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Dear Brothers in Christ,

As we begin the month of July, a time traditionally dedicated to the Precious Blood of Jesus, we are drawn into a deeper reflection on the self-giving love of Christ. This sacred month invites us to renew our commitment to living as brothers united in the spirit of reconciliation—a spirit that flows from the heart of our charism as Missionaries of Our Lady of La Salette. The Blood of Christ, poured out for the forgiveness of sins and the healing of humanity, reminds us of the profound call to live lives rooted in love, service, and community.

This month also invites us to contemplate the witness of St. Thomas the Apostle, whose feast we celebrate on July 3rd. Known for his moment of doubt, Thomas encountered the Risen Christ and responded with one of the most powerful confessions of faith in Scripture: *"My Lord and my God!"* (John 20:28). For us, especially here in India where he sowed the seeds of the Gospel, St. Thomas is not only a symbol of faith but also of missionary courage. His journey from doubt to deep belief mirrors our own spiritual paths—paths marked by questioning, encounter, and transformation. Like Thomas, we are called to be men who seek the truth, who are not afraid to face uncertainty, and who ultimately bear witness to Christ with conviction and love.

In the quiet strength of daily prayer, both personal and communal, we are drawn closer not only to God but to one another. Prayer is the foundation of our life together—it opens our hearts, strengthens our unity, and gives meaning to our mission. Let this month be an invitation to deepen our life of prayer, finding in it both strength for the journey and peace for our hearts. Let us not underestimate the power of community prayer. It is where healing begins, where understanding grows, and where our fraternal bonds are silently but powerfully renewed. When we gather faithfully to pray, even in small numbers, Christ is in our midst, blessing us and binding us more closely in love. I encourage each community to give renewed attention to praying together, making our chapels places not only of ritual, but of real encounter, consolation, and joy.

Living in community is a daily invitation to embrace our brothers as they are. Acceptance of one another, especially with our differences and limitations, is not always easy, but it is essential. Respect for one another is born from this awareness—that each of us is a beloved son of God, a companion on the journey, and a gift to the community. Fraternal love is the soul of our communal life. It is expressed not just in great gestures but in everyday acts of care, forgiveness, listening, and encouragement. Let us strive to build an atmosphere where love is not merely spoken of but truly lived, where each person feels valued, heard, and supported. Finally, let us renew our spirit of service. Christ came not to be served but to serve, and so must we. In serving one another joyfully and without condition, we reflect the heart of our vocation and give witness to the message of La Salette: reconciliation through compassion and humility. Our communities can become true signs of the Gospel when they are marked by generous service, especially to the weakest among us.

As we journey through this month, may the Precious Blood of Christ cleanse our hearts, bind us in unity, and renew our zeal for prayer. May the example of St. Thomas the Apostle, Apostle of India and courageous witness to the Resurrection, inspire us to live and proclaim our faith with deeper conviction and unwavering hope. With gratitude for your faithfulness and love for our shared mission, I assure you of my prayers and closeness.

In Our Lady of La Salette,

Fr. Baiju Avittappally, MS
Provincial Superior



LA SALETTE ASHRAM, WAYANAD

Heartly Welcome Dear Fathers Joyal and Sanish: The community welcomed the new Procurator and Vocation Promotor Fr. Joyal Narimattathil, MS on 3 June, 2025. On 7th June Fr Sanish Poovathinkal, MS was welcomed to the Ashram Community.

Laity pilgrimage: Fr Benny, along with the members of the Laity, organised one-day pilgrimage to Vilakkannoor. The Members rejuvenated their spiritual life spending time with the Eucharistic Lord. On the way back all the members Visited Lourde Matha Basilica, Chemberi.

Cluster Meeting: We the community members attended the cluster meeting on 22 June in Mysore.

Laity meeting: La Salette Laity had their executive Meeting on 25th June, 2025.

Visitors: Fr. Alex and Fr. Jobins Visited our community.



