



# PROVINCIAL CIRCULAR

## LA SALETTE MATHA PROVINCE

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Dear Fathers and Brothers,

This is the story of a sixteen-year-old boy. He was in love with a young woman. He hoped that she would agree to be his wife. On that special day, he decided to reveal his love to her. Walking to the event, he passed his local church and felt compelled to drop in for a visit.

On entering the church, he noticed a priest he had never seen before; who was very ill and slowly approaching death but who still exuded an infectious holiness. The boy asked him to hear his Confession. It was to be a moment that his life changed forever.

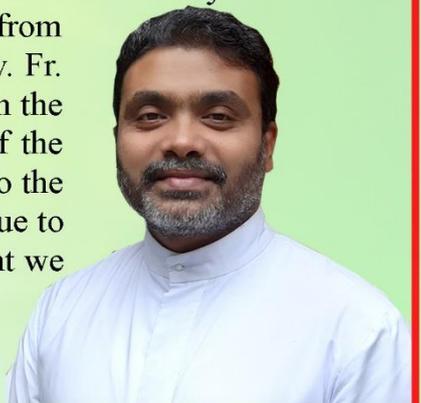
As he spoke to that priest his soul was filled with a yearning to offer his life to Jesus. Someone whispered in his heart “do you love me more than your sweet heart?” “Yes”, he replied. He decided to renounce his sweetheart and make a total submission to Jesus. The boy’s name is Jorge, who later became a priest, then a bishop and was elected the supreme pontiff of the Catholic Church. He is none other than Pope Francis. “In that Confession, something very rare happened to me ... It was a surprise, the astonishment of an encounter. I realized that God was waiting for me”, said pope Francis.

At first, he did not have a desire for the priesthood. He said a lie that he wanted to study medicine. But instead of books on medicine, he was reading theological books. His mother was shocked when she went to tidy the attic and found no medical textbooks. Extremely agitated, she confronted her son. His answer surprised her. “I am studying medicine, but medicine of the soul.” As he settled into seminary life in the late 1950s he was certain of his choice. But that certainty was challenged when he met a dazzling young woman at a family wedding. On returning to the seminary, thoughts of the young woman interrupted his prayers. “I could not pray during the following week because when I went to pray, the girl appeared in my mind,” he later said. It was a struggle to decide between pursuing the young woman and remaining in seminary. But he re-committed himself to being a man of the cloth and was ordained on December 13, 1969, just four days before he turned 33.

On May 1, 2023, four of our brothers, Bro. Ajin Kuttiyanickal MS, Bro. Jophin Thakkolkkan MS, Bro. Joel Panankulathukaran MS, and Bro. Sarath SV MS made their first profession at La Salette Shrine, Wayanad. It was a moment of awakening for the entire province, a moment we recall our own commitment to the Lord; the commitment made by the evangelical counsels of chastity, poverty and obedience. While praying for them, let us congratulate these brothers and pray that the promise they made will become part of their life as they increase in their love towards the Lord. **Let us also remember that our vocation is a gift of God. A treasure given in clay jars, so that it may be made clear that this extraordinary power belongs to God and does not come from us (2 Cor 4:7).** Let this treasure given in clay jars be safe in the powerful hands of God.

The Province of La Salette Matha, pays homage to **Rev. Fr. Efren Lapuz Musgni, MS (87)**, who was called to his eternal abode on April 30, 2023. As we all know that he is the visionary of Indian La Salette mission, who came to India and recruited our pioneer members from Kerala. I have officially communicated a message of condolence to Rev. Fr. Manuel R Medina, the Provincial Superior of Ina Ng Pagasa Province. In the charity of Christian brotherhood, we continue to pray for the repose of the soul. In this month of May, offering all the intentions of our province into the safe hands of Our blessed mother, I pray for all of us that we may continue to be true followers of Jesus, by being loyal and faithful to the commitment we have made to the Lord.

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





## LA SALETTE MISSION, NUTHANKAL KHAMMAM

**Palm Sunday Celebration:** On April 2nd we had the solemn liturgical celebration of Palm Sunday. Indeed it was their first experience of celebrating the liturgy.

