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Dear fathers and brothers,

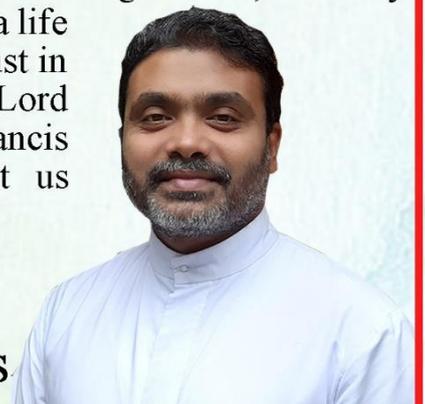
As you know, since the middle of February 2024, I have been in Australia, in the Syro Malabar DiMarch 31, 2024, was a memorable day for the La Salette Matha Province as a missionary congregation. We were able to construct and bless a small Parish Hall at La Salette Mission Church, Cheruvalloor, Punalur, after the Easter Vigil Mass. It was a long-cherished dream of the people of the locality that they have a common place for Sunday Catechism, different meetings, and other gatherings. With the guidance of Fr. Jiju Valiyakandathil MS, the parishioners submitted a request to the provincial council, and we reluctantly sanctioned the proposal. The bishop of Punalur, Rt. Rev. Dr. Selvester Ponnunmuthan, also expressed his gratitude for the missionary activities of our priests in the diocese.

Let us always remember that ours is a missionary congregation with a special charism of reconciliation. Wherever we minister, regardless of place, people and culture, missionary zeal is a necessity for us to function as the disciples of the Lord. This month, we begin our 33rd General Chapter in Madagascar. Along with our Superior General and his council, I request everyone for the gift of personal and community prayer, special remembrance in Holy Mass, and the Daily Rosary for the success of the General Chapter from April 8th to May 5th. The theme of the General Chapter is “A stronger identity at the service of Communion and Hope”.

On May 1st, let us all take time to ponder our religious commitment as our younger brothers Ajin, Sarath, Joel, and Jophin renew the evangelical councils. On the same day, three of our candidates, John, Akhil, and Nibin, enter the canonical year of the novitiate. In this context, it's worth pondering the words of Pope Francis, spoken to the consecrated men and women: “You fell in love with Jesus; you saw everything in him, and enraptured by his gaze, you left the rest behind. Religious life is this vision. A key to perseverance and joy in religious life is to always be aware of the presence of God's grace. The tempter, the devil, focuses on our poverty, our empty hands, the things one did not achieve, the lack of recognition, and the struggles one has had. A temptation that every Christian, including religious ones, experiences is that of seeing life in a worldly way rather than focusing on God's grace at work. Focus on God's enduring love. If consecrated life remains steadfast in love for the Lord, it perceives beauty. It sees that poverty is not some colossal effort but rather a higher freedom that God gives to us and others as real wealth. It sees that chastity is not austere sterility but the way to love without possessing. It sees that obedience is not a discipline but is victory over our own chaos, in the way of Jesus. Looking around, it is easy to lose hope: things that don't work, the decline in vocations, but a life devoid of hope is a worldly one, not one focused on Jesus and trust in God's love and fidelity. We become blind if we do not look to the Lord every day, if we do not adore him”. May these words of Pope Francis enkindle our faith. Renewing our religious commitment let us revitalise our commitment to the Lord.

Praying for all of you.

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





LA SALETTE SADHAN, BENGALURU

Birthday Celebrations: Sadhan community joyously celebrated the Birthdays of Bros. Amal and Alen.

Feast of the Month: We solemnly commemorated the solemnity of St. Joseph, the Husband of Mary.

Visitors: We were glad to have the presence of Rev. Frs. Rojan MS, Bino MS, Sijo MS, and sisters from neighbouring communities.

Birthday of Rev. Fr. Provincial: The Sadhan community joyfully and enthusiastically commemorated our beloved Provincial's Birthday. We enjoyed a spectacular birthday celebration in the evening after cake cutting in the morning. Fr. Bino Poovannikunnel MS, the Vicar Provincial also joined us for the birthday party.



