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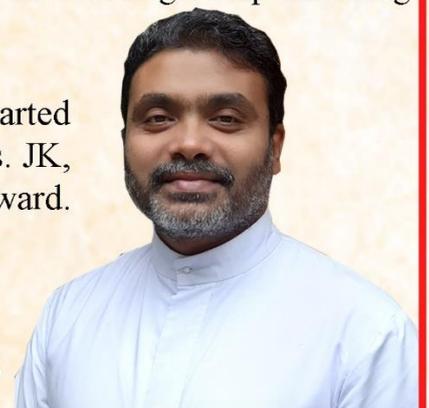
Dear Fathers and Brothers,

There are moments in our life, we feel desperate about doing things responsibly. It may be due to the accusations, and lack of appreciation we receive from others. While reflecting upon this fact; the words of Pope Francis came to my attention. Let me note it down for our reflection.

“You can be flawed, anxious and sometimes irritated, but don’t forget that your life is the greatest company in the world. Only you can prevent her from going into decline. There are many who appreciate, admire and love you. And you don’t know but there are people for whom you are special. I would like you to remember that being happy is not having a sky without storms, a road without accidents, work without fatigue, personal relationships without disappointments. To be happy is to find strength in forgiveness, hope in battles, security in the box of fear, love in disagreements. Being happy is not only to value the smile, but also to reflect on sadness. It is not just commemorating success, but learning lessons from failure. It is not just having joy with the applause, but having joy in anonymity. Being happy is recognizing that life is worth living, despite all the challenges, sadness, misunderstandings, and periods of emotional and economic crisis. Being happy is not a fate of destiny, but a conquest for those who know how to travel within their own being. To be happy is to stop being a victim of problems and become an actor in your own story. It is crossing deserts outside of oneself, but being able to find an oasis in the depths of our soul. It is thanking God every morning for the miracle of life. Being happy is not being afraid of your own feelings. It is knowing how to talk about yourself. It is having the courage to hear a ‘No’ even from those you love. It is having security to receive criticism, even if it is unfair. It is kissing the children, pampering the parents, having poetic moments with friends, even if they hurt us. To be happy is to let live the free, happy and simple creature that lives within each one of us. It is having maturity to say ‘I was wrong’. It is having the audacity to say ‘forgive me’. It is having sensitivity to express ‘I need you’. It is having the ability to say ‘I love you’. May your life become a garden of opportunity to be happy. May you be a lover of joy in your springs. May you be a friend of wisdom and peace in your winters. And when you make a mistake along the way, you start all over again. Well then you will be more passionate about life. And you will discover that being happy is not having a perfect life. But to use the tears to water the tolerance. Use the losses to refine the patience. Use falls to sculpt serenity. Use pain lapping pleasure. Use obstacles to open windows of intelligence. Never give up. Never give up on the people you love. Never give up on being happy, because life is an unmissable show!”

In this month of November, let us specially remember the departed members from our family and our congregation. Most especially, Frs. JK, JP and Dn. Bineesh. Let the mercy of God grant them eternal reward. Remembering all of you and praying for you.

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





## LA SALETTE MISSION, NUTHANKAL, KHAMMAM

**Visit:** On 6th of October, together with the Malankara community Sisters in Kallur, we made a visit to La Salette Nilayam Community, Thorredu.

**Rosary Devotion:** We had solemn Adoration, Rosary and Holy Eucharistic Celebration in every village. On the final day we had solemn procession with the statue of Our Lady of La Salette and house blessings.



## LA SALETTE NILAYAM, THORREDU, AP

**Rosary Devotion:** Nilayam community had special rosary Devotion in the month of October.

**Annual Retreat:** Fr. Jince and Fr. Anson attended the annual Retreat of the province.



## ST. JOSEPH'S RCM CHURCH, THORREDU, AP

**Pilgrimage to Velankanny:** Fr. Manibushan led the parishioners on a pilgrimage to Velankanny.

**Rosary Month:** The church had a special devotion to rosary in the month of October. On October 31, there was a rosary procession and Holy Mass to wrap up the festivities.





## LA SALETTE VIDYA NILAYAM, THORREDU, AP

**Parents Day:** Parents meeting was conducted on 14th of October. The gathering was felicitated by Fr. Manibushan MS. The purpose of the parent-teacher conference was to let parents realise how important they are to the school's overall growth.

