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Dear Fathers and Brothers,

On December 10, 2022, a group of seminarians from Barcelona visited Pope Francis at Vatican. They had graceful time sharing their joys, concerns, and doubts with the Pope. In answering one of their questions, the Holy Father instructed them about the importance of praying the Holy Rosary: “When you are a priest, your first obligation will be a life of prayer. Dear seminarians, take up your rosary and ask Mary, Queen and Mother of Mercy, to help unveil the mysteries of the priesthood to which God calls you, contemplating the mysteries of his Son, realising that the joy of discipleship and perfect identification with the cross are the only way to glory.”

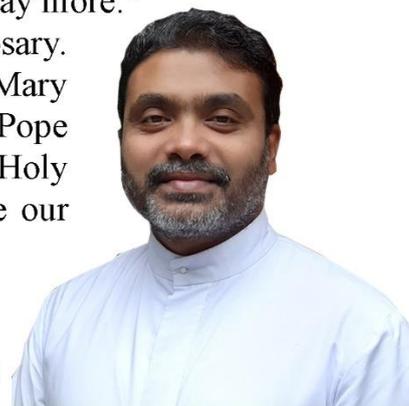
He recommended that seminarians contemplate the Blessed Virgin Mary’s attitude at the Annunciation and ask, “How was she when God called her? And how was I? With what zeal do I consider my future priestly life? Will I rise up, with love, to bring God to the world? Will I take him up the most arduous and painful of mountains?” Pope Francis added that the fifth joyful mystery of the rosary, the finding of Jesus in the temple, contains a particular lesson that should never be forgotten. Throughout life, we must always return to look for Jesus in the tabernacle, he said, encouraging the future priests to “lose yourselves there with Him.”

In the sorrowful mysteries of the rosary, a priest is reminded that he “must aspire to a crown of thorns” to be identified with the Lord in his suffering, the Pope said. “There is the sacrifice of assuming one’s own cross and beginning a path, often of abandonment. It is the sacrifice of life. For a priest, the glorious mysteries are found in the Mass in thanksgiving for the Passion of Jesus.” After the triumph of the resurrection, Jesus entered the sanctuary of heaven, and from there he perpetuates this continuous thanksgiving. Seeing him seated at the right hand of the Father calls us to hope and fills us with joy because he assures us of heaven. For this, God sends the Holy Spirit, the only one who can teach us these mysteries, and one day he will give you the gift of being priests of Christ. Never cease to savor and remember this love of predilection that is poured and will be poured abundantly into your heart, at your ordination, and for the rest of your days.” He also reminded them, “Never extinguish this fire that will make you fearless preachers of the gospel, dispensers of divine gifts. Unite your flesh to that of Jesus, like Mary, to immolate yourselves with him in the Eucharistic sacrifice and also in the glory of his triumph.”

At La Salette, Mary was concerned about the prayer lives of Maximin and Melanie. She too enquired, “Do you pray your prayers well, my children?”, “No”, they replied innocently. “Ah, my children, you should say them well, at night and in the morning, even if you say only Our Father and a Hail Mary, when you can’t do better. When you can do better, say more.”

The month of October is a special month dedicated to the Holy Rosary. As Salettenians, if we are able to respond to the invitation of Mary regarding prayer, we become true followers of Jesus. Let the words of Pope Francis also inspire us to be faithful in contemplating and praying the Holy Rosary. Giving due importance to the Holy Rosary, let us continue our journey with Mary, our mother.

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





## LA SALETTE: UMMANNOOR, PUNALUR

**Catechism Hall:** Fr. Jiju Valiyakandathil MS laid the foundation stone for the new catechism hall in the Ummannoor Parish compound. thanks to the Province for the assistance.

**Pilgrimage:** One-day pilgrimage was conducted through Marian shrines as part of the celebration of the Nativity of Our Blessed Mother.



## LA SALETTE SCHOLASTICS, NAGPUR

**Onam Celebration:** *Mallu Samaj* celebrated Onam with more colour and vigour on September 2nd. A *Pookkallam*, a small Onam gathering with arts and sports, followed by *Onasadhya* were the highlights of the day. The celebrations concluded with Malayalam Syro-Malabar Mass in the morning.

