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Dear fathers and brothers,

Once, when I went to a restaurant in a shopping mall, I met a couple who is familiar to me. They were dressed up very attractively. Hence, I asked them: "What's so special about today, you look so happy?"

One of them replied: "Today is our baby's third birthday. We came here for a meal as the part of the celebration. Later we will go for a movie too."

"And where's the birthday baby?"

"Oh... We didn't bring the baby. He is at home only; mother will take care of him. If the baby is with us, we can't eat or watch a movie in peace. The kid is very naughty!"

I left them wishing good day greetings. While leaving them, the thought that came to my mind was: "Should they have gone out to eat the day without the baby who was the cause of the celebration? Couldn't they have come on another day for the movie? There are so many other couples who have come to that shopping mall with their children..."

It is no coincidence that this event has come to mind in this month of the advent. Preparations for Christmas are in full swing in our communities, formation houses, parishes and families. While giving importance to external celebrations, pleasures and travels, it is appropriate to think whether we give importance to Christ. When the cause of the festivities is removed and replaced with joy, Christ is still born in a roadside stable, unable to find a place in the inn. Let us strive to prepare for Christmas with humility, purity of heart, repentance and prayer.

Let's pray for the soul of Fr. Joseph Punnakunnel MS, on his first death anniversary on the 8th of this month. I request your valuable prayers for the success of the 'Sneha Sangamam-2023' that will be held this month itself at La Salette Nikethan, Hunsuru. As we come to the close of this year, let us thank the almighty for the abundant graces He has showered upon us. Hoping the guidance and support of the Holy Spirit, let us journey together to 2024.

Wish you all Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!

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





LA SALETTE MARIA BHAVAN, CHEMPERI

Visitors: Provincial and Vice Provincial visited our house in order to check the possibility of shifting novitiate house to Chemperi.

Fr. Jino's cousin Fr. Davis capuchin visited the community together with his friend priest.

New Cook: We bid farewell to our cook Gracy Chechy.

Internal Auditor: Internal Auditor of our Province Rev. Fr. Jince Koothodiyil MS visited the community for the auditing of the house accounts and it's been verified successfully.

LA SALETTE MARIAN CENTER, TVM

Visitors: The Community had few visitors on this month. Fathers Siby Edakkara MS, Saneesh Alappattu MS and Robin Vayalil visited us and had a pleasant time in the community.

Fr. Jince Koothodiyil MS visited our community for the purpose of Internal Auditing. He spent two days with us.



LA SALETTE ASHRAM, WAYANAD

Birthday Greetings: Birthday of Fr. Rojan was colourfully celebrated in the presence of priests, sisters and laity members





LA SALETTE NIKEHAN, HUNSUR, MYSORE

Rector's Day: The community joyfully celebrated the Rector's Day. The culmination of the celebration was in the evening with grant dinner with colourful programmes and campfire.

B'Day of Brothers: We had birthday celebration of Bro. Adhin.



Prayer for the Dead: We the community had special prayer service and adoration on the second of November in order to remember all the departed souls.

'Vanakkamasam' for the Dead: We had everyday special 'Vanakkamasam' prayers for the dead as we remember all the departed souls in the month of November.

Hearty Welcome: We the community wholeheartedly welcomed Fr. Benjamin MS as our new member of our community.

Monthly Recollection: We had monthly recollection on 25th of November, Fr. Benjamin led the Recollection

Visitors: The community enjoyed the presence of Rev. Fr. Jenson MS, the Provincial Superior, Mathew MS, Jesbin MS, Anoop MS, Lithin MS and Bino MS.



LA SALETTE, UMMANNOOR, PUNALUR

Mission Sunday Contribution: As part of a Mission Sunday contribution, our Women Association (KLCWA) prepared 600 Rosaries for the La Salette Khammam missions and Our Lady of Immaculate Church, Mumbai.

Mission Experience: Fr. Mathew Valiakandathil CMI from Bignor, the relative of Fr. Jiju visited our churches and shared his heartfelt mission experiences especially 5 years of social activities along with Blessed Rani Maria FCC.





LA SALETTE VIDYA NIKETHAN, HUNSUR, MYOSRE

Midterm Exam for PU: After all the co-curricular activities we are back to concentrate on the academic performance of the students. The midterm exams were held from 2- 15 November. All the students did well in their exams, we feel proud of our lecturers for their hard work and efforts. On the basis of midterm result we are expecting for 100% result on the final examinations.