LA SALETTE MARIAN CENTER, TVM

The Provincial Superior Visited La Salette Marian centre on 21st of June. He was here for two days. We welcomed him to both parishes; Paravilla and Panachumoodu. He celebrated the Sunday mass as it was the Solemnity of Corpus Christi. He was parish priest here in 2012-2013 and most of the parishioners know him and they shared the old memories with him.



LA SALETTE NIKETHAN, HUNSUR, MYSORE

Heartly welcome: We welcomed Fr. Alex Valummel MS to the Niketan community as our new Superior and Director of the School.

Rector's Day: The community celebrated Rector's Day with beautiful decorations and Eucharistic Mass, followed by cultural programs and delicious food. It was a very special and memorable day for our community.

Visitation: The Provincial administration visited the Nikethan community for various meetings, and their presence brought us great joy.

Cluster meeting: We had a joyful and enriching cluster meeting with the communities of La Salette Niketan, La Salette Ashram, and La Salette Mariya Bhavan. It was a heart-warming and memorable experience for all of us.

Visit to St. Antony Shrine: We, the Niketan community, visited St. Antony's Shrine at Dornahalli. The La Salette Niketan community participated in the Holy Eucharistic Celebration, which provided us with spiritual strength and a deeply enriching experience.

Holy spirit Mass: It was a great opening of Academic year 2025 and 2026. We Began with Holy Spirit mass and made a Theme for the year is **ROOTED IN CHRIST....**



LA SALETTE VIDYA NIKETHAN, HUNSUR, MYSORE

Welcoming of the new director and procurator: There was a welcome ceremony for the New Director Fr. Alex Valummel MS and the Procurator Fr. Jobins Veluthedathuparambil MS. It was a grand celebration in the presence of Fr. Sanish Puvathinkal MS, Fr. Joyal Narimattathil MS, Principal Mr. Ravi V. Deepak and Head Mistress Sr. Mamta. It was a meaningful welcome with prayer, Tilak, bouquet of flowers, shawl and turban during the assembly in the presence of the whole school and college students.



WORLD ENVIRONMENT DAY: We celebrated the world environment day in our school on 5th of June, 2025. The main aim of the event was to increase awareness among the students about the importance of the environment and the need to protect it. The students of 5th std played the skit showing the love and protection for the environment during the assembly. The day was highlighted by planting the tree by management and students and with various speeches on environmental day. The Theme of this year is **"Say No to Plastic"**.

Birthday celebration: 12th June was the day where all the La Salette family came together to greet Fr. Benjamin on his birthday.

Visit of new provincial to the school: The Provincial Superior of La Salette Matha province visited the school. The Director Fr. Alex welcomed Fr. Baiju, the Provincial Superior with bouquet of flowers. Frs. Jobins, Joy, Benjamin, and Sanish Alapattu MS were present there. Principal Ravi, Head mistress Sr. Mamta and the whole school and PUC students gave warm welcome to our Provincial in the Assembly.



INTERNATIONAL YOGA DAY: International Yoga day was celebrated with great enthusiasm at La Salette Vidhya Nikethan campus on 21st June. The event held in the school assembly ground, aimed to promote the physical, mental and spiritual benefits of Yoga among the students. The celebration included a demonstration of various Yoga Asanas, and a guided meditation session.

LA SALETTE NILAYAM, THORREDU, AP

Fare well: On 16th we had send-off function for Fr. Jince from the part of the community and around 25 priests and sisters joined for the function at evening with the holy mass and dinner.

Birthday: 24th we celebrated the birthday of our dear Fr. Manibushan at community with our sisters. On the same day, we had a Kerala group gathering at Nilayam community with holy mass celebration.



LA SALETTE VIDYA NILAYAM, THORREDU, AP

Orientation Program 4th of June Child psychology program for the teachers were conducted in collaboration with St Joseph school Yernakudam. Teachers' orientation program was conducted by Fr. Immanuel SCJ a known scholar and professor in Eluru theological college and teachers benefited the program. Calligraphy program was being conducted for the teachers by the trained teachers.