**One-Day Outing:** We had one day Outing on September 3rd. We went to science museum and had lunch out.

**Feast Day Celebration:** On the solemnity of Our Lady of La Salette we got the opportunity to share a few words about Our Bl. Mother during the Holy Mass. In the evening we gathered in the private chapel and recited special vespers to Our Lady and prayed Novena.





## LA SALETTE VIDYA NIKETHAN, HUNSUR, MYOSRE

**La Salette Feast:** La Salette feast was celebrated in La Salette PU and Vidyanikethan. With procession our Lady of La Salette was welcomed with flowers throughout the way. Prayer was offered, respected her with Crown. Meals were served to students, teaching and non-teaching staff. A beautiful apparition skit was presented to all students and staff.

**New Teachers from North East:** We have appointed 2 teachers from Shillong Meghalaya. As we have more students from rural area we found the basics of English to seed into the student is very important. So we took initiative to appoint them to La Salette Vidyanikethan.

**Drawing Competition:** Drawing competition was held on the theme awareness on Dengue. The students did it with so much interest. Prizes were given to the best drawings from the health department.

**PU Test:** First test was conducted for PUC students in the month of September. Hope this help them to score more in their midterm examinations.

**District Level Sports:** District level PU sports was held in Mysore. Our PU students won 2nd prize on Volley ball. 3 Students are selected for state level from our college.





**Teachers Day:** Teachers day was celebrated with great joy. Lunch was provided to our teachers from PU students. Sports were conducted for teachers. Students took initiative to make their teachers happy on that day.

**FA2 Exam:** FA2 exams were conducted to our students on 6th September. They were well prepared for their test. Parents were happy about the improvement of their children. Teachers are hoping for the best result for SA1.



**Taluk Level PU Sports:** PU taluk level sports was held on 2nd and 3rd September at St. Joseph's PU college Hunsur. La Salette PU College bagged 2nd place on Throw ball and 1st place on Volley ball. It is the first time La Salette PU College won the taluk level volley ball match.

**Grandparents Day:** La Salette Vidyanikethan celebrated Grandparents day to aware the students about the importance and love of grandparents. All the grandparents were invited to the programme. Games were conducted for grandparents and the management presented them gifts.



### **OCTOBER 2023**

02	1984	Birthday	Kunnumpurath Jiss
02	1966	Birthday	Muttathan Jose
09	1980	Birthday	Uriyarikunnel Sebastian
20	1958	Birthday	Cheerakathil Augustine
21	1986	Birthday	Muttathil Rijo

### **NOVEMBER 2023**

01	1986	Birthday	Koothodiyil Jince
	1988	Birthday	Chennelil Kuriakose
	1989	Birthday	Edakkala Joemon





## LA SALETTE ASHRAM, WAYANAD

**Happy Feast:** The Feast of Our Lady of La Salette was colourfully celebrated at Ashram from 10th to 19th September. His Grace Dr. George Njaralakkattu, the Archbishop Emeritus of Tellicherry was the main celebrant on the feast day. More than thousand devotees participated on the main feast day and received the blessings from the Almighty through the intercession Blessed Mother.



Frs. Rojan and Binu attended the feast celebrations at La Salette Sadhan and La Salette Niketan on 23rd and 24th September.

**Prayers:** Frs. Saneesh and Rojan attended the funeral service of Fr. John Punnakunnel at Koodaranji on September 29.

**Laity Gathering:** La Salette Laity Executive Committee was gathered at Ashram on 30th September to evaluate the feast celebration.



## LA SALETTE SADHAN, BENGALURU

**Vanakkamasam Devotion:** In honour of Our Lady of La Salette the entire month we prayed the *Vanakkamasam*.

**Feast Celebration:** We solemnly celebrated the feast of Our Lady of La Salette on 19th of September. The Novena prayers were held from 14th to 22nd and on 23rd we had the great culmination of the feast with solemn Eucharistic celebration, presided over by Fr. Antony Alkias SOLA. We also had agape after the spiritual ceremonies for all the faithful gathered.



**Other Feasts:** We solemnly celebrated the feasts of St. Gregory the Great, Blessed Teresa of Kolkata, Birth of the Blessed Virgin Mary, Exaltation of the Holy Cross, Our Lady of Sorrows, St. Matthew, and Sts. Michael, Gabriel and Raphael, the Archangels.

