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Dear fathers and brothers,

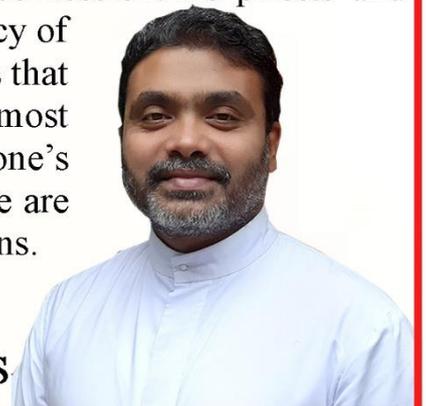
One of my friends, a priest, shared in sorrow, “It’s a reality that even priests postpone their confessions. Some are reluctant to sit for confessions, while others do it without much conviction. And some do not make confessions at all.” It may be true for some, but not for many. The statement made me think about the need for confession.

How often do we go for confessions? How do we confess? Do we believe in the sacramental grace of confessions? These are some of the questions to be pondered. The confessions, as we have them today, are the fruit of many changes over two thousand years. Once confessions were public, so was penance. Now it is personal or private. For confession to be fruitful, the penitent must have a healthy sense of sin, to be able to say, ‘I am a sinner’. He also should believe in the sacramental grace and forgiveness of God. To be able to admit that ‘I am a sinner’ is a grace. Sin is not only breaking a rule or commandment or not keeping a promise. But the seriousness of sin also means that it is a breakdown in relationships; the vital relationships with God, others, and nature.

For confession to be fruitful, one should firmly believe in the unconditional forgiveness granted by God. Faith in God’s forgiveness is an absolute must for an effective confession. To accept God’s forgiveness, one must truly forgive oneself, as God forgave him. One must give oneself absolution. In this regard, it’s also worth pondering penance. We know that penance is part of confession. In the strict sense, Jesus didn’t give concrete penance to Peter, the Samaritan woman, the woman caught in adultery, Zacchaeus, etc. Instead, they decided to follow Jesus after they were forgiven. In the history of the Church, we know that it once imposed on public sinners very heavy penances, like excommunication and scourging. Today, penance may be reciting some prayers or engaging in other spiritual activities. We may wonder how reciting beautiful prayers can compensate for sins!

It should be clear that no one can perform adequate penance, even for the smallest sin that is committed. One must be able to go beyond doing penance to the act of reparation and true conversion. That must be the true spirit that is behind every confession. As priests and religious, we need to still grow, depend, and be rooted in the mercy of God; because confession ultimately brings us mercy. It teaches us that we need the grace of God to walk on. Therefore, what is most important for a proper confession is humility to accept one’s unworthiness, the need for grace, and the help of God. Unless we are convinced of these, we too won’t be able to make good confessions.

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





LA SALETTE NIKETHAN, HUNSUR, MYSORE

Welcome Fr. Joy P MS: La Salette Nikethan community welcomed Fr. Joy Porathur MS, our new member and the spiritual director of our seminarians on 7th of May.

Farewell to Fr. Jacob MS: The Nikethan community gave farewell to Fr. Jacob on 10th of May and thanked him for all his services in the community

Farewell to Sr. Anooa: La Salette Nikethan community gave farewell to Sr. Anooa and thanked her service in the school as well as in the community.

Birthday of Fr. Joyal MS: The members of the Nikethan community celebrated very joyfully the birthday of Fr. Joyal on 15th of May. Fr. Joyal presided over the mass in the morning and the whole community greeted him. In the evening we had cultural programme in honour of him.



Arrival of Brothers: The new batch of second year minor seminarians arrived in La Salette Nikethan on 21st may. They will be joining in the La Salette PU College as first year PUC students. The La Salette Nikethan seminary gave seven of our brothers a warm welcome with a bouquet of flowers and wished them all the best.





Visitors: Fr. Jenson Chenthrapinny MS, the Provincial Superior, Fr. Bino MS, Fr. Anoop MS, Fr. Jesbin MS, Fr. Bibin MS, Fr. Sijo MS, Fr. Joseph MS, and Fr. Vintu msfs visited our community.

Recollection: Fr. Jacob Thomas Vettathu MS led the first recollection for our brothers and Fr. Sijo MS helped our brothers for confession.

Feast of Visitation: La Salette Nikethan celebrated the feast of the Visitation of the Blessed Virgin Mary. We had solemn Eucharistic celebration presided by Fr. Tinto MS in the morning and creative rosary in the evening.

Birthday: Seminarian Alex Vayalil celebrated his birthday.

Welcome Sr. Dibya: Sr. Dibya csj joined the convent community as the new member.



LA SALETTE SADHAN, BENGALURU

Philosophy Classes and Exams: Bro. Amal completed his 2nd year philosophy classes and exams on 25th of May.

BA Classes: Bros. Amal, Shan and Blevin started their BA classes on 27th and 6th of May respectively.

Vacation: After the comprehensive examination 3rd year philosophers left for a short vacation.

Feasts of the Month: We solemnly celebrated the feasts of Sts. Philip and James, the Visitation of the Blessed Virgin Mary, the Solemnities of the Ascension of the Lord, Pentecost and Holy Trinity.

Visitors: Besides the Fathers who were with us during the study days we were also glad to have the presence of Frs. Anil MS, Dileesh MS, Jince MS, Jojo Pulpayil and sisters from Snehagiri congregation.