Picnic: La Salette Vidya Nikethan took an initiative on making the children's mind refresh in the month of November. So we had organized picnics for classes from LKG to X. Madikeri, Mysore, Srirangapatna, GRS Fantasy Park, Wonderla and Kerala were the places our students have visited and enjoyed.

State Volleyball Match: Our PU Students Harsha and M. Kaif were team members of volley ball representing Mysore district played for the state volleyball match which was held in Hassan. Congratulations to our students.



Welcome Fr. Benjamin: We are happy to have the presence of Fr. Benjamin to our La Salette Vidya Nikethan family. We welcomed Fr. Benjamin on 25th of November.

International Men's Day: For the first time La Salette Vidya Nikethan and PU college celebrated International Men's Day to recognize our men staffs and parents. We had invited all Men parents and staff for a gathering on this occasion. We held a program of awareness on the theme ZERO MEN SUICIDE. Mr. Yogesh Eshwar who is the chief editor of TV5 was the chief guest of the day. The day was packed with seminar and sports. The afternoon meal was provided for all of them.





Children's Day: We celebrated Children's Day on November 10th in our school. The day was completely filled with happiness and joy. Our teachers made their day as memorable one. Teachers arranged assembly, dances, stage programmes and by afternoon sports events were held for the students. The management and teachers supported in giving meals to all students.

Constitution Day Celebration: To mark the adoption of the Indian Constitution by the Constituent Assembly, we celebrated this day in our school by reading the preamble, conducting various events in relation to constitution like quiz, preamble reading and writing, fancy dress etc.

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Sports Day: Two days of sports were conducted for La Salette Vidyanikethan and PU College. The students are very much eager in putting their effort in various athletics and games. Mr. Nataraj Hangodu was the chief guest for the day in which he emphasised about the comprehensive need of upgrading the standard of rural students and he congratulated the management and staff for our fabulous growth. The students were encouraged by giving the medals and certificates.

Visit: Rev. Fr. Jince Koothodiyil, the internal auditor of the Province who brought a special attention to all the students for the sports day event of La Salette Vidya Nikethan and PU College. We were happy to have him in our school as a guest and to audit the school accounts.

ST. JOSEPH'S RCM CHURCH, THORREDU, AP

Jyothirmayi Exam: The parishioners had Jyothirmayi Bible Examinations.

All Souls Day: On 2nd of November all the parish community came together to offer prayers for their deceased family members. We had special prayers at their tombs.

Happy Birthday: With great joy and happiness, the parish community celebrated the Birthday of Fr. Jince MS. Various colourful programs and felicitation were organised for the celebration.

Sports Day: The youths from Thorredu and other villages had sports days to excel in their abilities and team work. The sports days featured a diverse range of events team events and individual challenges.



LA SALETTE VIDYA NILAYAM, THORREDU, AP

Greetings: The school staff along with children joyfully celebrated the Birthday of Fr. Jince Koothodiyil MS, the Director of La Salette Vidyanilayam School. All appreciated his integrity, commitment and dynamic leadership. The students expressed their love by songs, skits, speech and dances. The programs were ended with a fellowship meal for all the staff members.

Orientation Program for Teachers and Students: Teachers and students of our school were motivated and inspired by the class of Fr. Bibin MS. The class was mainly focused on the development of self-confidence for the 10th class students. Teachers were instructed to take classes in a creative way for an interesting classroom environment.



SA 1 Exam: La Salette Vidyanilayam students had SA 1 exams for the lower and high school section.





Children's Day: We had a grand celebration of Children's Day at our school on 15th of November. There were programs and classes on the need for the holistic development of children. We had arts competition for all the students in which they showed exceptional and remarkable performances. Each individual participated in displaying their artistic and creative talents and skills.



Industrial Visit: The students from high school section had industrial visit to Coco Cola factory. The industrial visit was an enriching experience for students to comprehend the process of bottling. We were made into few groups and it was led by a guide. The guide explained in detail about the processing of soft drinks.

Feast Day: La Salette Vidyanilayam School celebrated the feast day of Sr. Flora from Basilian Sisters who had been helping in the school for many years. The teachers and students wished and prayed for her.



LA SALETTE NILAYAM, THORREDU, AP

Birthday Celebration: The Nilayam community celebrated the Birthday of Fr. Jince MS. The Birthday Holy Mass was celebrated by Fr. Jince and Fr. Manibushan gave a short message.

Welcome: The community wholeheartedly welcomed Fr. Robin Vayalil MS and wished all the best for the ministry.



LA SALETTE MISSION, NUTHANKAL, KHAMMAM

November 1st Celebration: On 1st of November, we had the Celebration of the first anniversary of La Salette Matha RCM Church, Nuthankal. The parishioners came together for adoration and Holy Eucharistic Celebration.

