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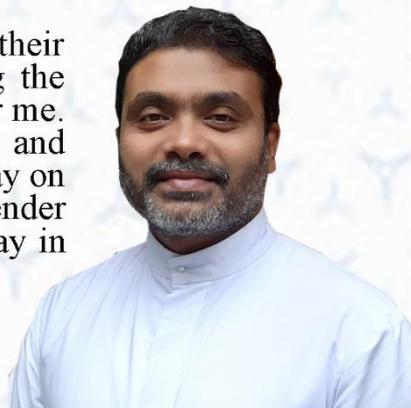
Dear Fathers and Brothers,

Many of you might have read the famous author Rick Warren. I happened to pick one of his collections from my personal library for daily meditation. Although I had read it years before, reading it again refreshed my mind. Let me explain to you a reflection on temptation. The title of this particular chapter is "God's power in your weakness".

Everyone has weaknesses. In fact, we have a bundle of flaws and imperfections: physical, emotional, intellectual, and spiritual. Usually, we deny our weaknesses, defend them, excuse them, hide them, and resent them. This prevents God from using them the way He desires. God has a different perspective on our weaknesses. He says, "For my thoughts are not your thoughts, nor are your ways my ways" (Isaiah 55:8). A weakness is any limitation that we have inherited or have no power to change. It may be a physical limitation, like a handicap, a chronic illness, naturally low energy, or a disability. It may be an emotional limitation, such as a trauma scar, a hurtful memory, a personality quirk, or a hereditary disposition. Or it may be a talent or intellectual limitation. In all these limitations, what is most important is our awareness that God is never limited by our limitations. If ever we want to see the power of God in our weaknesses, first of all, we need to admit and become content with our weaknesses. Owning up to our imperfections is crucial for God to work in us. It's the attitude St. Paul maintained in his life: "But he said to me, my grace is sufficient for you, for power is made perfect in weakness. So, I will boast all the more gladly of my weaknesses, so that the power of Christ may dwell in me. Therefore, I am content with weaknesses, insults, hardships, persecutions, and calamities for the sake of Christ, for whenever I am weak, then I am strong" (2 Cor: 12:9-10). The usage, contentment with weakness, may not make sense. Contentment is an expression of faith in the goodness of God. Paul gives us several reasons to be content with our inborn weaknesses. Firstly, they cause us to depend on God. Referring to his own weakness, St. Paul reminds us to depend on God. Secondly, our weakness keeps us humble. Being humble is not putting ourselves down or denying our strengths; rather, it is being honest about our limitations. The more honest we are, the more of God's grace we get. Thirdly, it gives us the realisation that we need to depend on others. When we weave the weakest parts of our lives together, a rope of great strength is created. Our weaknesses increase our capacity for sympathy and ministry. It will help us to extend our strengths to others as well as receive aid from others. Fourthly, accepting our weaknesses is an occasion to reveal the vulnerable side of our personalities to others. We are people who want to impress others. But what is important is not to impress but to influence. We can impress others from a distance, but to influence, we must get close to them. And when we get close to others, our flaws and limitations will be revealed. But that will also lead to a healthy relationship. Finally, let us also understand that, sometimes, God turns a strength into a weakness in order to use us even more. It's like the story of Jacob in the Old Testament, who was a manipulator. One night he wrestled with God and said, "I am not letting go until you bless me". God said, "All right", but then He grabbed Jacob's thigh and dislocated his hip. God touched Jacob's strength (the thigh muscle is the strongest in the body) and turned it into a weakness. From that day forward, Jacob walked with a limp, so he could never run away again. It forced him to lean on God for the rest of his life. Let us realise that, the limps in our lives are invitations to lean on God.

As I conclude this note, I especially congratulate everyone for their welcome, wholehearted support, sharing, and understanding during the time of the Canonical Visit. It was a time of growth and realisation for me. Let us together work for the betterment of our communities and congregation at large. As we celebrate our country's Independence Day on August 15, through the intercession of our Blessed Mother, let us surrender our nation to the mighty hands of the Lord. Happy Independence Day in advance!