Palm Sunday: We observed Palm Sunday with solemnity. Together with the devout from nearby places, we held a procession from the grotto to the hall with palm leaves.

Maundy Thursday: We had the Maundy Thursday Mass in the evening presided over by Rev. Fr. Provincial. Following the Holy Eucharist, we shared bread and milk to all of the faithful who had joined us as a way of remembering the Last Supper.

Easter Vigil Mass: The Vigil Mass services began in the grotto, and we carried lit candles in a procession from there to the hall. We distributed Easter eggs and prizes following the liturgy.





LA SALETTE BHAVAN, PARAKKADAVU



Laity Gathering: We had a Laity meeting with send-off to our seminarians. We welcomed a few families to our group. There was a cultural program by the family members. Seminarians prepared a group song with a special thanks to all the laity families for being

part of their life. On 21st of March some laity family members arranged a lunch for both communities and for the seminarians as they leave after one-year life here at Parakkadavu.



Formation Commission: On 7th March we had formation commission gathering. Fr. Muthappan OCD from Ayiroor was the guest speaker in the morning session. We had a formation commission meeting in the afternoon.

Hearty Welcome: Fr. Jose Muttathan MS joined with Sneha Bhavan community on 16th of March.

Visit: We made a visit to Fr. Anson's family to meet his beloved mother.





LA SALETTE, UMMANNOOR, PUNALUR

Lenten Retreat: 3 days of Lenten retreat conducted in both parishes in the month of March.
Inauguration of the Hall: Rev. Fr. Jenson Chenthrapinny MS, the Provincial Superior, inaugurated and blessed the newly built Catechism Hall at Ummannoor through the financial assistance of the La Salette Matha Province.



LA SALETTE ASHRAM, WAYANAD

Visit: Major Archbishop Mar. Raphael Thattil visited the Ashram community as part of his annual visit to the Major Archiepiscopal Church Nadavayal.
Lenten Retreat: A retreat was conducted during the Lenten season to help people to prepare themselves for the Easter. Thanks to Fr. Joyal for his time spent at Ashram during retreat.



APRIL 2024

06	2016	Ordination	Parakunnel Bibin
07	2016	Ordination	Chackiath Jino
09	2016	Ordination	Alappattu Saneesh
11	2016	Ordination	Karakkadayil Jineesh
13	2002	Ordination	Kunninu Sibi
	2016	Ordination	Robin Vayalil
14	1983	Birthday	Kallakkudiyan Sajith
15	1984	Birthday	Kochuthazhath Anil
17	2004	Ordination	Poovathumkudy Sunny
20	2002	Ordination	Parayil Roy
21	2001	Ordination	Avittappally Baiju
			Chempottickal Biju
			Cheriyadan Rojan
			Peethuruthel Joseph
28	1990	Birthday	Veluthedathu Parambil Jobins

ST. JOSEPH'S RCM CHURCH, THORREDU, AP

Day of Fasting and Prayer: As part of preparation for lent all parishioners had a special day of fasting and prayer.

Pilgrimage: The parishioners made a pilgrimage to Nirmalagiri Shrine under the guidance of Vicar Fr. Manibushan MS

Feast of Arogyamatha: The feast of Arogyamatha was celebrated at our substation in Sitanagaram 23 of this month.

Liturgical Celebrations of the Holy Week: There was a solemn liturgical celebration with procession on Palm Sunday. On Maundy Thursday, solemn Eucharistic celebration was held with washing of the feet, Eucharistic adoration and confession.

Good Friday liturgy began from Munukodavalli with the Way of the Cross and we had veneration of the Holy Cross. Hundreds of devotees participated in the liturgical celebration.

We had Vigil mass on Easter and twenty-five people who accepted faith received Baptism and eleven of our catechism students received First Holy communion.



LA SALETTE VIDYA NILAYAM, THORREDU, AP



International Women's Day: On the 8th of March, our school honoured female staff members with special programs and gifts on the occasion of International Women's Day.

Convocation Ceremony for Kindergarten Children: The convocation ceremony for the kindergarten children was held on 16 of March and 58 students received the convocation certificates from the director.





Pilgrimage to Nirmalagiri: Class 10th students were taken to the Nirmalagiri shrine on the 14 of March as a part of their spiritual preparation before the board exams.

