exam (SA1) is begun for our students from KG to 10th classes on 23rd September. Students are in full swing to study for the exam and get good result.





Driver's Day: La Salette Vidya Nikethan celebrated International Driver's Day on 17th of September. We invited all our vehicle staff and honored them in front of the school assembly. We distributed gifts for their great services and thanked them for their dedication to the safety of our students. It was the first time this particular felicitation was held in our institution.

Blue Day: Blue day was observed in our school for the Kindergarten students. Kids came to school with blue dresses and brought the items of blue color which encourage them to identify the different colors. It also helped them to understand blue color is for calmness, understanding and imaginations.

Dasara Holidays: The School and PU College had Dasara holidays from 30th of September to 9th October.

LA SALETTE ASHRAM, WAYANAD

Onam Celebration: Ashram community along with SD Sisters celebrated the festivity of Onam. A beautiful Pookkallam and a delicious Onasadhya made the celebration more memorable.

Feast Celebration: It was a gracious time for the devotees of Blessed Mother to seek her intercession through Feast celebrations from September 11 to 19. Hundreds of faithful participated for Holy mass and Novena.



LA SALETTE MARIA BHAVAN, CHEMPERI

Gracefully Celebrated: 176th Anniversary of the apparition of Our Lady of La Salette colourfully celebrated at La Salette Maria Bhavan. The Solemn Festal Mass was celebrated by Rev. Dr. Tom Olikkarottu, The Director of Alpha Institute of Theology & Science, and a meaningful message was shared by Rev. Fr. Jenson Chenthrappinni MS, the Provincial Superior. Around 300 people experienced the festal spiritual banquet on the first Celebration of the Feast of our Lady of La Salette at Chemperi.

Onam: The cultural feast of first harvest, Onam, was celebrated together with the Alter Boys. Pookkalam & Onapayasam brought fullness to the celebration.

Desktop: A new Computer system is installed at La Salette Maria Bhavan. Thanks to fr. baiju for sponsoring.

Neon Lights: The Cross above our Chapel is now electrified with Neon Lights



United in Prayer: Families of Edamana Zone conducted their Prayer Gathering at our House. Rev. Dr. George Kanjirakatt, Vicar of Chemperi animated the gathering.





LA SALETTE MARIAN CENTRE, ANAPPARA

Feast Celebration: The Marian Centre community celebrated the feast of Our Lady of La Salette on 23, 24, and 25th of September. After two years of absence due to Corona, this year we had good celebrations. Fr. Johnny Vadakkan MS, the Superior, hoisted the flag on 23rd followed by Novena, and Fr. Robin Vayalil MS was the main celebrant for the Holy Mass. On 24th, Rev. Fr. John Paul presided over the Mass and Rev. Fr. Tony, Vicar, St. Marys Church, Thekupara gave a meaningful homily.



On 25th, Sunday, Msgr. G Christudas, the Vicar General of Diocese of Neyyattinkara presided over as the main celebrant and Dn. Joyal MS shared a beautiful homily on the apparition event. The celebrations were concluded with a solemn Rosary procession and followed by a dinner for around 600 people. A memorable gathering of around 70 priests, and religious from neighbouring parishes and communities were also organised as part of the celebrations. We were also blessed with a good weather all throughout the celebrations through the intercession of Blessed Mother.



LA SALETTE VIDYA NILAYAM, THORREDU, A.P

Teachers Day: The La Salette Vidyanilayam conducted the Teachers Day with various colourful programs. It was truly a memorable day for all our teaching and nonteaching staff.

Hearty Welcome: La Salette Vidyanilayam with lot of love and expectations welcomed Fr. Sebastian MS and Sr. Georgia, the new deputy Head Mistress to the School

Bon Voyage: La Salette Vidyanilayam acknowledged the committed service of Sr. Anjala for the last three years and wished her all the best to the new appointment.

Feast Day: La Salette Vidyanilayam had a beautiful feast celebration with Holy Mass and cultural programs by the students



LA SALETTE NILAYAM, THORREDU, A.P

Hearty Welcome: La Salette Nilayam community wholeheartedly welcomed Fr. Sebastian Uriyarikunnel MS on 8th of September.

Onam Celebration: the celebration of Onam with Basilian Sisters were a recall of Onam memories.

Visitors: The community enjoyed the presence of Fr. Jesbin MS and Dn. Anson MS during the Novena days.

Feast Day: Nilayam community celebrated the feast of Our Lady of La Salette with nine days of Novena and Eucharistic celebrations. The celebrations were organised in the parish church and on the feast day the VG of Archdiocese of Vishakapattanam presided over the Eucharistic celebration. Many faithful participated and sought special intercession of Blessed Mother.

Mariyathalli: The parishioners of St. Joseph Church, Thorredu participated in the Mariyathalli program in Kakinada under the leadership of Fr. Gompa Manibushana Rao MS, the parish priest.