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





LA SALETTE SCHOLASTICS, NAGPUR

St. Thomas Day: St. Thomas Day was observed with a solemn Eucharistic celebration. A friendly football match between seniors and first years was organised and Seniors made the final victory.

Booting 23: Fresher's Day was observed with vibrant cultural events. It was an opportunity for first years to showcase their talents.



Save Manipur: The Rossary Hill parish organised a silent protest in favour of Manipur. We all took part in the rally and the subsequent meeting.

Catechism Teacher's Gathering: Since we all will be teaching catechism, we all attended the Archdiocese's meeting for catechism instructors. The gathering was opened by Mar. Elias Gonsalves, the Archbishop of Nagpur, who also officiated the Holy Mass.

CTF: Carolian Theological Forum(CTF) is platform where the theology brothers can grow their talents. There are varieties of programmes and completions are conducted under this forum where all has to be participated. This month there was extempore competition was held and winners were awarded.

Veneration of the Relics: The relic of the cross where St. John Paul 2nd prayed at last good Friday before his death was brought by Jesus youth in preparation for the JAGO Conference, a national youth gathering.





ST. MARK'S CHURCH, UMMANNOOR

New Kurissady: A new Kurissady (Roadside Chapel) is being built in front of our churches. Many individuals who commute to work every day use it as a spot to seek the blessing of the Lord and the intercession of the Blessed Mother.

Beginning of KLCWA: A new unit of KLCWA (Kerala Latin Catholic women Association) began at St. Joseph and St. Mark's Churches. It is the first unit of KLCWA in the whole diocese.



Novena Devotion: A special Novena devotion to the Blessed Mother of La Salette began in the parishes.

Crafting Rosaries: As part of the different youth programmes, our inspiring youth took the initiative to start crafting rosaries. This increases their devotion to the Rosary and provides funds for the youth programmes.



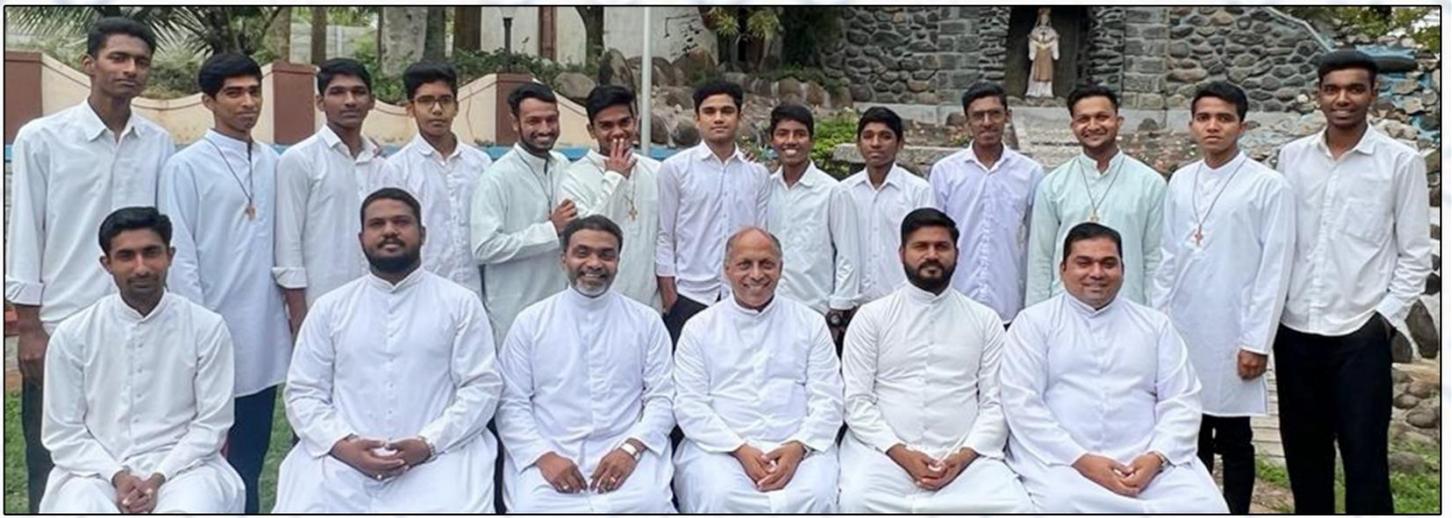
ATTENTION PLEASE

AUGUST 2023

06	1958	Birthday	Manjaly Mathew
24	2001	Ordination	Porathur Joy
31	1994	Birthday	Palatty Anson

