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Dear fathers and brothers,

Pope Francis has come out with his fourth encyclical letter *Dilexit Nos* (On the Human and Divine Love of the Heart of Jesus Christ) on October 24, 2024, following *Lumen fidei* (June 29, 2013), co-written with Benedict XVI; *Laudato si'* (May 24, 2015), on the environmental crisis and the need for care for creation; and *Fratelli tutti* (October 3, 2020), which calls for global fraternity and social friendship in a world fractured by a pandemic and conflicts, including wars fought in the name of God. The encyclical emphasises the importance of the heart, not just as a symbol but as the core of human existence, where love, sincerity, and true intentions reside. The document is worth reading and reflecting.

Sighting one of the characters of Dostoevsky's novels, Nikolai Stavrogin, quoting Romano Guardini, Pope explains the theme of heartlessness. "Stavrogin is a character without heart; hence his mind is cold and empty and his body sunken in bestial sloth and sensuality. He has no heart; hence, he can draw close to no one, and no one can ever truly draw close to him. For only the heart creates intimacy, true closeness between two persons. Only the heart is able to welcome and offer hospitality. Intimacy is the proper activity and the domain of the heart. Stavrogin is always infinitely distant, even from himself, because a man can enter into himself only with the heart, not with the mind. It is not in a man's power to enter into his own interiority with the mind. Hence, if the heart is not alive, man remains a stranger to himself" (*Dilexit Nos*. 12). The encyclical encourages us to cultivate a deeper understanding of the heart, recognising its connection to love, sincerity, and true intentions. Pope Francis invites everyone to prioritise the heart in their spiritual lives, embracing affection, love, and willingness to serve, as exemplified in the Spiritual Exercises of Saint Ignatius Loyola.

Some of the key elements reflected in this encyclical letter are:

1. The Heart as the Core of Human Existence: The heart is the centre of human beings, animals, and plants, representing the inmost part of our being, where thoughts, feelings, and desires originate.
2. Rediscovering the Heart: In today's fast-paced, superficial world, we need to rediscover the importance of the heart, where love, sincerity, and true intentions dwell.
3. The Heart as a Unifying Force: The heart unites the fragments of our lives, making authentic bonding.
4. Return to the Heart: This return implies a deep self-knowledge and a search for authenticity in our actions and relationships.
5. The Heart of Jesus as a Model: The heart is the living core of the Christian message and the origin of our faith. The gestures and words of Jesus in the Gospels show how he loves us and draws close to us.
6. Social Consequences of the Heart: A society that values the heart will be able to overcome current imbalances and conflicts, promoting a more just and loving world.

Fraternally I invite everyone to read and meditate on this beautiful document *Dilexit Nos*. Reflecting upon this encyclical, let us become people with hearts in our places of mission and ministry, understanding the pain and agony of people around us. In this month, let us also pray for the departed members of our province, families, and congregation at large. May the good Lord grant them eternal rest. Let us also pray for the success of our provincial chapter 2025.



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



LA SALETTE SADHAN, BENGALURU

Feasts of the Month: The community solemnly celebrated the Feasts of Our Lady of Rosary, Sts. Luke, Simon and Jude.

Ward Rosary: The culmination of Rosary of Kammasandra ward of OLS Church was held at La Salette Sadhan on 20th of October. We had solemn rosary conducted by the faithful, followed by a delicious meal.

Birthday Celebration: The community joyously celebrated the Birthday of Bro. Joshua on 14th of October.



Institution's Day: We had institution's day on 24th of October in Suvidya. The celebrations were begun with the Solemn Eucharist presided over by Rt. Rev. Dr Dhammam Kumar MSFS, Bishop of Nalgonda Diocese. Our Brothers in collaboration with OSFS Brothers performed a UV dance as a part of the cultural events, and we also had flavoursome dinner as part of the celebrations.

Ten Days of Rosary: We had ten days of Rosary from 21st of October and at the culmination of the rosary on 31st a number of faithful from neighbourhood and sisters from neighbouring communities also joined us.

Father's Annual Retreat: All the Fathers of our community participated in the annual retreat, which was conducted from 7th to 11th of October.

Visitors: We were glad to have the presence of Frs. Jince MS, Lithin MS, Robin Vayalil MS, Manibhushan MS, Nikhil MS, Anson MS and Fathers and Sisters from neighbouring communities.

NOVEMBER 2024

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





LA SALETTE BHAVAN, PARAKKADAVU

Rosary Month: We had ten days holy rosary devotion from 22- 31.

Parakkadavu Parish had the conclusion of Rosary devotion at Bhavan on 31st evening. All the fathers including Fr. Charles, the parish priest joined for this concluding day.

Our Visitors: We were happy to welcome Fr. William Kaliyadan MS, Fr. Joby Cheradai, and few of fellow travellers who made pilgrimage to Holy Land.

Fr. Jino had some visitors who went to the holy land.

Monthly Recollection: Fr Anson Anto, assistant parish priest from Poovathussery gave a recollection to our Seminarians.



LA SALETTE SCHOLASTICS, NAGPUR

Gandhi Jayanti: On October 2nd we paid tribute to Mahatma Gandhi, Father of the Nation, on his birth anniversary.

Picnic: St. Charles Seminary recently held its annual picnic on October 6th. The day was filled with exciting games, diverse cultural programs, and joyful camaraderie.

Semester Break: Theology brothers are currently on their semester break. During this time, they are preparing for the upcoming Seminary Day and the feast of St. Charles Borromeo.