**Parish Retreat:** We had the annual retreat for the Parishioners from 3rd April to 5th April. The retreat was guided by VC retreat team from Mangalagiri.

**Maundy Thursday Celebration:** On 6th April we had the solemn celebration of the Holy Mass, washing of the feet and the Holy adoration at the Parish.



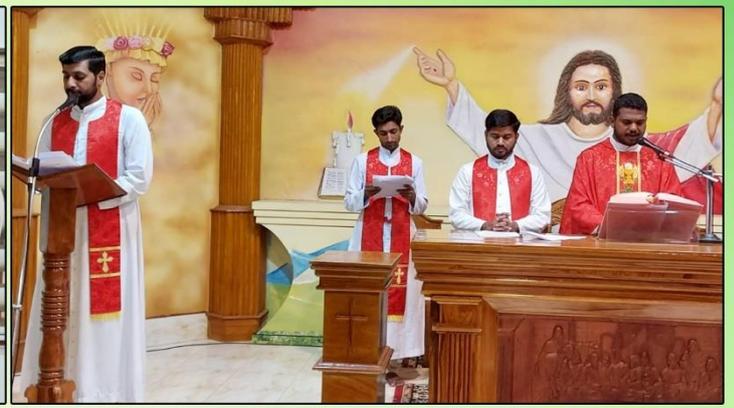
**Good Friday:** On 7th of April we had the solemn way of the Cross and the liturgical celebration of Good Friday.

**Easter Celebration:** On 8th of April, we had a beautiful celebration of the Easter at the vigil. All the parishioners attended the Celebration and shared in the joy of Easter.

**Rectification of Marriage:** We had the Rectification of the Marriage of some of the parishioners, as many are married outside the Church.

**Jubilee Celebration:** We celebrated the silver Jubilee of the Fr. Joji, Fr. Gogasawri and Fr. Jonash of Khammam Diocese. Father's from Nilayam community also joined for the celebration. Our mission parish was bifurcated from the Parish of Mittappalli where Fr. Joji is serving as the Parish priest.





## LA SALETTE NIKEHAN, HUNSUR, MYSORE

**Heartfelt Gratitude & Farewell:** The Nikethan Community acknowledged the hard work and commitment of our dear Novices Ajin, Sarath, Joel and Jophin to the Nikethan community for the past one year. The community gave a Farewell party and grant supper. The Nikethan community wished them all the best and prayed for their future studies.

**Birthday Party:** The community celebrated the Birthday of Fr. Jobins MS and came together for lunch and wished him and prayed for him.

**Holy Week:** The Nikethan community had Holy week service in the community and Novices and few neighbours attended the service.



**Formation Meeting:** On 14th of this month the formation commission meeting was held in our community and fathers enjoyed the stay over here.

**Visitors:** The community enjoyed the presence of Rev. Fr. Jenson Chenthrappinny MS (Provincial Superior), Rev. Fr. Bino Poovannikunnel MS (Vicar Provincial), Rev. Fr. Anoop Manchirayil MS (Provincial Councillor), and of Frs. Jesbin Pulavelil MS, Mathew Manjaly MS and Bibin Parakunnel MS, Anit Mavathara MS, Robin Vayalil MS, Joyal MS, Rojan MS, Lithin MS.



## LA SALETTE NOVITIATE, HUNSUR, MYSORE

**Farewell:** Novices received a grant farewell party from Nikethan community.

**Preparations:** Fr Robin Vayalil MS gave a two days' retreat to the novices prior to 1st profession.





## LA SALETTE ASHRAM, WAYANAD

**Way of the Cross:** Community along with the La Salette Lay Associates arranged a Way of the Cross to Sasimala Hilltop Cross. It was attended by around 25 people.

**Retreat for High School Children:** Our Center conducted a 3 days retreat for students from classes 8-12 Std. 82 students attended our retreat and thanked God for touching them through inspiring talks, adoration and counselling. Special thanks to Frs. Joel, Binu, Lithin and team for animating the retreat.



**Vocation Camp:** Vocation camp for the aspiring students from Malabar region was conducted from 28-29 of April at our campus. 12 students who have completed 10th grade attended our camp. Thanks to Vocation Promoters for animating the camp.