SEPTEMBER 2023

01	1993	Birthday	Nikhil Thekkineth
02	2012	Ordination	Kachappilly Jojo
03	2018	Death	Kuzhinjalil Jose
04	1983	Birthday	Kachappilly Jojo



LA SALETTE POSTULANCY HOUSE, HUNSUR, MYSORE

Work Experience: Postulants had very special work experience in La Salette Nikethan School for 20 days. They are very happy and they experienced it as very challenging and helping them to appreciate school ministry as well as personal growth from July 10 till July 31

Academics: From August 2 the Postulants will be going to La Salette Sadhan for the preparatory classes, practical exams as well as BA final University exams. Possibly they will be in La Salette Sadhan for the whole month of August



LA SALETTE MISSION, NUTHANKAL KHAMMAM

Fasting Prayer: We held a one-day fasting prayer service on 4th of July. Many attended the service.

Canonical Visitation: Rev. Fr. Jenson Chnethrappinny MS, the Provincial Superior made the Canonical Visitation to Our Khammam mission on 23rd and 24th of July. He also made a visit to all the villages and celebrated Holy Mass. We also had a gathering with the priests from the neighbourhood.





LA SALETTE VIDYA NIKETHAN, HUNSUR, MYOSRE

Investiture Ceremony on 1st July 2023: If your actions inspire others to dream more, learn more, do more and become more, then you are a leader. This momentous day of La Salette Vidyaniketan dawned to bestow responsibilities on the deserving young talents of the school to lead their school from the front with their commitment, confidence and competence. Chief Guest of the function was Madam Shakila Banu the Assit. Thasildar of Hunsur.

CET Inauguration: La Salette PU College inaugurated the CET classes on 5th July. On the same occasion Miss Sahana our Ex-student was felicitated for securing 4553 rank in KCET. She shared with the students how to prepare for the KCET.

College Election: PU college students had their cabinet election on 5th of July. All the students and staffs cast their vote to elect the cabinet council for this academic year in the college.





New Buses – 11 & 12: La Salette Vidhya Nikethan purchased 2 new buses for the school and college. Now we have altogether 12 buses.

FA-1 Exam: First Formative Assessment was conducted on 13, 14, and 15 of July 2023 for the primary and high school students.

Wellness Class: On 14th of July Girl students of classes 6-12 had a session on 'Physical Development' by Dr. Sangeeta Vikram. She explained in details about the neatness, growth and development in girls and made them aware about the safety measures to keep the body clean and neat.



Pray for Manipur: La Salette Vidhya Nikethan conducted a special assembly on the theme 'Manipur is Burning' and prayed for our brethren who are suffering.

Birthday: On 18th of July we had the birthday celebration of Fr. Tinto. All the fathers and staffs were present for the birthday celebration in the school.

Red Day: On 21st July KG section celebrated Red day in order to reinforce cognitive skills in students.

Leaf Collage Making: On 22nd July Leaf collage making competition was conducted for primary section.





Investiture Ceremony of PU: PU section had their official formation of cabinet council on 18th of July. The Oath was preached by Shridhara CM (Ex Commando & Founder of SAM). Rev. Fr. Jenson MS presided over the function in which he gave official sanction to form the college council to Principal. The parents of the council ministers were present for the function.

PT Meeting: La Salette Vidhya Niketan had our first parent teachers Meeting after the FA -1 exam on 28th of July.