P.T.A Meeting: Parents meeting of 10th class students was conducted on 6th of June, 2025.

Re Opening: We blessed our school, buses and the premises in view of reopening our school. we had a grand opening day celebration with presence of all our priests on 12th of June, 2025.





Fare well: Grand Send-off was given to Fr Jince Koothodiyil MS on 15th from St. Joseph church Thorredu as well as 17th we had another grand send-off celebration at Nilayam school.

LA SALETTE MATHA RCM CHURCH, NUTHENKAL, KHAMMAM

Mission Dreams Unfold: Miss Roshini, a Beacon of hope, embarks on a sacred journey, becoming the first from our mission to pursue her calling as a religious nun, surrendering to the divine whispers in her heart.

Renovation: The renovation of the existing asbestos house is underway, aiming to create a better living space.

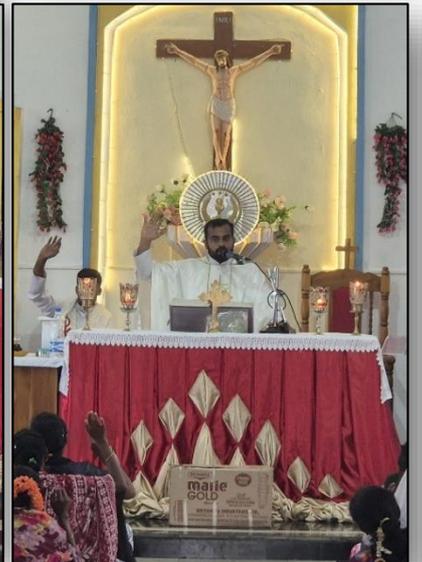
Vacation Camp: a three-day vacation camp was organized for the children under the leadership of the Don Bosco Sisters. The camp provided an enriching and self-educating experience for the children in our mission.

New Keyboard: A gift from the loving hearts of Fr. William Kalliyadan MS and Fr. Sajive Maliakal MS, makes Nuthnkal Choir dynamic and soulful.

Alhartfelt Farewell: As Fr. Jince Koothodiyil MS bids adieu, Khammam Mission expressed the deepest gratitude



for his selfless service in Andhra over the past decade. The Second Saturday prayer day was a poignant celebration of his dedication, marked by the breaking of the Word of God, Solemn Eucharist, Adoration, and Novena. May his journey ahead be blessed with joy and purpose.



LA SALETTE SADHAN, BENGALURU

Monthly Recollection: This month, we were spiritually enriched by our monthly recollection, gracefully led by Rev. Fr. Lithin MS. His reflections nourished our hearts and minds, drawing us closer to God and inspiring us to deepen our spiritual journey.

Joyful Birthday Celebrations: We were overjoyed to celebrate the birthdays of Rev. Fr. Saneesh Alappattu MS and Bro. Ajil. A delightful cake-cutting ceremony and a vibrant cultural evening filled the atmosphere with happiness, as we came together as a community to share our warm wishes and express our love and appreciation for them.



La Salette Laity India: International Rosary: Representing La Salette Laity India, our dedicated laity members in Bangalore organized International Rosary on the 28th of this month in honour of the Feast of the Immaculate Heart of Mother Mary.

Classes: As part of the Postulancy Formation Programme, we had enriching classes including Music, Language, and Bible studies which aimed at intellectual, cultural, and spiritual growth.

Back to College: Rev. Fr. Sibi Edakkara MS and our scholastics, returned to their respective colleges after their vacation. We wished them abundant blessings and success in their academic and spiritual pursuits.

Visitors and Fellowship: It was our joy to welcome Rev. Frs. Alex, Lithin, Jobins, Jince, Sijo, Jenson, along with some relatives of our fathers. Their visit filled our home with a spirit of fellowship, joy, and fraternity, reminding us of the beauty of community life.