**Study Days:** All the community members attended our annual study days which was conducted at Provincial House, Bangalore.



## LA SALETTE SNEHA BHAVAN, PARAKKADAVU

**New Generator:** La Salette Snehabhavan is blessed with new Generator. Thank you Fr. Augustine Cheerakathil MS and Fr. Joby Kadambattuparambil MS for your generosity.



## LA SALETTE SADHAN, BENGALURU

**Maundy Thursday:** Sadhan community celebrated the Maundy Thursday along with the laity. Fr. Mathew celebrated the Mass and the homily was given by Fr. Anoop.

**Good Friday:** Fathers and Brothers attended the service at the parish where there was a solemn way of the cross and a beautiful message given by Rev. Fr. Jenson Chenthrappinny MS, the Provincial Superior.

**Easter:** Sadhan community celebrated the Easter vigil mass along with laity, in which Rev. Fr. Provincial presided the mass and delivered a meaningful homily, which kindled the hearts of the faithful. After the mass there was a distribution of Easter eggs.

**Feast Days:** Sadhan community celebrated the feast day of Rev. Fr. Jenson Chenthrappinny MS, the provincial Superior, Bro. Blevin, Bro. Akhil, and Bro. Nirmal who are named after St. George.



**Comprehensive Exam:** Third year philosophers attended their comprehensive exam and Passed with flying colors.

**Visitors:** The community enjoyed the presence of Fr. Robin Vellattu MS, and Fr. Jojo Pulpayil.

**Study Days:** This year Sadhan community had the privilege of hosting the study days in our house and enjoyed the community life and sharing.

**Visit of Newly Ordained Priests:** Our newly ordained priests Frs. Anson, Joyal, and George had visited our community and celebrated their first Holy Mass.

**Vacations:** Philosophy brothers started their vacation.



## LA SALETTE MARIAN CENTER, TVM

**Concrete Work:** Concrete work is done for the new Charitable Home at Anappara. Thanks be to God.





## LA SALETTE NILAYAM, THORREDU, AP

**Maundy Thursday:** We had the Solemn celebration of the Mass on the day of Institution of the Holy Eucharist. Fr. Manibhushana MS presided over the mass and the washing of the feet. There was adoration after the mass till midnight. Parishioners greeted priests on the institution of the Priesthood.

**Good Friday:** We had the solemn way of the Cross conducted through the villages from 8 Km away and the veneration of the Holy Cross. In order to lead the people into the spirit of Good Friday we showed them, "passion of the Christ". Fr. Manibhushana MS led the prayers on that day and he gave a heart touching homily.

**Easter:** The Easter celebration began at 11 pm from the grotto of our Church. The main celebrant was Fr. Jince MS and Fr. Sebastian MS led the people into the rays of Easter celebration. There was a homily given by Fr. Manibhushana MS regarding the importance of Easter celebration.



**Farewell of Fr. Sebastian:** The community, parish and school gave farewell to Fr. Sebastian MS for his service for past six months. It was indeed a good time the zealousness and enthusiasm of Fr. Sebastian made inspiration for others. He thanked everyone for their cooperation with him.





**Community Picnic:** The community members went for a one-day picnic to Hyderabad. It was a long time desire to visit Ramoji film City. We were overwhelmed by seeing the film shooting sites, making of movies, different rides and programs.

**Cluster Gathering:** We had cluster picnic to Mumbai which is the business hub of India. We stayed at Ghayan Ashram and could visit historical and other important places.



### MAY 2023

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| 07 | 1953 | Birthday | Kollannoor Andrews    |
| 15 | 1984 | Birthday | Narimattathil Joyal   |
| 20 | 1968 | Birthday | Porathur Joy          |
|    | 1973 | Birthday | Chettiyakunnel Jojohn |
|    | 1981 | Birthday | Edakkara Sibi         |
| 25 | 1968 | Birthday | Ayyamkolil Jolly      |
| 30 | 1973 | Birthday | Avittapally Baiju     |

### JUNE 2023

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| 01 | 1960 | Birthday | Vettathu Jacob |
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## **LA SALETTE VIDYA NILAYAM, THORREDU, AP**

**10th Class Exam:** The second batch of 10th class students of La Salette Vidyanilayam started their exams on 3rd and it got over by 15th. They had special classes and coaching. The students expressed that they could attempt well for the exam.

