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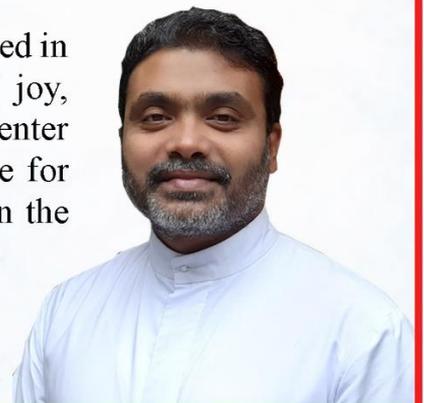
Dear fathers and brothers,

It was in the 1990s, when we were studying philosophy, that the property in Bangalore was bought. As many of us are aware, it was a non-cultivated land, a place of thorns and cobras. The only shadow in the compound was a few Tamirand trees. And there were no buildings around except a few small houses of the villagers. We started cultivation with the water source divined. There was plenty of water in the borewell and fields full of crops. About thirty people lived in the then small seminary building with joy and happiness.

Years have passed. Times have changed. Weather has changed. Nature has also changed. In our new house, there are not as many seminarians as there were then. The number of borewells increased with the minimum availability of water. Building complexes and apartments are all around. The availability of fresh air has decreased. A shower of dust in the air is apparent. Drinking water has to be bought in many religious houses and apartments around the area. The surroundings became thickly populated and polluted. One thing is certain: there is a lot of change all around. Even when changes occur, some changes do not make us happy or satisfied. One of the reasons for this is the change in the ecosystem. In this context, it is good to remember the Apostolic Exhortation *Laudato Si* by Pope Francis, published in 2015. It was the Pope's lament over nature and mother earth. As a reminder to humanity, on October 4, 2023, Pope Francis came out with another Apostolic Exhortation, *Laudato Deum*. In this document, the Holy Father says, "I wanted to share with you about the suffering planet. I have realised that our response has not been adequate, while the world in which we live is collapsing and may be nearing the breaking point" (*Laudato Deum* 2). I would like to share five concerns described by Pope Francis. Firstly, climate change is real and caused by human activity. "No one can ignore the fact that in recent years we have witnessed extreme weather phenomena, frequent periods of unusual heat, drought, and other cries of protest on the part of the earth" (*LD* 5). Secondly, climate damage is often irreversible and unequally distributed. Thirdly, technocracy is not the answer to the emerging problems. "We risk remaining trapped in the mindset of pasting and papering over cracks while beneath the surface there is a continuing deterioration" (*LD* 57). Fourthly, world cooperation is necessary, but our response so far has been inadequate. And finally, humanity is intimately connected with the rest of God's creation. "I ask everyone to accompany this pilgrimage of reconciliation with the world that is our home and to help make it more beautiful, because that commitment has to do with our personal dignity and highest values" (*LD* 69). As we continue our journey let us try to be little more careful in treating our mother earth gently.

Before I conclude this note, I congratulate everyone who participated in the Annual Assembly of the province. It was really a time of joy, happiness, togetherness and companionship. In this month, we will enter into another season of Lent, a time to make inward journey. A time for metanoia and paradigm shift. May the good Lord who spent time in the desert assist us in this season of grace.

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





## LA SALETTE BHAVAN, PARAKKADAVU

**Republic Day:** Fr. Johnny Vadakkan MS, the Rector, hoisted the national flag on the occasion of 75th Republic Day.

**Happy Anniversary:** We were happy to celebrate the ordination anniversary of Rev. Frs. Nikhil MS and Jince Koothodiyil MS.

**Greetings:** The community took part in the 25th ordination anniversary of Frs. Benny Thadathilkunnel MS and Cyriac MS, as well as the Jubilee of Sister of Fr. Sajive MS. The community also attended the wedding of niece of Fr. Thomas Vellappilly MS, and the niece of Fr. Joy Chukkananickal MS.



**Visitors:** Family of Fr. Bibin along with his few other relatives made a visit to our communities.

**Monthly Recollection:** Fr. Nikhil MS gave a monthly recollection for our seminarians.

**Motivational Class:** Fr. Joemon MS gave motivational class to our seminarians.

**Happy Feast:** The whole community participated in the feast day of the Little Flower Church Parakkadavu. On January 23, Rev. Fr. Provincial celebrated Holy Mass, while Fr. Bibin MS delivered the homily.



## LA SALETTE, UMMANNOOR, PUNALUR

**Blessing:** The statue of our lady of La Salette was blessed and installed in St Mark's Church Ummannoor.

**Rosary Making:** The women association (KLCWA) of both our parishes prepared 500 Rosaries and sent it to the Saletion Don Bosco parishes in Mumbai.

