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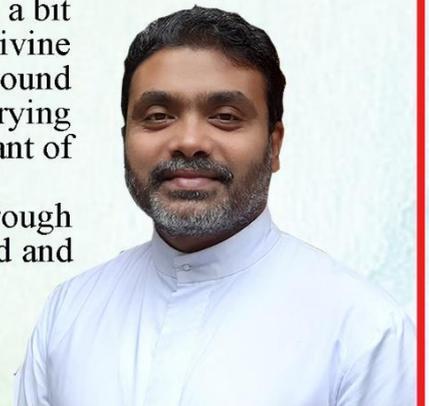
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Dear fathers and brothers,

As you know, since the middle of February 2024, I have been in Australia, in the Syro Malabar Diocese of Melbourne, engaged in preaching Lenten retreats in various parishes. I arrived in Perth on February 14th and began my ministry on February 15th. Perth is blessed with a very vibrant Syro Malabar Catholic Community, which has a huge Church of its own with 950 registered Catholic families. According to the recent census, there are almost 20,000 families from Kerala employed in the area of Perth alone. The thirst for the word of God is still burning in the lives of people. I was really surprised to see around 1000 people gathered for the Lenten retreat in Perth. This mission was initiated by the Vincentian Fathers in 2008, and even now, a Vincentian priest serves as the pastor of the parish. The Catholic community here tries to cultivate and transmit our Catholic tradition to the next generation in all possible ways. Many are attracted by this Catholic culture and are becoming registered members of this Church, relocating from other parts of the country.

From Perth, I moved to the communities in Sydney. Sydney is blessed with many Syro Malabar communities that have no Church of their own. The Syro Malabar communities are using the Churches and other facilities of the Latin Churches of various dioceses. We have to really appreciate and admire these dioceses for the warm welcome they render for the survival and growth of an oriental rite within their country. Let me share with you a unique experience of mine at one of the centres in Sydney. It was a three-day retreat. On the final day of the retreat, I was surprised to see a man walking around, cleaning the entire campus, collecting garbage, tea glasses, snack wrappers, etc. He was not an active participant in the retreat; hence, he was not dressed in official attire. Pointing him out, the committee members shared that he is also our parishioner, a gentle and dedicated man. He may not be that active in the liturgical activities, but he is regular for Sunday Mass and other spiritual obligations. But if any gatherings are hosted by the parish, towards the conclusion of the party, he will come with his vehicle, carrying brooms and plastic bags to clean the surroundings. With joy and enthusiasm, he will make sure that the entire area is garbage-free after the gathering. He does it with free will, inner joy, and total dedication. Once, one of the Trustees inquired about the gut reason for this particular service. "Many will render their service in other activities of the parish, but for these types of works, many have no interest. I believe, God wants my service in areas where people are not active and attracted. For me, that's very Christian!". After the cleaning, before we departed, he too joined us for a photo session. This particular man, with his varied and dedicated service, attracted my attention. Is it not right what he said? Sometimes, as priests and religious, we are also attracted to do things for the approval and appreciation of others. At the same time, we are sure that, Jesus is attracted by those works that are done behind the curtain with true devotion and commitment. Look at the house at Cana, where Jesus performed his first miracle. Was it not Mary who initiated Jesus to perform that miracle? But after the miracle, Mary never appeared in the crowd. She vanished into the dark. She made sure no one saw her except God! There are occasions in our lives wherein we too aspire for approval, applause, and appreciation. We are happy when we receive them, but a bit desperate in their absence. We need to concentrate more on divine appreciation. The reward of God is mightier than that of the people around us. "Am I now seeking human approval or God's approval? Or am I trying to please people? If I were still pleasing people, I would not be a servant of Christ" (Gal 1:10). The words of St. Paul are worth contemplation.

As we still journey towards Easter, let us try to be close to God through prayer, penance, and zeal. Let us try to do things for the glory of God and approval from Him. Remembering and praying for you all.



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



## **LA SALETTE BHAVAN, PARAKKADAVU**

**Birthday Greetings:** La Salette community celebrated the Birthday of Fr. Biju Chempottickal MS on 2nd of February.

**Rector's Day:** We celebrated the Birthday of Fr. Johnny Vadakkan MS and parent's day on 4th of February. Family members of Fr. Johnny visited Bhavan on 3rd February to celebrate his birthday.

**Superior's Day:** Our community gladly celebrated the Birthday of our Superior Fr. Bino MS.

**Anniversary Greetings:** We celebrated the Ordination Anniversary of Rev. Fr. Joy Chukkananickal MS on 23rd February. Fr. Joy prepared a delicious Philippine dish for all of us.



**Death Anniversary:** The entire community participated in the Eucharistic celebration on the 12th Death Anniversary of Deacon Bineesh Muttathil MS. Fr. Anit MS and some of his family members joined for the Anniversary.