**International Girl Child Day:** On October 11, La Salette Vidyanilayam observed International Girl Child Day with the theme "Girls speak up." Sr. Annmariya FCC was the program's principal speaker. The day's primary goal was to inspire females to recognise their value and worth, and pursue their dreams.



**Gandhi Jayanti:** Students and staff took part in a rally to commemorate Gandhi Jayanti. The gathering served as a showcase for the significance of the day and Gandhi's message.

**Dussehra Holidays:** Our students had Dussehra holidays from 15th to 24th.





## LA SALETTE BHAVAN, PARAKKADAVU

**Maintenance:** Bhavan is undergoing number of maintenance works especially in the study hall

**Annual Retreat:** Seminarians had their annual retreat while priests were having the annual retreat at Wayanad. Rev. Fr. Peter OFM. Conv., from Kolbe seminary preached the retreat for seminarians. A special note of thanks to Bro. Nirmal who was with the seminarians while we were in the retreat.

**Rosary Month:** We had our ten days of Holy Rosary celebration in the seminary followed by at the parish.

**Snehasangamam:** An Exhibition Board is made in preparation for Snehasangamam 2023 for placing the News, Competitions & Updates regarding Snehasangamam 2023.



## LA SALETTE SNEHA BHAVAN, PARAKKADAVU

**Blessing of New Car:** We are grateful to the Province for giving the Parakkadavu community a new automobile, which will be mostly used for vocation promotion.



## LA SALETTE MARIAN CENTER, TVM

**Great Memories:** Fr. Jiss visited our community and spent few days with us. We had a great sharing and outing with him. It was great memories of our olden days during our stay here.

**Memorial Day:** Fr. Jobins left to attend 41st memorial day of his father's death day. We prayed during our holy mass.

**Feast Celebrations:** St. Jude Church in Panachamoodu had its feast days from the 22nd to the 29th of this month. By the grace of God, the feast was a great success. The main celebrant for the feast day was the Vicar General of Neyyattinkara, while Msgr. James Culas of the Trivandrum diocese delivered the sermon.

**Prayers:** Fr. Sebastian's grandfather was called to everlasting rest on 29th of this month. Burial took place in St. Xavier's Church, Pallam, on the 30th at 4 p.m. Fr. Jobins attended the funeral service.

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## LA SALETTE, UMMANNOOR, PUNALUR

**Visit:** Mr. Johanas from Austria came to visit our parishes and spent that day evening in the family units as part of his studies and missions.

**Pastoral Care:** Bishop Dr. Selvestor Ponnunmuthan had done his pastoral visit at St. Alphonsa chapel. He also participated in the candle procession after the Holy Mass.

**Holy Rosary:** The month of the rosary was observed by conducting one-week rosary festival in the parishes and family units. One-day retreat and a rosary rally in the street were also part of it.



## LA SALETTE SCHOLASTICS, NAGPUR

**Picnic Sunday:** Scholastic Brothers had one day gathering in Palloti Animation Centre with lot of games and inter class matches.

**Inter Religious and Ecumenical Forum:** Brothers actively attended inter religious and ecumenical dialogue on the topic “A Symposium on Indian Constitutional Values” conducted by Nagpur Archdiocese.

**Visit of the Shepherd:** His grace Mar Sebastian Adayantharath, Bishop of Mandya visited our seminary and celebrated Holy Eucharist.



## LA SALETTE ASHRAM, WAYANAD

**Seminar:** A Seminar was conducted for the people who recovered from the Alcoholic addiction by Alcoholic Anonymous group at Ashram campus.

**Prayer Day:** A vibrant young group guided by Cluni sisters spent a day in prayer at Ashram.

**Pilgrimage:** A pilgrimage was organised to St. Teresa Shrine Mahe by the La Salette Laity group Kayakkunnu Unit.





## LA SALETTE VIDYA NIKETHAN, HUNSUR, MYOSRE

**Gandhi Jayanthi Celebration:** Mahatma Gandhi is lovingly known as Bapu by all Indians. The story of his life has impacted humanity to its core. To revere this day, the Students and Teachers of La Salette Vidyanikethan held a Special Assembly to commemorate the Mahatma's life and teachings on 2nd October 2023. The Student led choir sang Gandhi's favourite bhajan 'Rahupati Raghav Rajaram' with full exuberance. The students of class 1-3 were dressed in Gandhi and Kasturba to bring awareness among the children about the great leader.