**Passover Meal:** We arranged Passover Meal in

order to experience and study the Lord's Last Supper. It was done as the way supper of the lord was taken place.



## LA SALETTE SADHAN, BENGALURU

**Community Christmas Celebration:** We had a wonderful Christmas celebration and exchange of gifts to our crinkles.

**Ordination Anniversaries:** Sadhan community joyously celebrated the ordination anniversaries of Rev. Frs. Anoop MS and Jesbin MS.

**Visitors:** We were glad to have the presence of Frs. Jino MS, Sanish MS, Anson MS, Joyal MS, Tinto MS, Benjamin MS, Nikhil MS, Kuriakose MS and Fathers from the neighbouring communities.

**Feasts of the Month:** We solemnly celebrated the feasts of Mary Mother of God, Epiphany of the Lord, Sts. Timothy and Titus and the Conversion of St. Paul.

**Birthday Celebrations:** The community enthusiastically celebrated the Birthdays of Bros. Shan and Blevin.

**Republic Day:** As part of the Republic Day celebrations, we distributed sweets to all those who participated in the Eucharist.

**Provincial Assembly:** All the Fathers from our community attended the Provincial Assembly at Parakkadavu.



## LA SALETTE SCHOLASTICS, NAGPUR

**Annual Children's Meet:** We conducted Annual Children's Meet, a day for the children with lot of fun games and cultural activities. It is being conducted by the second year theologians who are involved in social work.

**Christian Unity Octave:** We had the opportunity to attend the prayer services of different denominations in the Christian Unity Octave. The concluding day was in our seminary conducted by Carolian theological forum.

**Birthday:** We celebrated the Birthday of Scho. Jophin Thakkolkaran MS on January 11.





## LA SALETTE MISSION, NUTHANKAL, KHAMMAM

**Memorial Mass:** We attended memorial Mass for the departed soul of Fr. Suvarnaraj, the elder brother of Fr. Benjamin On 3rd of January.

**Fasting Prayer and Novena:** On January 13th we conducted the fasting prayer and Novena to Our Lady of La Salette.

**Singing Class:** Mr. Ravi, one of the Parish catechist voluntarily took initiative to teach music for the parishioners.

**Visit to Our Mission at Nuthankal:** Fr. Mathew MS and Fr. Augustine MS visited Our Mission at

Khammam On 31st of January. They paid visit to all our Mission stations.



## LA SALETTE ASHRAM, WAYANAD

**Ordination Anniversary:** Ashram community celebrated the Ordination Anniversary of Frs. Sijo Thekkekunnel MS and George Kizhikandayil MS on 10th and 17th of January respectively.

**Send-Off:** Ashram community thankfully gave a send-off to Fr. Anoop Kechery, the Asst. Parish Priest.





## LA SALETTE NIKETHAN, HUNSUR, MYSORE

**Death Anniversary:** The community members attended the first death anniversary of father of Fr. Kuriakose on 2nd January 2024 at Major Archi Episcopal Martha Mariam Church, Kuravilangad.

**Cluster Gathering and Jubilee Celebration of Fr. Benny Thadathikunnel M.S:** We celebrated the Jubilee of Fr. Benny Thadathikunnel MS at Nikethan seminary together with all the cluster members from Mananthavady and Chempery communities on 3rd of January 2024.

**Ordination Anniversary of Fathers:** Though the ordination anniversaries of our priests are different days in the month of January, the community celebrated together on 20th of January, 2024. We thanked each community members for their selfless dedication and prayed for them.



**Farewell to Fr. Kuriakose Chennelil MS:** The Community gave a grant farewell to Fr. Kuriakose Chennelil MS. The members thanked him for his tireless dedication and service. We wished him all the best for the new ministry.

**Engagement Ceremony:** The community members attended the Engagement of our kitchen staff's daughter on 22nd of January 2024.

**Visitors:** Frs: Benny MS, Rojan MS, Sanish MS, Binu MS, Jino MS, parish priest and sisters of Fr. Tinto MS made a visit to the community.





## LA SALETTE VIDYA NIKETHAN, HUNSUR, MYOSRE

**Birthday of Principal Mr. Ravi.V.Deepak:** On 3rd of January with all its pomp and show we celebrated Ravi Sir's Birthday. La Salette PU section had separate birthday celebration in the morning.

**Students Home Visit:** We visited the houses of students of class X and PUC in order to establish a connection with students and their families understand the home environment and its potential impact on students learning

as they are preparing for the Board Exam. This visit was to build trust and rapport with the parents.



**Health Camp:** La Salette Vidyanikethan along with Gopal Gowda Hospital, Mysore organised a health camp to ensure free medical check-up for those patients who cannot afford the hospital expenses on 18th January 2024. Almost 400 patients benefited from it.