LA SALETTE ASHRAM, WAYANAD

Retreats for Children: Ashram facility was used by few parishes to conduct retreat for students. More than two hundred children participated in the retreat.



LA SALETTE VIDYA NIKETHAN, HUNSUR, MYOSRE

Laying of the Foundation Stone: La Salette Vidya Nikethan extends its annex building in the opposite side of the present school. On 24th May, on the eve of the feast of Mary Mother of Christians, with the presence of Rev. Fr. Jenson Chethrappinny MS, the Provincial Superior, Fr. Bino Poovanikkunnel MS, the Vicar Provincial laid foundation stone for our new school building. Frs. Anoop MS, Fr. Jesbin MS, Fr. Jacob MS, Fr. Bibin MS, and our community members were present for the event.

New Headmistress: La Salette Vidya Nikethan welcomed the new headmistress Sr. Mamata Fidelis to our school.

Welcome Sisters: Two sisters joined our school ministry from sisters of St. Joseph of Shamberry congregation. Sr. Mamta Fidelis and Sr. Dibya are the new sister staffs to our Vidya Nikethan.



Farewell: La Salette Vidya Nikethan thanked Sr. Anoop for her one-year service in our school.

SSLC Result: The tenth standard SSLC result is out. Our students excelled in the results obtaining 12 distinctions, 45 first class and 11 second classes. Congratulations to all the students.

Remedial Classes: The remedial classes for the weak students are continuing in the month of May. Many students are benefiting this opportunity.

PUC Classes: PUC classes are resumed from 6th of May.

Orientation Programme: One-day orientation programme for the school management and staffs were held in Mysore at the diocesimal level from KRCE. Two of our staffs were part of the programme.

Birthday of Fr. Joyal MS: We had a colourful birthday celebration of Fr. Joyal Narimattathil MS in the school. All the staffs were gathered and wished Fr. Joyal the greetings of the day.

New School Bus: We have purchased a new school bus with 40 seats capacity.

Sisters Residence: Our sisters have changed their residence to our Novitiate house from 16th of May.

New Academic Year: The new academic year 2024-25 began on 27th of July. All the students were welcomed to La Salette Vidya Nikethan. The new students were welcome with sweets.





LA SALETTE MATHA RCM CHURCH, KHAMMAM

Visit: Fr. Anil, Fr. Dileesh and Fr. Jojo Pulpayil made a visit to our Nuthankal mission. They spent one day in Our Mission.

Prayer Service: We had conducted the second Saturday Prayer service.

Marian Devotion: As part of the Marian devotion we had solemn adoration, Eucharistic celebration and solemn holy rosary with the procession in the parish.



LA SALETTE BHAVAN, PARAKKADAVU

Best Wishes: Our seminarians who finished their first year studies at La Salette Bhavan Parakkadavu left to La Salette Niketan Hunsur, Mysore for their PU studies.

Hearty Welcome: The sister and brother in law of Schol. Jophin MS came to visit us after their marriage. We gave a hearty welcome to them.

Blessing: Fr. Bino MS blessed our renovated kitchen working area and washing facilities for the seminarians.

Hearty Welcome: Bhavan community wholeheartedly welcomed Fr. Jino MS for his new appointment.





LA SALETTE MARIA BHAVAN, CHEMPERI

Thank You: Novitiate community thanked Fr. Jino MS for his selfless service to La Salette Maria Bhavan Chemperi for last one year. Best wishes and prayers for your new responsibility as vice rector and procurator of La Salette Bhavan, Parakkadavu.

Community also thanked the selfless service of Fr. jiju MS who was with Novices for the classes

Hearty Welcome: Community welcomed Fr. Bibin MS

to the Novitiate house with great Joy.



ST. JOSEPH'S RCM CHURCH, THORREDU, AP

Feast of St. Joseph: We had three days of novena mass and it was concluded by solemn celebration of the feast of St Joseph.

Feast of Our Lady of Good Health: The parishioners had the celebration of the feast of Our Lady Good Health in Munikodavalli. Many faithful devotedly attended the celebration and sought the intercession of Mother Mary.

Devotion to Rosary: We had special devotion to Mother Mary in this month by reciting rosary. It was concluded with the rosary procession and the Holy Mass.

Feast of Visitation of Blessed Virgin Mary: We took part in the feast celebration held at Godavari Church. A tableau competition was organised on the theme of various apparitions of Blesses Mother in the various parts of the world, and the peron enacted as our Lady of La Salette won the second price.

LA SALETTE VIDYA NILAYAM, THORREDU, AP

10th Class: La Salette Vidyanilayam conducted special classes for 10th class students in the month of May. They were given special coaching for their studies which helped in the growth of their self-confidence.

Bon Voyage: The students and teachers wished and prayed for Fr. Jince for his mission preaching in US.



LA SALETTE NILAYAM, THORREDU, AP

Hearty Welcome: The community wholeheartedly welcomed Fr. Jacob MSto the community and wished all the best for his ministry.

Visitors: Our community was blessed with presence of Dear Frs. Anil MS, Dhileesh MS, Sijo MS, Jojo Pulpayil, and Mr. Suresh.



STUDY DAYS 2024

The Study Days of La Salette Matha Province was held at La Salette Sadhan on 22nd and 23rd of May 2024. Fr. Antony Alkcias SOLA and Fr. Subhash CRSP guided the sessions on the themes "Leadership in Religious Life" and "Challenges in Community Life in the Contemporary Scenario of Religious Life".