All Souls Day: On November 2nd we had celebrated All Souls day in the Parish. There were special prayer service and the Eucharistic celebration in the villages.

Retreat Days: The parish organized three days of Retreat for the people. Fr. Benny SVD preached the retreat and even many nearby parishioners attended the Retreat.



LA SALETTE BHAVAN, PARAKKADAVU

Happy Feast: Bhavan community prayerfully participated for the Feast of Christ the King at Parakkadavu Church.

Hearty Welcome: Community joyfully welcomed Fr. Bibin Parakunnel MS, the new Asst. Rector and Procurator of La Salette Bhavan.

Visit: The newly wedded niece of Fr. Johnny and her husband along with the family made a visit to Bhavan.

Thank You: The seminarians are gifted with a new jersey through



Fr. Cyriac Mattathilanicakal.

Cluster Gathering: Community got a time of refreshment through cluster gathering and a picnic in the mid of November.





LA SALETTE SADHAN, BENGALURU

All Saints Day: On 1st of November we had a solemn celebration for the All Saints Day, the Eucharist was celebrated by Rev. Fr. Jenson Chenthrappiny MS.

All Souls Day: To remember all departed souls and souls in purgatory, we had a solemn Eucharistic celebration on the All Souls Day by Rev. Fr. Jenson

Chenthrappiny MS, followed by the office for the dead.

Birthday: On 4th of this month celebrated the Birthday of Bro. Jesvin.

Deepavali Celebration: We celebrated the Deepavali in Sadhan community by firing crackers and sharing the moments of joy.

Farewell to Fr. Bibin: After being with us in the Sadhan community, Fr. Bibin Parakkunnel MS was given a grant farewell before his new appointment to La Salette Bhavan.

Monthly Recollection: We had our monthly recollection on 8th of this month, and it was conducted by Fr. Jijo MSFS.

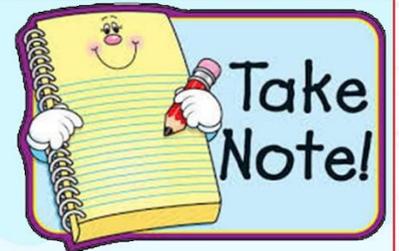
Exams: 2nd and 3rd year philosophy brothers had their philosophy semester exams.

Visitors: We were glad to have the presence of Rev. Frs. Bino MS, Tinto MS, Kuriakose MS, Benjamin SM, Jince MS, Robin Vayalil MS, and Sijo Thekkekunnel MS.

Preparation for Snehasangamam: In order to prepare the hearts of all for the event of Snehasangamam we placed an attractive exhibition board in the seminary.

Feasts of the Month: Sadhan community solemnly celebrated the feasts of St. Martin, St. Charles Borromeo, Dedication of Lateran Basilica, St. Leo the Great, Dedication of St. John Lateran, St. Andrew, and the Feast of Christ the King.

DECEMBER 2023



05	1987	Birthday	Parakunnel Bibin
05	1985	Ordination	Kollannoor Andrews
13	1976	Birthday	Maliakal Sajive
17	1984	Birthday	Chackiath Jino
21	1986	Birthday	Robin Vayalil
23	1987	Birthday	Mavathara Anit
27	2017	Ordination	Kallakudiyan Sajith
28	2017	Ordination	Veluthedathu Parambil Jobins
29	1987	Ordination	Manjaly Mathew





LA SALETTE SCHOLASTICS, NAGPUR

All Souls Day: We had Holy Mass in the cemetery, presided over by Bp. Elias Gonsalves, the Archbishop of Nagpur.

St. Charls Day: We solemnly celebrated the feast of St. Charls Boremeo the heavenly patron of our Seminary. We had Solemn Eucharist celebration presided over by the Archbishop followed by agape.

Ex-Carolian Gathering: We carolian family welcomed our jubilarians those who completed their ten, twenty five and fifty years of priestly life. We had very fruitful time with them and were glad to hear their experiences in priestly life. They were also very happy to come back to their *alma mater*.

Seminary Day: As part of seminaryday celebration we put up a drama called "An Inspector's call" and a dance by our brothers.

Annual Picnic: We had our five days of annul picnic in Aurangabad and Ahamadnagar. We all enjoyed and enthused to explore new places.

Feast of Christ the King: We took part in the forty hours adoration in the Cathedral as preparation for the feast and we had solemn Eucharistic celebration and Eucharistic procession on the feast day at Cathedral Church.