Canonical Visitation: On 17th July we had canonical visitation of Provincial superior and chairman of the school Rev. Fr. Jenson Chenthrappinny MS. A grant welcome was given to him. In his message he spoke the need of having hope in our life. This will thrive to move forward. Fr. Jenson had meeting with teaching and non-teaching staff which helped the staffs to be more motivated and committed.

Birthday: On 22nd July was indeed a very special day for our school as it was our Director Fr. Sanish's birthday. The celebration began with a beautiful prayer service followed by a program on the theme 'Talents' How Fr. Sanish has spent all these five years of his precious life using all his talents and gifts for the welfare of the school. PU students celebrated the birthday separately in the afternoon.



LA SALETTE BHAVAN, PARAKKADAVU

Wedding: Frs. Joy, Lithin and Johnny Participated in the wedding of Dr. Jerin Callarackal, niece of Rev. Fr. Job Callarackal.

July 3rd: We celebrated July third with a free day for the seminarians.

Canonical Visitation: Fr. Jenson Chenthrappinny MS, the Provincial Superior made his canonical visitation from July 04 to 07.

We offered special prayers for the deceased at the tombs of Dn. Bineesh Muttathil, Fr. Jose Kuzhinjalil and Fr. Jose Punnakkunnel.

Recollection Day: Fr. Lithin MS offered a monthly recollection for the seminarians.

Happy Feast: The community celebrated the feast of Our Lady of Mount Carmel and remembered the first day of opening of our Seminary at Parakkadavu in 1990.

Funeral Service: Members of the Bhavan community attended the funeral services of Father of Jose Muttathan MS and for the Father of Elson Kattookaran

Cultural Evening: La Salette Seminarians enjoyed a great day as we commemorated the feast of St. Alphonsa. Everyone took part in the cultural night that evening.

Visitors: Mrs. Janet and her husband Joshy and their two children came to visit us from England and made homage at the tomb of Fr. Jose Punnakkunnel. We were also blessed with the visits of Fr. Elson, sisters, nieces and nephews of Fr. Johnny, and Mrs. Sheeba and Family, the cousins of Fr. Andrews.



LA SALETTE ASHRAM, WAYANAD

Birthday: B'Day of Fr. George Kizhikandayil MS celebrated colourfully at La Salette Ashram.

Laity Gathering: A gathering of La Salette Laity was conducted on 9th July. Thanks to Fr. Jino Chakkiath MS for the enriching talk.

Canonical Visitation: Rev. Fr. Jenson Chenthrappinny MS, the Provincial Superior visited the community as part of canonical visitation.

Cluster Meeting: All the members gathered at La Salette Maria Bhavan for the cluster meeting.

Funeral Service: Frs. Rojan and Saneesh attended the funeral of Mr. Pathrose, the beloved father of Fr. Jose Mutathan MS.

Jesus Youth: "PHILIPP" A training programme of Jesus Youth was held at Ashram from 28 to 30.





LA SALETTE VIDYA NILAYAM, THORREDU, AP

IT Training: Our School has begun IIT training this year which helps the students to enhance their problem-solving, logical reasoning, observational, and critical thinking skills altogether.

Canonical Visitation: Rev. Fr. Fr. Jenson Chenthrappinny MS, the Provincial Superior visited the school and a grand welcome was given. He interacted with the teaching staff, non-teaching staff and students.



Investiture Ceremony: The investiture ceremony was organized in our school and it was addressed by Rev. Fr. Jenson Chenthrappinny MS. The ceremony was inaugurated by Dr. Amarlapudi Sekhar Garu (Managing Director, AP State Christian Minorities Finance Corporation Ltd). The theme of the celebration was “Growing the Leaders of Tomorrow.”





Feast Day Celebration: We solemnly celebrated the feast of Basilian sisters on the 19th of July. The staff wished them festal greetings followed by a cake cutting ceremony which added more colour to the program.

School Anniversary: On 28th of July, the 12th anniversary of La Salette Vidyanilyam was celebrated along with staff and students



LA SALETTE NILAYAM, THORREDU, AP

St. Thomas Day: The Nilayam community celebrated St. Thomas Day with a solemn Eucharistic celebration and prayed for the festal celebrants.

