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Dear Fathers and Brothers,

On the first week of the month of March, I was with Fr. Johny and Fr. Joby in Thiruvananthapuram. After the Mass on Sunday, an elderly person came to see Fr. Johny, the Vicar of Panachamood Parish. The man had some difficulty while walking. We could see that he was walking with a limp. While he was untying the hardships of family, Fr. Jonhy's heart melted with sympathy. Father prayed for him and sent him back giving him Rs. 500. Thanking Fr. Johny and God, he went away.

Fr. Johny and I left for the next Mass from Panachamood Church to Paravila. When the vehicle reached the junction, Fr. Jonhy was shocked to see a man walking fast. Astonishingly, I asked, "What happened?"

"Don't you remember that man who came to us and took help saying he was unable to walk...?"

"Yes...."

"Look he is the one who is walking so fast!"

We continued our journey, saying that if he acted in the film, he would win an Oscar award.

We, who are in the spirit of fasting and Lent can use the above incident for self-examination. At least sometimes we may want to escape from responsibilities and pursue pleasures by resorting to lies and deception. The tempter may try in many ways to sideline us who are called to lead others to the right path, to live as Christ's representatives. We should pray and strive for spiritual awakening to overcome them like Christ.

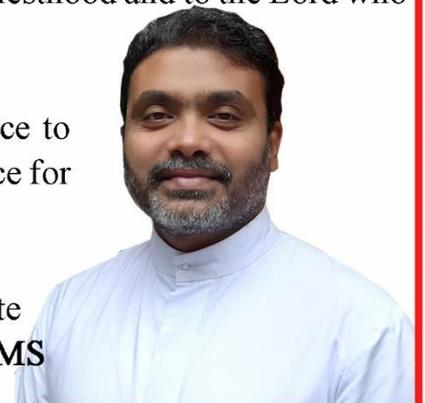
No one can cheat or deceive anyone all the time. It is certain that we will be called to account for all our actions. Let the thought deepen in us that God sees not only the good but also the evil that is hidden from others. "... the eyes of the Lord are ten thousand times brighter than the sun; they look upon every behavior and see into hidden corners"(Sirach 23:19).

Each of us is the potential for many good things. When we live in response to the call of God, it will be possible for all of us to live faithfully to the Church, to the priesthood and to the Lord who called us. The remaining days of Lent are the call for that.

As I conclude this letter, may I ask everyone to pray for the grace to receive many vocations from God to our congregation and for the grace for those who have accepted the call to remain faithful.

With prayers

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



LA SALETTE NILAYAM, THORREDU, AP

Ash Wednesday: Nilayam community along with parishioners devotedly celebrated the Ash Wednesday. There were hundred people who took *Diksha* and offered themselves to God totally by having fasting, abstinence, alms giving and penance. The main celebrant was Fr. Jince and everybody received ashes on the forehead as a sign of repentance.



ST. JOSEPH'S RCM CHURCH, THORREDU, AP

Lenten Observance: Our parish organizes various Lenten spiritual activities like, special Holy Mass to every villages and main parishes, Way of Cross on every day, special holy hours in all the villages and daily rosary in each family.



LA SALETTE VIDYA NILAYAM, THORREDU, AP

Inauguration of Various Clubs: La Salette Vidyanilayam had officially inaugurated different clubs on 14th February. Rev. Fr. Nikhil MS was the chief guest and inaugurator. In his message he reminded the students about the importance of various clubs in school. He said that club activities assist students to cultivate a sense of unity and working with others in reaching the same goals. Students develop various skills through the various activities of clubs.





School Picnic: Our 10th class students had one-day picnic to Visakhapatnam which is the gem of south India, on 18th. They had a good time to spend in the beach and had time for fun. It was the perfect place to sit on the golden sands and witness a marvelous beauty of the sea. They had visited historical places and they were really enlightened through their activities.



National Science Day Celebration: National Science Day was celebrated on 28th to spread the importance of science used in the daily life of the people. We celebrated this day by portraying more than 250 scientists and inventor's portraits and models of their invention. There were 250 students to present all the activities, efforts and achievements in the field of science for human welfare. It encouraged the students as well as people in science and technology. The program was inaugurated by Sri. Satyanadam, Additional Superintendent of Police.



