



# PROVINCIAL CIRCULAR

## LA SALETTE MATHA PROVINCE

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Dear Fathers and Brothers,

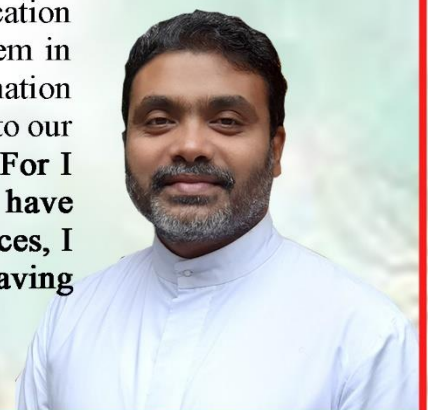
One year and eight months left since Alphy's kidney transplant took place. By the grace of God, she survived without dialysis. In one of my conversations, I asked her; what was her feeling when she came to know that her kidneys were dysfunctional, and she needed to undergo dialysis. She replied: "I felt very sad, disgusted, painful, and desperate. It was then the desire to life increased in me. I prayed to God to extend my life. To undergo dialysis every alternative day itself was painful. But the most humiliating and throbbing experience was not that. I had to find the money for my treatment. Not merely for treatment, but for my survival. To expand my life, there left only one choice, the option of a kidney transplant, for which I was desperately in need of a donor. We found one man who was willing to donate his kidney, provided we paid him fifteen lakh rupees, which was unthinkable. I started waiting for divine intervention. To go forward with my life, I needed money. The family members and well-wishers decided to go professional begging, by putting on my flex picture at the main junctions of the towns. When I travelled, some people looked at the flex and looked back at me. Their sympathetic looks pierced my heart. Sometimes, when some charity fund-raising programmes were held, I had to go with my arms open, begging for money from the public, and that was painful, very painful for me. I asked God, "What did I do to you to get sick? And all the more, to beg before others for my survival? It is very humiliating and disgusting."

Do you know, father, for two and half years, I was not able to pass urine. My kidneys produced not even a single drop of urine. But God made me survive. He tested me. He let me undergo humiliating experiences. In those days, I had only one wish, to get a donor. Finally, through you, God gave one. After the transplant, when my new kidney started functioning, I felt like a bird, flying in the air. So, weightless, both mind and body. I don't know how long I will live. But now I am very happy. It's in sickness we understand the true value of health. It's in helplessness we understand the nearness of God. The tests are not over, and I know it will never end."

We may have so many reasons to be gloomy, sad, and unhappy. But after listening to Alphie, we should find out hundreds of reasons to be happy. Happiness is divine grace. It is only when we look around and see those less privileged than us, we find the blessings of our lives. I have seriously asked this question myself. "What does a religious priest lack in his life?" And the answer is "Nothing, except the grace to find happiness and contentment in life!" Sometimes, it is good to look at the lives of our own family members. Many of them do not have the advantages that we enjoy in our lives. Let us pray to God for the grace to be happy and joyful in life.

As we begin a new academic year, along with you, I thank God for the abundant blessings He has showered upon our province. Most especially for providing us with 18 new seminarians who joined our Minor Seminary at Parakkadavu. Let us hope that we will get a few vocations in our New Seminary in Andhra Pradesh also. I wholeheartedly congratulate Fr. Lithin Palakkal MS, Fr. Joyal Narimattathil MS, Fr. George Kizhikandayil MS, and Fr. Nikhil Thekkineth MS, our Vocation Promoters, for their dedicated service, and all others who supported them in their duties. Let us continue to pray for our young seminarians under formation and for all the formators. May the good Lord help us to always be faithful to our religious commitment. Let us be enkindled with the words of St. Paul: **"For I have learned to be content with whatever I have. I know what it is to have little, and I know what it is to have plenty. In any and all circumstances, I have learned the secret of being well-fed and of going hungry, of having plenty and of being in need"** (Phil 4: 11-12).

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





## LA SALETTE MARIAN CENTER, TVM

**Heart Welcome:** Fr. Sebastian Michael MS has joined the community on 18th of this month. He was welcomed by Fr. Johnny Vadakkan. His family had a blessed time and had a delicious lunch prepared by the guidance of the Superior

**Thank You:** On 21st of this month, we had a farewell party for Fr. Johnny and Fr. Joby in which the neighbouring Parish Priests and Religious communities were present for the gathering. Fr. VP Jose (The regional Coordinator of Undancode region) thanked Fr. Johnny and Fr. Joby for their fabulous service to the neighbouring parishes.



**New Parish Priest:** The installation ceremony of Fr. Sebastian Michael as Parish Priest was held on St. Jude Church, Panachamoodu on 27th of this month. It was officiated by Fr. MK Christudas, the Forane Vicar of Undancode. Fr. Christudas thanked Fr. Johnny for his incredible service rendered to the parish at large and his contribution to the people. Fr. Sebastian Michael celebrated the mass.