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21	1986	Birthday	Muttathil Rijo

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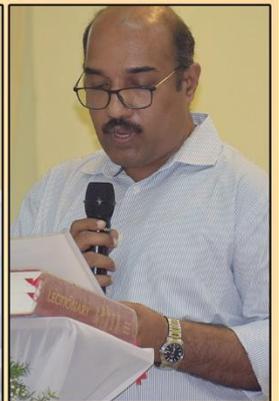
01	1986	Birthday	Koothodiyil Jince
	1988	Birthday	Chennelil Kuriakose
	1989	Birthday	Edakkala Jomon
07	1983	Birthday	Porianvelil Dileesh



LA SALETTE SADHAN, BENGALURU

Solemnities: Sadhan community celebrated the feast of the nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary, the Exaltation of the Holy Cross, Our Lady of Sorrows, St. Mathew, and of the Archangels.

Feast: La Salette Sadhan community cheerfully and colourfully celebrated the feast of Our Lady of La Salette on 24th of this month. We were blessed with the presence of the Most Rev. Dr Peter Machado, the Archbishop of Bengaluru as the main celebrant of the feast day Eucharistic celebration. We also had the wonderful presence and cooperation of the laity and all the nearby religious congregation members, and we were also very privileged to have the presence and support of our La Salette fathers from the neighbouring communities.



Visitors: Our dearest teacher Mr. Ravi V Deepak, Frs. Nikhil, Jince, and Sebastian, visited us and spent some good time with us.

Ordination Anniversary: The Sadhan community solemnly celebrated the Ordination Anniversary of the Provincial Superior, Rev. Fr. Jenson Chentrapinny MS on 8th of September.

Vanakkamasam: Sadhan community along with laity solemnly celebrated the Month of La Salette Vanakkamasam. A rosary procession,

prayer service, and a small offering was arranged on the concluding day.

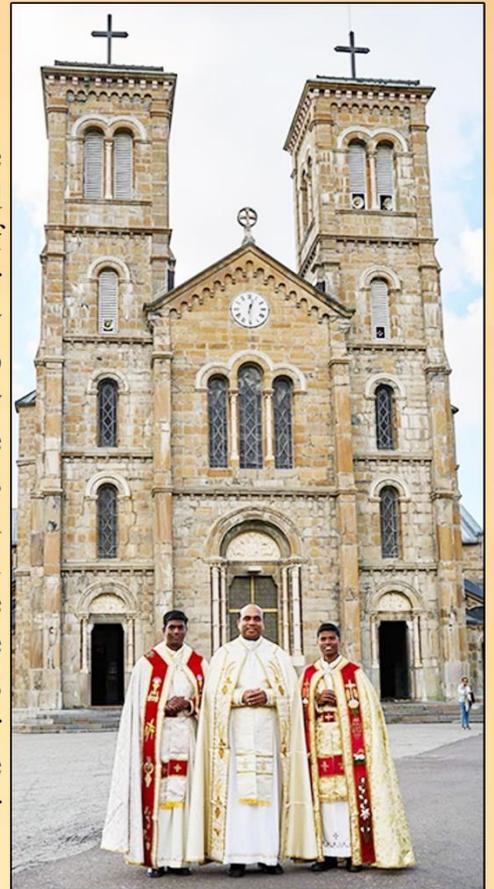
Volleyball Match: Philosophy brothers won their first Volleyball match in the Interseminary championship against Suvidya College



SHORT SHARING OF MY PPP

...Fr. Nikhil Thekkineth MS...

It is the dream of every 'La Salette' to be at La Salette, once in life time, to witness and experience the presence of our Blessed Mother. Indeed, it was a blessed time for me to be at the cradle of our Congregation as part of the Special PPP. We were all together 12 participants from Philippines, Angola and Brazil. Many participants from Madagascar and India could not join us due to their Visa denial. Though it was a short visit, it was an opportunity to experience the real face and beauty of our congregation. The international and intercultural life of our congregation was revealed at this visit. We had three weeks of PPP programs which included different classes, sharing of vocation stories, cultural night, etc. We had Holy Masses in different languages and we were blessed to celebrate 'Syro Malabar Mass' during PPP. The time spent at the apparition site in prayer is beyond words. It was an opportunity to enjoy and experience the presence of our Blessed Mother. I took time to pray for our province and for the needs of everyone who requested special prayers. On September 19th, we had festal mass celebrated at sight of apparition.



After the PPP, I had chance to visit Rome. I was blessed to participate at the Papal audience. I was able to visit Major Basilicas, historical churches and places in Rome, including Assisi. I was blessed to celebrate Holy Mass where St. Joseph Cupertino was celebrating Mass during his stay at Assisi. I am so glad that I could visit and pray at the Basilicas, Shrines and churches of many saints. I gratefully remember Fr. Jenson Chenthrappinny MS, the Provincial and his council for their support. I also thank Fr. Jojohn Chettiyakunnel MS and Fr. Robin Vallattu MS for their accompaniment and support during my stay at La Salette and Rome. I am so happy that my dream to visit La Salette came to be true in my Life.