LA SALETTE MARIA BHAVAN, CHEMPERI

Visited: Frs. Sanish, Jobins, Anit, and the sisters who work in School at Nikethan visited La Salette Maria Bhavan.

Welcome Back: Fr. Benny is back after participating Jubilee celebrations in Philippines.

Course: Postulant John was with the community for few days as he was attending a Psychology Course at Iritty.



LA SALETTE ASHRAM, WAYANAD

Charismatic Conference: On 16th of February Charismatic prayer group members of Diocese of Mananthavady had a one day animation program at our center.

Birthday Celebrations: Fr Anil and Postulant John celebrated their birthdays on 16th and 21st of February. The community wished and prayed for them on their special days.

Farewell to Fair-Well: On 21st of February, Ashram community joyfully thanked and wished all the best to Fr. Jojo Kachapilly MS, as he is going to Rome for doctoral studies in systematic Theology.

Thank You: La Salette Ashram community thanked Rev. Fr. Jomin, the Associate Parish Priest at Nadavayal for his service as he is transferred to Diocesan Pastoral Center at Dwaraka.

Visitors: In the month of February, Ashram community was blessed to have the presence of Frs. Baiju, Sebastian, Jinish, Anoop, Kuriakose, Lithin, Tinto, Joel and Binu.



LA SALETTE MISSION, NUTHANKAL, KHAMMAM

Fasting Prayer: On 7th of October, the parishioners had one day fasting prayer service.

Ash Wednesday: Mission had the solemn liturgical services of Ash Wednesday. All together 33 members have taken *Dhiksha* in the Parish.

Ordination Anniversary: We had a joyful celebration of the Ordination Anniversary of Rev. Fr. Benjamin MS, the Parish Priest.

Outing: We had one day outing together with the children of our Parish to Kallur.



LA SALETTE SADHAN, BENGALURU

Birthday Celebrations: Sadhan community with lot of joy and eagerness celebrated the birthdays of Rev. Fr. Bino Poovannikunnel MS, our Vicar Provincial, Fr. Jesbin S Pulavelil MS, and of Brothers Nibin, and Akhil.

Visitors: Frs. Jojo Kachappilly MS, Bino Poovannikunnel MS and Anit Mavathara MS, and the collegemates of Fr. Bibin MS made a visit.

Ash Wednesday: Community began the Lenten season with a solemn Eucharistic celebration with the involvement of the Laity.

Monthly Recollection: To nourish the spiritual life, a monthly recollection was conducted for brothers guided by Fr. Jojo Kachappilly MS. It was a good time for brothers to grow in spiritual life.

Volleyball Match: Community had a volleyball match on the day of the Birthday celebration of Fr. Jesbin S Pulavelil.





LA SALETTE NIKEHAN, HUNSUR, MYSORE

Ordination Anniversary Celebration: The community celebrated the ordination anniversary of all the community members together except Fr. Joy. We had Mass in the Grotto and cultural programme and camp fire super.

Sports and Arts Day: Brothers had their Sports and Arts Day 2022-2023 in the first week of February. They had varieties of competition both in Arts and Sports. It was a mind refreshment for the brothers before they get into the preparation of the final exam.

Annual Get Together in Mysore Diocese: On 19th of February our brothers attended the annual get together of the formees of the Diocese of Mysore. They had Holy Mass and seminar section on the Topic: "Psycho- spiritual issues affecting formation and commitment".

Death Anniversary of Dn. Binish Muttathil: We had one-hour special prayer service in the community on the Death Anniversary of Dn. Binish Muttathil MS.

Anniversary of Fr. Joy: We celebrated the ordination anniversary of Fr. Joy on 23rd of February.



Ash Wednesday: We have begun our Lenten observance on the day of Ash Wednesday. During the Lenten Season every Friday we are having Way of the Cross outside from seminary to Novitiate.

Monthly Recollection: Brothers had monthly recollection and confession and Fr. Sanish led the Recollection.

Visitors: The community enjoyed the presence of Rev. Fr. Jenson Chenthrappinny MS, and Frs. Bino poovannikunnel MS, Joby Kadambattuparambil MS, Anoop Manchirayil MS, , Jesbin Pulavelil MS, Jojo Kachappilly MS.



LA SALETTE NOVITIATE, HUNSUR, MYSORE

Visits: Frs. Bino, Joby Kadambat and Jojo Kachappilly visited the novices. Thanks for their time with us.