**Monthly Recollection:** Seminarians had a day of recollection on 24th February. Fr. Sajith MS gave the talks and spent time with them. Yes, indeed they had a great inspirational and motivational day with him.



## LA SALETTE, UMMANNOOR, PUNALUR

**Visit:** Little Flower parishioners from Parakkadavu visited our both mission parishes and contributed 50 chairs for the parish needs.

**Bible Copy Writing:** We have started Bible copy writing under the leadership of our women association from the first day of lent. There are 20 parishioners involved in it, and aiming to complete it before the Easter.



## LA SALETTE ASHRAM, WAYANAD

**Picnic of the Altar Servants and Choir:** A day was set apart for the picnic of the altar servants and choir group. It was a well spent day at Pazhassi dam and Pet Station at Mattool.

**Alcohol Anonymous:** A gathering of the alcoholic anonymous group was conducted at Ashram premises.

## LA SALETTE MARIA BHAVAN, CHEMPERI

**Silver Jubilee Greetings:** Maria Bhavan community celebrated the silver Jubilee of Fr. Benny on 5th of February. After the morning mass we had a cake cutting and a small celebration together with the neighbouring people.



**Land Clearance:** Land clearance and canal works are progressing well. Our property here is getting a new shape and getting ready for the cultivation.

**Hearty Welcome:** Fr. Rojan MS and Fr. Saneesh MS visited our community together with La Salette Ashram Alter boys and choir members. We had a nice time with them



## MARCH 2024

26	1978	Birthday	Chenthroppinny Jenson
26	1975	Birthday	Parayil Roy





## LA SALETTE NIKETHAN, HUNSUR, MYSORE

**Ordination Anniversary:** We Celebrated Ordination Anniversary of Frs. Jacob Thomas Vettathu MS and A. Benjamin MS.

**Birthday Celebration:** We celebrated the Birthdays of postulants on 20th of this month. Though their birthdays are not in the same date we celebrated together one day.

**41st Day of Remembrance:** Nikethan community members attended the 41st Remembrance Day celebration of Fr. Suvarnaraj, the beloved brother of Fr. Benjamin MS in Andhra Pradesh.

**Exams:** Minor seminarians are having their final exams in this month.

**Ash Wednesday:** Nikethan community had ash Wednesday liturgical celebration in Nikethan Minor Seminary.

**Death Anniversary of Dn. Bineesh Muttathil**

**M.S:** We remembered him and prayed for the repose of the soul and all the family members.

**Visitors:** Rev. Fr. Bino Poovanikunnel MS, the Vicar Provincial, and Frs. Anit MS, Sijo MS, Jesbin MS, and Fr. Robert visited Nikethan community.



## LA SALETTE SCHOLASTICS, NAGPUR

**Feast at Lourde Matha Manthir:** We had a solemn celebration of the feast of Our Lady of Lourdes in the nearby grotto which is one of the famous pilgrim canters in Nagpur. There was Eucharist celebration in various languages and Mar Ephram Narikulam celebrated Syro Malabar mass in Malayalam.

**Diaconate Ordination:** On 9th February, six brothers were ordained to the order of Diaconate by His Excellency Elias Gonsalves, the Archbishop of Nagpur.

**Symposium of the Synod:** The symposium of the Synod was held in the seminary by the synod team of the diocese on 26 of February.





## LA SALETTE VIDYA NIKETHAN, HUNSUR, MYOSRE

**Preparatory Exams:** Preparatory Exams were conducted for classes 10,9,8,5, I & II Puc.

**Missing the Best:** It was so heart breaking for Salettinians as we lost one of our vibrant teacher (Mrs.Shruti.H R) on February 06 due to illness. All the staff members took part in the funeral and prayed for the repose of her soul.



**Final Exams:** Ist PUC had their final exams from 12.02.2024 to 26.02.2024

**Karate Camp:** From in and around Hunsur almost 10 schools participated in the training and grading of Karate which was conducted in our school on 11th of February.



**Visit of Fr. Robert:** We were blessed to have the visit of Fr. Robert MS from USA

**Constitution Awareness Rally:** Our students and staff participated in the constitution awareness rally which was conducted by Mardur Panchayath on 14th of February.

**General Meeting of Parents:** On 15th, we conducted meeting for class 10th students' parents to make them aware of the importance of Board Exams and how to help the students to prepare for the same.

**PTM:** FA 4 exams were conducted and PTM was held on 17th. We had input sessions for parents of classes 5, 8, and 9, whose children will be appearing for the public exams this year. Sir Ravi V. Deepak, the Principal guided them.





**Farewell:** Farewell was given to the outgoing students of second PUC on 28th of this month. The second PUC students were much thankful to the management and teachers.

**National Science Day:** We observed the science day on 28th. The school Assembly was conducted and children took part in the pledge to keep science and knowledge for the of good and development of the society.