**Happy Feast:** The Paravila Parish community solemnly celebrated the feast of Our Lady of Fatima





## LA SALETTE NIKEHAN, HUNSUR, MYSORE

**Heartfelt Gratitude & Farewell:** The Nikethan Community acknowledged the hard work and commitment of our dear Fr. Joy Chukkananickal MS to the Nikethan community for the past one year as a Novice Master. The community gave him a Farewell party and grant lunch. The Nikethan community assured our prayers to him. We have also given farewell to Sr. Maria Mercy the headmistress of our school.



**Birthday Party:** The community celebrated the Birthday of Fr. Joyal, MS and Bro. Sharoon.

**Best Wishes to Brothers:** The community gave send off to Bros. Joshua and Jesvin. They have successfully completed their minor seminary formation and now they are going to Bangalore for the next level of formation. We thanked them for the service rendered to the community and wished them all the best for the next level of formation.

**Community Tour:** The Nikethan community went for the two days of tour to Hyderabad City. It was a wonderful picnic experience as a community and helped us to foster community spirit.



**Brother's One Day Picnic:** Minor seminary brothers had gone for one day picnic to Wonderla amusement park.

**Hearty Welcome:** The community welcomed Fr. Jacob Vettathu MS to the Niketan and who took the charge as the Director of Postulants. We also welcomed Fr. Joyal MS to the Niketan community and also welcomed Sr. Anoop as the new headmistress of our school.

**Visitors:** The community enjoyed the presence of Frs. Bino Poovannikunnel MS, Anoop Manchirayil MS, Jesbin Pulavelil MS, Bibin Parakunnel MS, and Anit Mavathara MS.





## LA SALETTE VIDYA NIKETHAN, HUNSUR, MYOSRE

**SSLC Result:** The SSLC result of the academic year 2022-23 was announced on 8th May. 66 students wrote the exam this year and out of which we have obtained 15 distinctions, 47 first classes and 3 second classes. Congratulations to all the students

**Sent off to Sr. Maria Mercy:** La Salette Vidya Nikethan management gave farewell to Rev. Sr. Maria Mercy, the headmistress on 19th of May. The management and the staff thanked headmistress for her two years service in our school as staff and as headmistress. Sister mercy expressed her gratitude towards the management for all the support and encouragement.

**New Headmistress to LSVN:** Sr. Anoop is the new headmistress to LSVN School. The La Salette Vidya Nikethan School welcomed Sr. Anoop to the school wholeheartedly and has assumed the post on 24th May, 2023. Best wishes to Sr. Anoop.



**Visitors to the School:** Our former headmistress Sr. Karuna and Sr. Parimala visited our school during the summer holidays. They cherished their old memories and were happy to see the growth of La Salette school at large.



**LA SALETTE VIDYANIKETHAN, MARDUR, HUNSUR**  
(Recognized by Govt. of Karnataka) (School Code : EE0641)

**ADMISSION**  
**OPEN:**  
PUC  
(PCMB/Cs,  
EBACs/EGBA,  
HEGPIPS)

**TOPPERS OF SSLC 2022-23**

**Total Result**  
**99%**

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| <br>Divya<br>93.28%     | <br>Deekshitha G<br>92.00% | <br>Monisha<br>91.04%  | <br>Hemadri Y.D<br>91.04%     | <br>Santhosh B.S<br>90.88%     | <br>Shreya<br>90.72%          | <br>Meghana R.A<br>89.92%     | <br>Varsha R<br>89.28% |
| <br>Manisha D<br>89.28% | <br>Divyashree<br>88.00%   | <br>Raghav R<br>87.36% | <br>Nethravathi R.P<br>87.20% | <br>Nishanth kumar K<br>87.04% | <br>Sanjaykumar B.N<br>85.76% | <br>Poornachandra S<br>85.00% |                                                                                                             |

*Cordial Congratulations to our achievers*

*Best wish from Management*

*Teaching & Non Teaching Staff*



### Orientation Program for Teachers:

La Salette PU College and Vidya Nikethan had one-day orientation program for all the lectures and teachers on 24th May. The orientation programme was guided by Mrs. Sonia Jacob who is an eminent trained counsellor and guide for the teachers. It was an enriching programme which left no

space for any doubts about class room management. Mrs. Sonia guided the teachers how to handle the children who are differently abled so that we can include all to the main stream of education.

### A Year to Be Together and Learn More:

On 29th May 2023, we the management, staff and students began the new academic year seeking the blessings from the Almighty God. The day's assembly was led by the teachers inviting the students to set their goals for the year and reminded them that a dream is not that which you see while sleeping, it is something that does not let you sleep.



The staff of La Salette pledge to provide the children with several opportunities for total growth spiritual, intellectual, physical, emotional, artistic and athletic. As the students moved to their class rooms they sought the blessing of the Lord by taking the touch of the divine light. As a gesture of welcome *Tilak* was placed on the forehead of every child by the teachers.

We dispersed to class rooms desiring to make the best use of this new academic year to grow in every way that God our creator wants us to be and to have fullness of life.