**Postulants' Departure:** Our postulants after their exams and stay in Sadhan Community about a month, went for their further programmes in Hunsur.



**Onam Celebration:** We celebrated Onam this year along with Frs. Jacob, Prince and postulants. We made a beautiful *Pookkalam*, a very delicious Onam Sadya. It was a time for entertainment and mutual sharing.

**Ordination Anniversary and Feast Greetings:** We joyfully celebrated the Ordination Anniversary of Rev. Fr. Jenson Chenthrappinny MS on 8th, and the feast of Fr. Mathew MS on 21st of this month.

**Farewell to Fr. Joby:** After a few days of stay with us in the Sadhan community Fr. Joby Muttathil MS was given a farewell of love as he proceeded to his new mission in Tanzania.

**Funeral:** The Fathers Provincial, Anoop MS, and Jesbin MS participated in the funeral service of Mr. Jose, the beloved dad of Fr. Jobins MS



**Laity Gathering:** As a preparation for the great feast day, we arranged common adoration and opportunity for confession for laity and it was led by Rev. Fr. Provincial.

**Monthly Recollection:** For the spiritual nourishment of brothers the monthly recollection was conducted by Fr. Prem S.H.

**Back to Classes:** Brothers after their BA exams and study leave of one month started going for their philosophy classes.

**Visitors:** We had the loving presence of Frs. Kuriakose MS, Joyal MS, Binu MS, Joby Muttathil MS, Saneesh Poovathinkal MS, Rojan MS, Lthin MS, Jacob MS, and Fr. Prince MS.





## LA SALETTE MARIAN CENTER, TVM

**Happy Feast:** Marian Centre celebrated the feast of Our Lady of La Salette from September 22nd to 24th. Diocesan Priests, Religious communities and people around the parishes participated for the feast. We express gratitude to Fr. Prince MS for helping us during the feast days, and also to all the priests who helped us to celebrate this feast as graceful and colourful.

**Pallam Festival:** On 18th September, Fr. Provincial and Fr. Mathew came here in order to participate for the feast of Our Lady of La Salette in the parish of Pallam. People were so happy to meet Fr. Mathew after long time.



**Heartfelt Condolences:** Marian Centre deeply express prayers and condolences to the family of Fr. Jobins MS for the loss of his beloved father to the eternal rest.

**Visitors:** Fr. Johnny Vadakkan MS visited our community on 29th of this month and celebrated Holy Mass in our parishes.

La Salette Marian Center also welcomed Fr. Joby Muttathil MS for a short visit.

**Thank You:** Special thanks to Fr. Provincial and team for providing a new Motor bike for Marian Centre.





## **LA SALETTE NIKEHAN, HUNSUR, MYSORE**

**Onam Festival:** The Onam celebration was outstanding with the delicious Onam Sadhya with twenty-five varieties of dishes. In the afternoon we had tradition *Ona- Kalikal*.

**Visitors:** The community enjoyed the presence of Fathers from Provincial House, Bangalore, La Salette Ashram, Wayanad, La Salette Maria Bhavan, Chemperi and La Salette Senhabhavan, Parakkadavu.

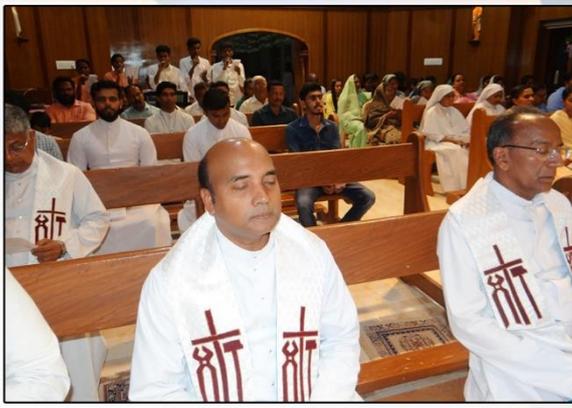


**‘Vanakkamasam’:** As a special devotion to Our Lady La Salette, we set aside time each day for praying the *Vanakkamasam*.

**Spiritual Preparation:** we had confession and adoration in the community as part of the spiritual preparation of the feast and we also had nine days of Novena, reflecting on the nine messages of Our Lady of La Salette.