LA SALETTE NIKETHAN, HUNSUR, MYSORE

Annual Retreat: We the Niketan community members participated in our annual Retreat of La Salette Matha Province. We had retreat for minor seminarians by Fr. Anoop Pattathil of the Diocese of Irinjalakuda, from 7th to 10th of October.

Foundation Day: Sisters of St. Joseph of Chambery celebrated the 175th anniversary of their foundation day. Sisters from Bangalore along with all our community members and neighbourhood participated in the celebration.

Exam Days: Our seminarians had their mid-term exams and they were so serious about their studies.

Birthday: We celebrated the birthday of Bro. Steby who is our minor seminarian. We all wished him and prayed for him and his family.

Dasara: We the La Salette Niketan community visited Mysore city during the Dasara celebration and witnessed a bright experience of the lights of the Mysore city.

Visitors: We had a few visitors from different communities of our province; Fr. Benny, Fr. Saneesh, Fr. Jince, and Fr. Jesbin.

Rosary Devotion: Ten days of Rosary devotion was very graceful as the brothers made it creatively in each and every day.





LA SALETTE VIDYA NIKETHAN, HUNSUR, MYOSRE

Reopening of the School: After the Dasra holidays the school reopened on 14th of October. From now on the students are getting ready for the second semester

Mathematics Quiz: To develop the love towards the subject of mathematics, to increase their knowledge and confidence among the students, the mathematics faculty had conducted the quiz competition for classes 6, 7, 8, 9 and 10 on 19th of October.

District Sports: The students of PUC Masters Preetham and Vasanth Reddy participated in 100 meters race and Hammer throw in the district level and have achieved second position and thus they are selected for the state level competition.

Midterm Exam for PU: The PUC Students had their Mid Term Examination from 22nd Of October until 4th of November.



PT Meeting: After the midterm exam the parents were being invited to the school to analyse the progress of their children and to discuss with their teachers for their further progress on 26th of October.

IT Quiz: The Education department of Information and technology, Karnataka conducted IT quiz for the rural students of classes 6 to 10. Many students performed well from our school.



Yuva Sambrahma Dasara: For the first time in the history, Yuva Sambrahma for the youth was conducted

in Hunsur on 4th of October. 21 PU colleges took part in it and displayed the various themes such as women empowerment, rich heritage of India, folk dances, Vikasith Bharath, religious pluralism which were beautifully depicted on the stage. La Salette PU College came up with the theme 'India yesterday and today' which was well appreciated by all. It was a great privilege for La Salette institution to coordinate this mega event.

Spandana Sahithya Parishith: Amidst all the elite poets of Karnataka our PU student master Poornachandra was invited and had the honour of reciting his poem for which he was conferred a certificate and a memento in Mysore.



LA SALETTE MATHA RCM CHURCH, NUTHANKAL, KHAMMAM

First Holy Communion: On October 14th, We convened the sacrament of First Holy Communion in the Parish.

Jericho Prayer: We conducted Jericho prayer around the borders of the state of Telangana with the Holy Eucharistic.

Visit: The National level Jericho team, under the guidance of the Archbishop of Delhi, made a visit to our mission at Nuthankal.

Month of Rosary: Solemn celebration of the Holy Rosary ended with perpetual Rosary.



LA SALETTE ASHRAM, WAYANAD

Rosary Month: There was Holy Mass, Adoration and Rosary Procession as part of the conclusion of the Rosary Month on 31st.

Laity Gathering: La Salette Laity meeting was held on 13th October to evaluate the celebration of the feast. The forum also elected Mr. Shiju Thekkanathu as President and Mrs. Lissy Idayattupallil as Secretary.



ANNUAL RETREAT 2024



Rev. Fr. Shinto Mangalathu VC, animated the Annual Retreat of the Province from November 07 to 11 at Shanthidhara Retreat Centre, Valvayal, Wayanad.



ST. JOSEPH'S RCM CHURCH, THORREDU, AP

Feast Day: We celebrated the feast day of Our Lady of La Salette with great fervor and devotion in Bobilanka. The joyous event commenced with a solemn mass led by Fr. Praveen, accompanied by concelebrants, and attended by a congregation of faithful. The vibrant procession, adorned with colorful banners and flowers, showcased the church solemn celebration.



Rosary Month: The church had a special devotion to rosary in the month of October. The celebrations were concluded by having rosary procession and Holy





LA SALETTE NILAYAM, THORREDU, AP

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

Annual Retreat: Fr. Robin, Fr. Manibushan and Fr. Anson attended the annual Retreat of our province.



LA SALETTE VIDYA NILAYAM, THORREDU, AP

Gandhi Jayanti: The Gandhi Jayanti celebration was held on October 2 commemorating Mahatma Gandhi's birth anniversary. Students showcased their talents through a skit, music performance, dance drama, and poetry recitation competition, highlighting Gandhi's philosophy. The Chief Guest, emphasized Gandhi's relevance in today's world. He promoted Gandhi's values of non-violence, truth, and community service, inspiring the audience to adopt his principles.

Dussehra Holidays: Our students had Dussehra holidays from 3rd to 13th.



International Girls Day: We observed International Girls Day with enthusiasm and dedication. The theme, "Empowering Girls for a Brighter Tomorrow," resonated throughout the event. Students participated in various activities highlighting girls' rights and empowerment. A panel discussion featuring inspiring women leaders encouraged girls to break stereotypes and pursue their dreams. Workshops on self-defense, health, and hygiene equipped girls with essential life skills. The event concluded with promoting gender equality and girl child empowerment.

Welcome Back: We wholeheartedly welcomed back Fr. Jince after successfully completing the mission preaching in USA.