**Feast Celebration of Deputy Head Mistress:** Teachers and students solemnly celebrated the feast of Sr. Georgia which was celebrated on 24th. There were cultural programs in honour of her. Sr. Georgia gave message in which she stated that we need to overcome all the difficulties and problems like that of St. George.



**Distribution of Awards:** It was joyous moment for the La Salette Vidyanilayam School to distribute the awards for the yearly Academic and Attendance Excellence. The students were selected from each classes and they were given the awards.

## **LA SALETTE VIDYA NIKETHAN, HUNSUR, MYOSRE**

**Remedial Classes:** For the improvement of students we have taken extra responsibility to develop them. Our teachers have started Remedial classes for the students those who are weak in studies from April 17th.

**Summer Volleyball Coaching:** We also have commenced summer volley ball coaching for the betterment of students in sports field.

**New Admission:** New admission for the new academic year 2023-24 is started from April 17th 2023. We are hoping for more admissions this year.

**PUC Result:** We have received an excellent board results of PU this year. We have 100% result this year in science, 99% in commerce, 99% in arts. From management we have appreciated efforts all the PU Lectures. In science stream 10 distinction, 23 First classes, 4 second classes. In the commerce stream we have ruined 6 distinctions, 17 first class and 2 second class. In the arts stream we have 1 distinction from our La Salette Brother Joshua and 7 first class. Overall we have good result this year.

**School Result:** We also have given the school result on April 10th. Which was successfully done for this year. All the students are promoted to next year.

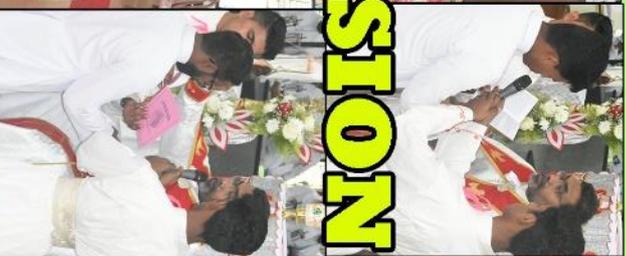
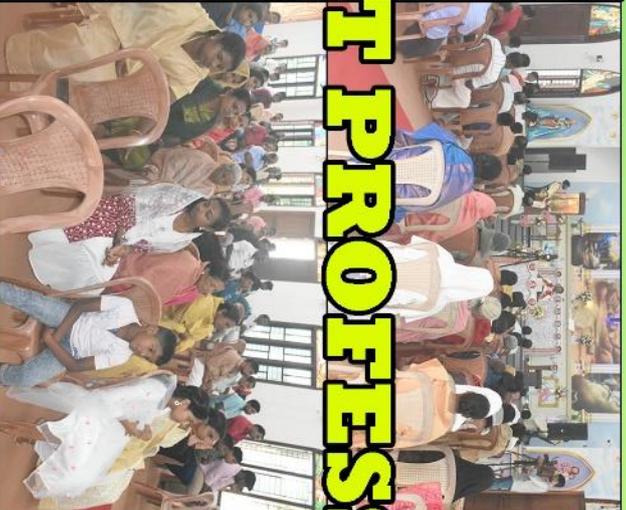


# STUDY DAYS 2023



**The Annual Study Days of La Salette Matha Province was held from April 26 to 27, 2023 at La Salette Sadhan, Bengaluru.**  
**Rev. Fr. Devadas D,**  
**In Charge of the Legal Department of Archdiocese of Bengaluru, guided the membership on the theme**  
**“Legal Dimensions of Religious Life in the Present Day India: Precautions and Challenges”**

# FIRST PROFESSION



Novices Ajin Kuttyanickal, Joel Panamkulathukaran, Jophin Thakkolakaran, and Sarath SV professed their First Vows before Rev. Fr. Jenson Chenthrappinny, MS, the Provincial Superior on May 01, 2023 at La Salette Shrine, Wayanad.