**Feast of Our Lady of La Salette:** We had a meaningful and colorful feast day celebration. Fr. John Peter SAC, Rector Prabodhana Theologate, Mysore was the main celebrant for the festive Mass. There were one hundred and twenty people for the feast day celebration and a delicious meal was served.





**Attended the Feast Day Celebration:** The community members made sure to go for the feast day celebration of our Lady of La Salette in Provincial House, Bangalore, La Salette Ashram, Wayanad, and to La Salette Maria Bhavan, Chemperi.



## LA SALETTE MARIA BHAVAN, CHEMPERI

**Happy Feast:** We the Maria Bhavan Community had a wonderful celebration this year. This year we started 9 days novena with the Holy Mass for the feast. There were lot of people who came to Maria Bhavan during the novena days and for the feast. On the feast day more than 400 people came to Maria Bhavan community to join in our Festal Celebrations. Feast days were colourful with *Nercha Payasam* and *Snehavirunnu*. With the fabulous *Vedikkettu* our Festal celebration came to an end. Special thanks to our Mysore community for their active participation in our Festal Celebrations with their presence and to all our fathers who came to take part in our celebrations.

**Visit:** Our former Novice Master Fr. Sibi Kunninu MS visited our community and blessed us with his presence.

Friends of Fr. Benny, the SSS sisters came to visit our community. We gave them a warm welcome and they were very happy to be with us.





### LA SALETTE BHAVAN, PARAKKADAVU

**Happy Feast:** We celebrated the feast of our Lady of La Salette from 11-19 September. Nine days novena were well attended. Feast day we had more than 800 people for Holy mass and Rosary procession. We had a good drama presented by Pala communication " JEEVITHAM SAKSHY". Sincere thanks to those who supported us by giving us Mass intentions and through prayers and presence.



### ST. JOSEPH'S RCM CHURCH, THORREDU, AP

**Novena:** We had nine days of solemn novena celebrations at the parish.  
**Spiritual Preparation:** In order to have the spiritual preparation for the feast, the parishioners had three days of retreat guided by Fr. Benny SVD who is the director of Divine Word Retreat Centre, Eluru.





## LA SALETTE VIDYA NILAYAM, THORREDU, AP

**Teachers Day Celebration:** On September 4th our school celebrated teacher's day. Various games and programs for the teachers were arranged and along with that, our students paid gratitude and appreciation to their teachers for their commendable dedication and hard work.



**New Bus:** La Salette Vidyanilayam is blessed with one more school bus. Rev. Fr. Jenson Chenthrapinny MS, the Provincial Superior blessed the bus.

**Happy Feast:** On September 23, we celebrated the Patroness-Day of our school. Fr Anson Palatty MS presided over the Eucharist and Fr. Jince MS shared message on the apparition of the Blessed Mother.





## LA SALETTE NILAYAM, THORREDU, AP

**Mission Experience:** Postulants Nibin and Nirmal came for the mission experience in Thorredu for two weeks. They helped the community for the feast day celebrations and teaching in the school.

**Visit:** Rev. Fr. Jenson Chenthrapinny MS, the Provincial Superior visited our community and celebrated a Novena Mass in the parish.

**Happy Feast:** The community celebrated the feast of our Lady of La Salette on 19th by inviting priests and sisters from the nearby parishes and religious houses.

**Vanakkamasam:** We had special *Vanakkamasam* prayers for the month of September and prepare for the September feast day celebrations



## LA SALETTE MISSION, NUTHANKAL, KHAMMAM

**Birthday Celebration:** On September 8th we celebrated the birthday of Blessed Virgin Mary. We had solemn Eucharistic celebration and procession.

**Warm Welcome and Blessing:** On 7th of September we welcomed our postulants for the mission experience. On the same day, Fr. Jince MS, the local Superior, blessed the renovated house at Khammam mission.

**Feast Celebrations:** We celebrated solemnly the Feast of Our Lady of La Salette on 16th, 17th and 19th of September. Around 1000 people gathered for the feast.

**Outing:** One-day outing together with the postulants was memorable.

**Send-off:** A grand send-off to Fr. Benjamin was organised in the parish. The parish community wished him all the best for his future ministry. they also welcomed Fr. Nikhil, the new parish priest.

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