## LA SALETTE MISSION, NUTHANKAL KHAMMAM

**Snehasangamam:** We had conducted two days of summer camp on 19th and 20th of May, for the students of La Salette Matha RCM Church. Children from different villages were present for the camp.

**Mother's Day Celebration:** On 21st of May we celebrated the Mother's Day in our Parish. We had the solemn celebration of the Holy Eucharist and all the mothers of our Parish were honoured.





## LA SALETTE ASHRAM, WAYANAD

**Best Wishes:** Fr Anil Kochuthazhathu, MS who is assigned in Hawaii, USA left La Salette Ashram after his few months of self-effacing ministry at Ashram. We wish him all the best in his future ministry.

-Bro John Chirayath who was with La Salette Ashram community for more than 8 months, started his theological studies at Sanathana Seminary, Thamarassery. Best wishes.

**Forane Priests Recollection:** The priests of Nadavayal forane gathered at La Salette Ashram for the monthly recollection on the 9th of May. Recollection was preached by Fr. Lithin Palackal MS.



**Camp:** Mission League camp was held from 17 to 19 at La Salette Ashram.

**Hearty Welcome:** The Ashram Community Welcomes Fr. Saneesh Alappattu MS our new Associate Director. Prayerful wishes.

**Kinginikootam:** Retreat for Children (4 to 7 std) was held on 26 and 27 of May. Frs. Joyal and Lithin joined La Salette Ashram community to conduct the retreat.



## LA SALETTE MARIA BHAVAN, CHEMPERI

**Visit of Our Fathers:** Rev. Fr. Bino Poovanikkunnel MS, the Vicar Provincial, and Frs. Joseph MS, Rijo MS, Saneesh MS, Bibin MS visited the community on different occasions.



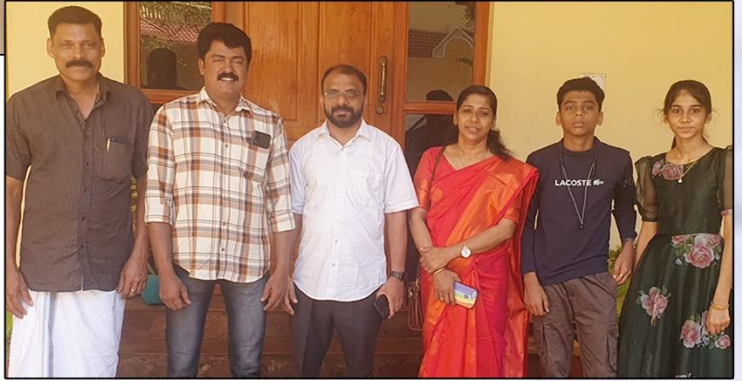


## LA SALETTE SADHAN, BENGALURU

**Feasts:** Sadhan community celebrated the feasts of St. Joseph the Worker, Our Lady of Fathima, Mary Mother of the Church, The Visitation of the Blessed Virgin Mary, and the Solemnity of Ascension of the Lord and Pentecost.

**Picnic:** Philosophy brothers had their picnic at Bannerghatta National Park and Zoo and after that they had a movie also.

**Farewell:** Every exit is an entry to somewhere else. Philosophy third years had their exit from La Salette Sadhan Community and they are entering into a year of Postulancy. So we had a wonderful farewell party for the third year philosophy brothers with tears behind happiness.



**Arrival of First Year Philosophy Brothers:** New philosophers have begun their journey in La Salette Sadhan. The Sadhan community welcomed the new first year philosophy brothers with hearts full of joy.

**Vacation:** Peace of mind for a while. Philosophy Brothers are on their vacation since they have successfully finished their philosophy exams.

**Visitors:** We were grateful to have the presence of Rev. Fr. Bino Poovanikunnel MS, Frs. Rijo MS, and Anit MS





## LA SALETTE VIDYA NILAYAM, THORREDU, AP

**Staff Picnic:** After a tiring and packed academic schedule, La Salette Vidyanilayam School staff and management had a one-day picnic to Rmabachodavaram and Mareudumilli as a part of their annual academic program. Those places are known for their dense Jingle and waterfalls. It was a refreshing moment for all of us.

**Heartiest Congratulations!:** Another proud moment for the La Salette Vidyanilayam. The students from class X passed with flying colors. We have achieved 95% of result in this academic year. Master Mallina Abhishek as the topper of our school obtained 100/100 for mathematics and science and scored 551/600.



### JUNE 2023

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|----|------|------------|------------------------|
| 07 | 1987 | Birthday   | Alappattu Saneesh      |
| 12 | 1990 | Birthday   | Arugolanu Benjamin     |
| 16 | 1988 | Ordination | Cheerakathil Augustine |
| 22 | 1984 | Birthday   | Manchira Anoop         |
| 24 | 1988 | Birthday   | Gompa Manibushana Rao  |

### JULY 2023

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| 03 | 1971 | Birthday | Kalliath James       |
| 03 | 1988 | Birthday | Kizhikandayil George |

**PLEASE  
NOTE!**