Hearty Welcome: The community welcomed Rajit Nayak and David Pradhan from Orissa and wished them all the best for their studies and formation.

Visit of Provincial: Our community was blessed with the presence of Fr. Jenson Chenthrappinny MS, the Provincial Superior from 23rd to 26th as a part of canonical visitation. He met every member of the community and the nearby communities.





LA SALETTE NIKEHAN, HUNSUR, MYSORE

Canonical Visitation: As part of his canonical visitation, Rev. Fr. Jenson Chenthrappinny MS, the Provincial Superior, came to see us and stayed with us for three days. We gave him a formal greeting and ensured that he had a pleasant stay. He individually interacted with every member of the community and shared his observations and concerns.



Superior's Day: The Nikethan campus was overjoyed to commemorate the birth of the community's superior, Fr. Sanish Poovathnkal MS. We had a variety of cultural programmes and delicious cuisines, and it was a joyful and happy time.

Assistant Rector's Day: The community celebrated the birthday of Fr. Tinto Kalapurakkal MS, the assistant Rector of the seminary. We had a cultural program and followed by a delicious dinner.

Birthday Wishes: The community wished and prayed for postulant Nirmal on his Birthday.



Outing Day: Brothers had one-day outing in order to relax and refresh themselves.

Feast Day: The community celebrated the Feast day of Fr. Jacob Vettathu MS and we had a grand dinner in the postulant house.





LA SALETTE MARIA BHAVAN, CHEMPERI

Canonical Visitation: We had the Canonical Visitation of the Provincial Superior from 14 to 15 of July. As part of the visitation, a meeting with the Archdiocese was arranged.

Cluster Meeting: On July 23, we held our cluster meeting in our house.

LA SALETTE SADHAN, BENGALURU

Feasts: The feasts of St. Maria Goretti, Our Lady of Mount Carmel, St. Mary Magdalene, St. James, Sts. Joachim and Anne, and St. Martha were solemnly observed. And on July 3rd, the feast day of St. Thomas the Apostle, we had a solemn Syro-Malabar rite Eucharistic Celebration.

Extension Lecture: On July 28, fathers and brothers were welcomed to Suvidya College for an extension lecture on the subject of "HOW HUMANS ARE HUMANOIDS?"

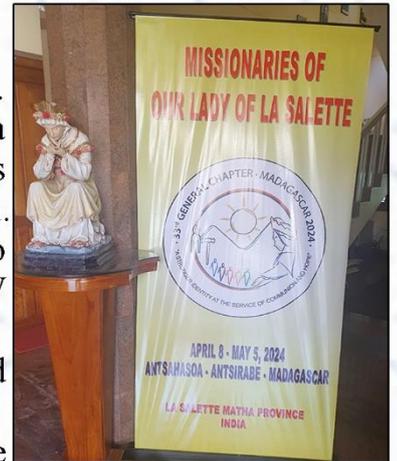
Outing: Brothers had been for day out and visited Bangalore fort and places nearby.

Adoration and Confession: For the spiritual refuelling of the La Salette Laity, a prayer day was conducted under the direction of Rev. Fr. Provincial Superior.

Canonical Visitation: On July 30 and 31, Rev. Fr. Jenson Chenthappinny MS met with each member of the Sadhan community after visiting all the communities and members of our province. The meeting ended with the solemn Eucharistic liturgy.

General Chapter: The spiritual preparations for the next general Chapter began in the Sadhan.

Visitors: We were very grateful to have the presence of Fr. Bino Povanikkunnel MS, Fr. Sajive Maliakkal MS, and Fr. Jojo Pulpayil.



CHARITY HOME BLESSING

A new Charity Home for Mrs. Kunjumol K and family at Chemmannuvila, Panachamoodu, Trivandrum, Kerala was blessed by Rev. Fr. Jenson Chenthrappinny MS, the Provincial Superior on July 03, 2023 at 03.00 pm.
Thanks to all those who contributed for this pious purpose.