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

**Ash Wednesday:** The community along with parishioners celebrated the Ash Wednesday. There were many faithful from the villages who attended the service and ashes were applied to the forehead to symbolize humility, penance and a reminder of human mortality.

**Fasting Prayer:** A day of Fasting Prayer was conducted in Bobbilanka to rejuvenate in the spirit of Lent. The people near and around came for the prayer, Confession, Holy Mass and Eucharistic adoration.

### **LA SALETTE NILAYAM, THORREDU, AP**



**Visitors:** We were blessed with visit of dear Rev. Fr. Jenson MS, the Provincial Superior, Fr. Saneesh MS, Fr. Tinto MS and Dr. Eathen Joseph.

**Farewell Mass of the Archbishop:** Nilayam community participated in the farewell celebration of Archbishop Most. Rev. Mallavarapu Prakash. The celebration took place on the Cathedral Church at Vishakapattanam. The gathered community thanked the bishop for his relentless service to the Archdiocese of Vishakapattanam.





## LA SALETTE VIDYA NILAYAM, THORREDU, AP



**Motivational Class:** The 10th class students had a motivational class conducted by Fr. Saneesh MS. He gave encouraging examples from his own life and inspired students to be a self-motivator. He discussed the importance of positive thinking and attitude which brings optimism into life and such constructive changes can make one brighter and more successful. This program helped students to be guided by a positive mind and driven by self-motivation.

**Farewell:** A grand farewell was organized for our outgoing 10th Std students by our 9th Std students. The farewell was so warm with the outpouring emotions of the outgoing students as well as they entertained the audience with cultural programs like singing, dance etc. The 10th Std students spoke about their fond memories in the school and they were so touching and heart-warming.



**Class on Health:** Dr. Eathen Joseph, a paediatrician from Bangalore, has taken a class for the high school students to take care of their health. He spoke on a diverse range of health-related services that range from health and wellness screenings to management of complex medical conditions.

**National Science Day:** On 28th February, La Salette Vidyanilyam school celebrated the National Science day with a science exhibition. On this occasion, there were posters, models and Science project competitions. More than 100 students participated in all the events. Students showcased their creative ideas and knowledge in posters and models. Fresh ideas gave them an opportunity to win prizes for the same.





**Academic Excellence Awards:** Academic Excellence Awards is an ideal platform to reward the students in the field of academics. It is an effort to specially acknowledge their hard work, perseverance and precision in achieving their academic goals. The students of each classes who are subject toppers were awarded with certificates

**Vedic Maths Awards:** By using Vedic maths, the problems are solved mentally with the use of some steps which increases accuracy and reduces mistakes. Our students participated in the Vedic maths competition and five students bagged trophies.



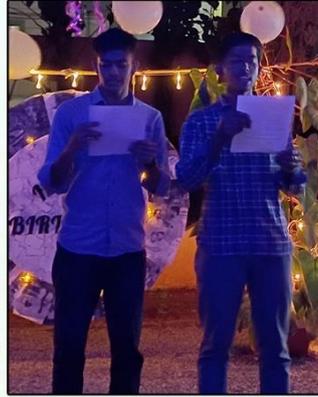


## LA SALETTE SADHAN, BENGALURU

**Birthday Celebration:** Sadhan Community joyously celebrated the Birthday of Fr. Jesbin S Pulavelil MS on 26th of February. We enjoyed a delicious meal and a lovely birthday celebration in the evening.

**Visitors:** We were so happy to have the presence of Frs. Augustine MS, Bino MS, Jobins MS, and Fathers and Sisters from neighbouring communities.

**Ash Wednesday:** Ash Wednesday marked the start of our Lenten celebration. Numerous neighbouring people joined us for the Eucharistic liturgy, which was presided over by Rev. Fr. Provincial Superior.



**C.R.I Gathering:** On February 10th, La Salette Sadhan hosted the C.R.I Electronic City zone formees gathering. There were around 120 formees in attendance, representing different religious communities. There were two instructional sessions and a group discussion.

**Feasts of the Month:** We solemnly celebrated the feasts of the

Presentation of the Lord and, the See of Peter.

**Special Guest:** We were so glad to have the presence of Fr. Robert MS from America. He visited our community amidst his Indian expedition and we had a joyful time interacting with him.

**SFS Church Feast:** We joined for the solemn Eucharistic celebration and the procession as part of Feast celebrations at SFS Church, Hebbagodi.

## LA SALETTE, NUTHANKAL, KHAMMAM

**Visit:** Fr. Sanish MS, Fr. Robin MS, Fr. Tinto MS, and Mr. Jomesh from Shalom television made visit to our mission.

**Memorial Mass:** We attended the 40th day memorial Mass of Fr. Suvarnaraj, the beloved Brother of Fr. Benjamin.

**Ash Wednesday:** On February 14th, all the parishioners attended the Ash Wednesday Liturgical celebration. Around 37 members took Deeksha in Our parish.