Board Exams: The annual board for the 10th class students began from 18 March and 23 students appeared for board exam this year.

Wishes on Maundy Thursday: The entire staff wished the priests on the Institution day of Priesthood with special warm wishes and prayers.



LA SALETTE NILAYAM, THORREDU, AP

Visitors: Frs. Jesbin MS, Joy Chukkananickal MS and Schos. Ajin MS and Joel MS visited the community.

Holy Week Celebration: We took part in the parish's liturgical celebration during Holy Week. We had breaking of the bread on Maundy Thursday at our house with the Baseline Sisters. Together, we observed Easter and had a solemn meal.

Installation of Statue of Our Lady: The statue of our Lady of La Salette was installed in Nirmalagiri Shrine on the feast day of Annunciation.



LA SALETTE NIKETHAN, HUNSUR, MYSORE

House Visiting: Fr. Sanish MS and Fr. Tinto MS along with brothers visited all the brothers' houses. It was a great opportunity to meet all the family members and to get to know one another.

Pesaha: Though brothers were at home we had the rituals of *Palkachal* and *Appam Murikkal Susrussha* in our seminary. Our sisters and the family of Jiffy joined us for the Pesaha



Feast of St. St. Joseph: La Salette Nikethan celebrated the feast of St. Joseph on 17th of April. The solemn Eucharistic celebration was held in honour of the feast at our seminary chapel. It was the feast day of our Sisters of Shamberry in which we all the community members wished and prayed for them.

Exams and Classes: PU exams are over and began Classes for Second PU.

Holidays: Brothers are having holidays from 20th of March.

Visitors: Fr. Bino MS, Fr. Jesbin MS, and Fr. Mathew MS visited our community.





LA SALETTE VIDYA NIKETHAN, HUNSUR, MYOSRE

UKG Convocation: The most important part of the day where our little learners walked the ramp in graduation robes and caps with pride. The little scholars were felicitated with Certificate of Graduation by the Chief Guest Sr. Jincy and the Management. Parents were extremely delighted to celebrate their child's first achievement of milestone in their life. It was indeed a proud moment for the parents. Reports about the KG Activities for the year 2023-24 were presented by the UKG students. Two parents were invited to share their experience about the school.



Farewell to Class 10th: A grand farewell was organized for our outgoing 10th students by our school management and 9th class students on 5th March.

Public Exams: Public exams were conducted for classes 5,8 and 9th class students.

St. Joseph's Feast: On 19th March St. Joseph's feast was celebrated in our school. La Salette staff members wished all the sisters and had a short programme in honour of the feast.





International Women's Day: On 5th March we celebrated International women's day in our school to appreciate the womanhood and pays tribute to the indomitable spirit of women in our school. La Salette Vidya Nikethan welcomed all women faculty with a rose and had cultural programmes, food and games for all the women staff.



PU Board Exams: PUC IInd year had their Board Exams from 1st March 2024.

Summer Holidays: 23rd March was the last working day for the students.

SSLC Exams: SSSLC Exams began on 25th March.

1st PUC Result: On 30th March First PUC results were declared. We were happy and proud to see the 100% results.





LA SALETTE MATHA RCM CHURCH, NUTHANKAL, KHAMMAM

Baptism and Rectification of Marriage: Some faithful were given Baptism and rectified their marriage in the parish.

Parish Retreat: On March 8, 9, and 10th conducted the parish retreat by Fr. Jinu Changanassery from Rajasthan. Talks were translated by Fr. Augustin VC.

One-Day Prayer Service: In every substations of the parish, conducted the solemn Way of the Cross, Adoration and Holy Mass.



Palm Sunday Celebration: On 24th of March celebrated the Palm Sunday. We had solemn procession from the nearby town to the Parish.

Visit: Fr. Joy MS and Scho. Ajin MS visited our Mission at Khammam.

Holy Week Service: Fr. Anson MS and Scho. Joel MS stayed during the Holy week and rendered their service.

Holy Week Celebrations: We celebrated the Maundy Thursday, Good Friday and Easter solemnly. Fr. Anson MS preached On Easter day in the parish.