Fr Paul D'sa (a friend of Fr. Joy) who used to be a Brahmin but now a catholic priest and member of Missionaries of Compassion spent a day with the novices and said Mass for the novices.

Get Together: Novices together with our minor seminarians attended the annual get together of the formees in Mysore Diocese, at St. Philomina's College. 380 formees attended the event.

Ash Wednesday: Novices attended Ash Wednesday service and Mass in Francis Xavier parish, Hunsur.



LA SALETTE VIDYA NIKETHAN, HUNSUR, MYOSRE

Planetarium: La Salette Vidyanikethan held Planetarium explore program in our school. This vision experience was very amazing and realistic. A new experience of space trip in our place to explore Planetarium to study planets ,Solar system for our students. Planaterium is a 360 degree dome theatre which create an artificial night sky with high end projection. It has the ability to present astronomy, Solar system etc.to the students inside the dome. Children felt like it was a live, seeing the picture on 3 dimensions. The impact was very awesome as seeing the planets and knowing about them practically. It was a real time experience.

Science Day: Science Day was made just for the extra knowledge about the Chemistry, Biology and Physics. We conducted science experiments, organized science fairs, invited guest speakers, and conducted quizzes and competitions on 15th Feb. Here we knew the interest of children towards science. The complete day was so good for students to come with their own ideas.





Karate Exam: As we are providing our students the Karate classes, we also have held them the Karate exam. Our students are successful with all the yellow and Orange Belts. This has led them into more interest towards the Martial art.

Preparatory Exams: We conducted a school and state level preparatory exams for our SSLC students. Here all we seek is for the success in education of the children and parents who trusted us. 100% efforts are seen in both students and teachers. School level exam was on 23/01/2023 and State level exam was on 27/02/2023.

House Visit: Fr. Sanish along with staff members has visited our students' houses those who are going to attend the public exams. The motto of this visit was to aware the parents about their responsibility towards caring their Child and to boost them in this academic pursuit of students.

1st PUC Public Exam: Students were well prepared for the exam on 21st Feb. We conducted the public exam in such a way where they could be aware of their 2nd year exams. The valuation also is done very strictly. This has helped us to improve the quality of education.



As Lent is the time for greater love, listen to Jesus' thirst... 'Repent and believe' Jesus tells us. What are we to repent? Our indifference, our hardness of heart. What are we to believe? Jesus thirsts even now, in your heart and in the poor -- He knows your weakness. He wants only your love, wants only the chance to love you.

— Mother Teresa —



LA SALETTE BHAVAN, PARAKKADAVU

Ordination Anniversary: Fr. Jacob celebrated the Holy Eucharist on the day of his Ordination Anniversary and the community wished him after the mass.

Annual Picnic: All the brothers along with the members of the community enjoyed the one day trip. We visited St. Thomas Shrine, Palayoor, Punnathur Kotta, Guruvayoor, Marine Aquarium, Chavakad and Snehatheeram Beach, Thalikulam. It was a memorable day as we enjoyed the togetherness of all.

Cultural Evening: All the brothers performed two each programmes and proved their calibre during the cultural evening.

Ash Monday Observance: All the brothers joined the parish community on Ash Monday and began the Lenten Observance.

Memorial of Msgr. GT. Thekkekkara: The students of Msgr. GT. Thekkekkara organized a memorial day of their former director.

Death Anniversary of Dn. Binish Mutathil: The family members of Dn. Binish Mutathil joined for the memorial mass.

Way of the Cross in the Parish: Brothers started to go for the Stations of the Cross with the parish community on every Friday.

New Priests' Day: Frs. Joyal, Anson and Binu came to celebrate the First Mass in the community.





LA SALETTE MARIAN CENTER, TVM
New Priests: Community solemnly welcomed newly ordained priests to the community and had first mass at St. Judes Church Panachamoodu. Fr. Joyal Narimattathil was the main celebrant, Fr. Anson Palatty gave the homily, and Fr. Anson was the main celebrant at Fatima Matha Church Paravila. Fr. George Kizhkkandayil shared the homily. Three priests were welcome to the parish by a welcome dance and after the mass a grant reception was organised. Everybody enjoyed the presence of one another.



MARCH 2023

26 1978 Birthday Chenthrappinny Jenson
 26 1975 Birthday Parayil Roy

APRIL 2023

02 1997 Ordination Valummel Alex