Feasts of the Month: We celebrated with devotion the Solemnity of Pentecost, Solemnity of the Most Holy Trinity, Solemnity of Corpus Christi, Feast of the Sacred Heart of Jesus, Feast of the Immaculate Heart of Mary, Solemnity of Saints Peter and Paul, Solemnity of the Nativity of St. John the Baptist and the Feast of St. Barnabas. Each celebration renewed our faith, strengthened our Christian spirit.



LA SALETTE BHAVAN, PARAKKADAVU

New Academic Year: We began our new year of formation. Our minor Seminarians came on June first. We have ten Seminarians for the year 2025-2026. We began our year with a recollection for our Seminarians by rev. Fr. Charles Chittattukarakaran. Our seminarians had a good opportunity to get a good help from our Scholastics: Jophin and Joyal. Special thanks to both of them.

Second Saturday Program We had our second Saturday prayer day for our laity. Fr. Jojo led the evening with talk and adoration.

Funeral services We as a community participated with Fr. Joy Chukkananickal, for the funeral service of his cousin.

We also participated in the fifth day of Fr. Johny's cousins' death day celebration. We the whole community joined with Fr. Mathews mom's funeral service as well as the seventh day celebration.



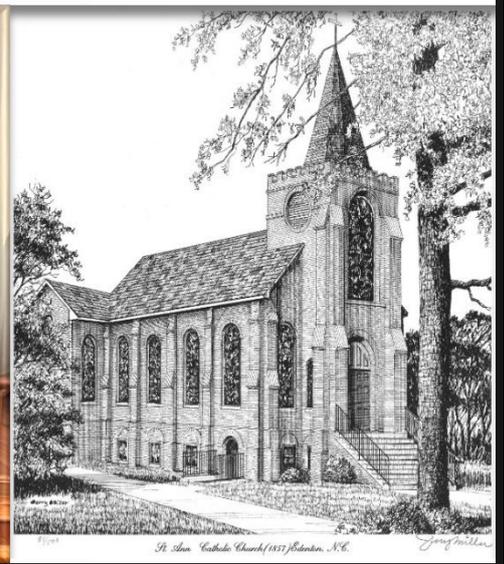
LA SALETTE, UMMANNOOR, PUNALUR

Visit: Fr. Baiju and Saneesh visited the parish. Thanks for the visit.

LA SALETTE, USA: FR. ANIT MAVATHARA



My Parish: Saint Ann Catholic Church is located in the Edenton, North Carolina, a rural community in the north eastern part of the state. The Church, built in 1858, is on the National Register of Historic Places. The diverse, multicultural, and inclusive community is represented by believers of all ages, income levels and education. The Saint Ann faith community is the spiritual home for approximately 325 families from five surrounding counties. All Souls Catholic Church, the Mission of Saint Ann, is located in Columbia, approximately 33 miles from Edenton. Thirty-four families are registered at the Mission. The majority of All Souls parishioners work in agriculture and the seafood processing industry in nearby facilities. On Weekends we have five masses.



ANNOUNCEMENTS

Kindly note the tentative dates of Postulants' acceptance, Young clergy, Annual retreat, and Assembly.

- Acceptance of Postulants: *July 27, La Salette Sadhan, Bengaluru.*
- Young Clergy: *August 19-20, La Salette Sadhan, Bengaluru.*
- Annual Retreat: *September 29- October 3.*
- Annual assembly: *January 27-28.*
- Jubilee celebration:(Frs. Baiju, Biju, Joseph, Joy, and Rojan): *January 26, La Salette Bhavan, Parakadavu.*

DAYS TO REMEMBER

- **03: Birthday- Frs. James Kalliath MS, George Kizhikandayil MS**
- **11: Birthday- Fr. Joy Chukkananickal MS**
- **16: Birthday- Fr. Joseph Peethuruthel MS**
- **18: Birthday- Fr. Tinto Kalapurakkal MS**
- **22: Birthday- Fr. Sanish Poovathinkal MS**