A special speech with Gandhian quotes by Mr. Madhukara (lecturer) brought the students to understand more about this iconic leader. Various activities were conducted on this special like Saying Gandhi quote for classes IV-V, Pencil drawing of Gandhiji's portrait for classes VI-VII, Making spinning wheel competition for classes VIII-X and quiz competitions for PUC students. Our students were involved in a campus clean drive with much enthusiasm and vigour.



**Debate Competition:** To improve the critical thinking among the children the PU students had a debate based on values based education. "Value based education is a great challenge for present generation" was conducted for PUC students as part of their co-curricular activities for the academic year 2023-24. 16 students from 4 houses participated in the open debate. All 16 students expressed their views and previews on the subject 8 each spoke on for and against.





**Drama Training and Presentation:** On 9th October a unique programme was held at Rangayana Mysore in collaboration with Kannda and cultural department of Karnatak Govt. The stage was provided to several colleges. Our PU students were trained for a month by drama artists. The stage show called Koolina Kaalaga; battle for food which won the hearts of many artists. 24 students participated in this drama. The show was meaningful in depicting Raaga's struggle to feed his family and they were exploited due to superstitions belief.

**PT Meeting:** PTM was held for PU section students on 10th October. There was a good response from the parents about the performance of the students.



**SA 1 Exam:** From 12 to 21st we had the First Summative assessment. Dussehra holiday were from 22 October to 29th October for our students.

**International Girl Child Day:** On 11th October being the international girl child day, the school assembly was conducted on the theme save girl child. A skit was performed by students that conveyed a powerful message that a baby girl is one of God's most precious gifts.

**New Toilet Block:** On 31st October we had the inauguration of new toilet block. Special thanks to La Salette Matha Province to make it possible for our students



### **NOVEMBER 2023**

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





## LA SALETTE NIKEHAN, HUNSUR, MYSORE

**Rosary Devotion:** The month of October is the month of rosary, so we the community had ten days of special rosary devotion and brothers organized creative rosary each day.

**Annual Retreat:** Fathers and brothers had their annual retreat and Fr. Jose Kurishigal CST (Assistant Director, CST Retreat Center, Bangalore) led the retreat for the brothers.



**Vacation:** Brothers had gone home holidays for one week of vacation.

**Commemoration Day:** The community attended 41st day of death commemoration of father of Fr. Jobins and grandmother of Fr. Joyal.

**Birthday:** The community joyfully celebrated Birthday of Bro. Austin.

**Visitors:** The community enjoyed the presence of Frs. Mathew Manjaly, Jesbin, Anoop and the elder brother and his family of Fr. Kuriakose.

## ANNUAL RETREAT: 2023

The Annual Retreat of La Salette Matha Province was held from October 23-27, 2023 at Shanthidhara Retreat Center, Valavayal, Wayanad, Kerala. Rev. Fr. Bonaventure Rodrigues, the The Spiritual Director, St. Peter's Pontifical Seminary, Bengaluru, guided the retreat.



## **LA SALETTE SADHAN, BENGALURU**

**Birthday:** On 14th of this month we celebrated the birthday of Bro. Joshua, and we greeted him with flowers.

**Farewell to Fr. Prince:** After a few days of stay with us in the Sadhan community Fr. Prince was given a simple farewell, as he proceeded to his new mission in the United States.

**Welcome Back:** We welcomed Fr. Bibin Parakkunnel MS as he came back from the United States after his mission preaching.



**Institute's Day:** On 24th of this month we had the institute's day celebration in Suvidya college. The Solemn Eucharist was celebrated by the Rev. Dr. Sebastian Adayanthrath, the Bishop of Eparchy of Mandya. It was followed by the cultural night, and our brothers did a UV Dance as a part of our share for the celebration.

**Visitors:** We had the loving presence of Frs. Kuriakose, Tinto, Bino, Prince, Benjamin, Nikhil, Jins, Anson, and also Rev. Fr. Dennis Patteriparambil MCBS, the Rector of Sanathana Theology Center, Thamarassery.



**Rosary Devotion:** As we specially dedicated this month to Our Lady of Rosary, we had the 10 days solemn rosary devotion from 10th to 20th of this month. On the 20th we had a Rosary procession and solemn adoration led by Rev. Fr. Jenson Chenthrappinny M.S, the Provincial Superior, followed by distribution of sweets to all who participated.

**Feasts of the Month:** We solemnly celebrated the feasts of St. Therese of Child Jesus, The Holy Guardian Angels, St. Francis of Assisi, Our Lady of Rosary, St. Luke the Evangelist, and Sts. Simon and Jude the Apostles.