**Practical Exams of PU:** From 22 to 24th January first PUC had their final Practical Exams.

**F4 Exams:** For classes 5,8,9,10 we conducted the exams early since they have to appear this year for public exams.

**Preparatory Exams for PU:** From 16th January to 22nd January second PUC had their pre-board exams.

**Classes on Ayurveda/ Naturopathy:** A class was conducted for the higher primary students on Ayurveda and use of natural medicine.





**Republic Day Celebration:** 75th Republic day was celebrated with reverence and pride in our school. Mr. Ravi V Deepak, the Principal, unfurled the national flag and gave the message how to instil and imbibe constitutional values in our lives as well as in the lives of students. All the staffs and students were present for the function.

**Martyrs' Day:** Martyrs' Day, also known as Shaheed Diwas, was observed in our school on January 30. We did pay homage to all the martyrs' by observing two minutes of silence at 11 am. The day is dedicated to pay homage to the courageous soldiers who sacrificed their lives for their motherland. It also marks the assassination of Mahatma Gandhi in 1948.

## FEBRUARY 2023

01	1980	Birthday	Kadambattuparambil Joby
02	1975	Birthday	Chempottickal Biju
04	1965	Birthday	Vadakkan Johnny
04	2010	Ordination	Valiyakandathil Jiju
05	1999	Ordination	Thadathilkunnel Benny
06	1986	Birthday	Vallattu Robin
06	2010	Ordination	Uriyarikunnel Sebastian
10	1995	Ordination	Vettathu Jacob
16	1984	Birthday	Kochuthazhath Anil
16	1978	Birthday	Poovannikunnel Bino
17	2003	Ordination	Chettiyakunnel Jojohn
20	2012	Death	Muttathil Binish
22	2020	Ordination	Arugolanu Benjamin
23	1991	Ordination	Chukkananickal Joy
26	1990	Birthday	Pulavelil Jesbin



## LA SALETTE NILAYAM, THORREDU, AP

**Visitors:** We are blessed with visiting of dear Frs. Mathew Manjaly MS, Augustine Cheerakathil MS and Bibin Parakunnel MS.

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

**New Year Celebrations:** On 1st of January, The Parish community had midnight Holy Mass & programs to welcome the New Year 2024.

**Feast of Mary Mother of God:** On the Feast Day of Mary Mother of God, the *Mariyadalam* members, celebrated their patroness day. We had solemn Holy Mass followed by lunch for all. Many people attended the function.



## LA SALETTE VIDYA NILAYAM, THORREDU, AP

**New Year Celebration:** La Salette Vidyanilayam saluted new year with a program called "Promise Taking", where all staff gathered and recited a short Bible passage as a promise from God for the whole year. The program commenced with a short prayer for the school.

**Makar Sankranti Celebration:** La Salette Vidyanilayam celebrated Makar Sankranti on 9th January. This celebration helped the children to understand the importance of the

harvest festival and helped to inculcate moral values like politeness, sharing, respect towards elders, and respect for nature. Children marked this day with various competitions like Rangoli, Kite flying

**Food Fest:** La Salette Vidyanilayam school organized food fest on the occasion of Sankranti celebration. The main objective behind the event was making the children aware of the names of various food items and the rich culture of our nation. Children beautifully showcased the signature dishes and the fair was a huge success. It instilled a sense of pride among the students about the diversity of Indian cuisines.





**Ethnic Dress Competition:** Ethnic dresses are an integral aspect of every cultural beliefs. We organized an ethnic dress competition as part of our Makar Sankranti celebration. It helped children to showcase their cultural identity and tradition. It was an interesting and thrilling experience for the kids.

**Global Olympiad Exams:** We conducted Orange Global Olympiad exams on science and mathematics. Our students bagged 1 gold medal, 2 silver medals, and 1 bronze medal for mathematics and 7 gold medals, 4 silver medals, and 4 bronze medals for science subjects. In addition to it, 3 students bagged the title of school topper award in Olympiad exam. They collected cash prize with medals and certificates.

**Visit:** We were blessed to have the presence of Frs. Mathew MS, Agustin MS and Bibin MS. It was jovial occasion for LSVN family. School staff and students greeted our fathers with a welcome song. Fr. Mathew addressed our staff and students and shared what was his vision for school ministry. Fr. Mathew and Fr. Augustine expressed their contentment in the growth of our school. Their visit was a cordial occasion for all.

**Republic Day Celebration:** On the occasion of Republic day, we paid homage to our nation by hoisting national flag. Fr. Robin gave a beautiful message on Patriotism.



# PROVINCIAL ASSEMBLY 2024

The Provincial Assembly 2024 was held from January 24 to 26 at La Salette Sneha Bhavan, Parakkadavu, Rev. Ft. Dr. Raphael Kalan Ofm. cap, the Provincial Superior of St. Thomas Province, Alwaye, conducted input session.

