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Dear Fathers and Brothers,

In my personal reading, I came across a concept named 'Kintsugi'. Kintsugi is an ancient and venerated Japanese tradition of mending and restoring broken porcelain with lacquer and powdered gold. Dated as early as the 15th Century, the unique method celebrates a vessel's worn usage and fractures with gold applications. Rather than lamenting the loss, grieving the fractures, and discarding a special vessel, the artist gingerly holds and mends the pieces with a brush dipped in gold resin. The object of attention becomes even more valuable to the owner than the original. The infinitesimal delicacy of the process gently brings beauty as it restores and redeems. The cherished treasure takes on character and unique beauty. The old-made-new vessel demands a high price but is rarely sold.

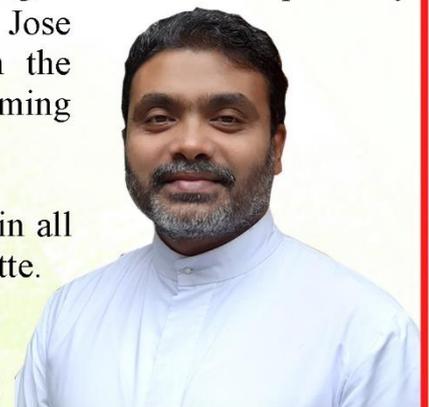
In timeless design, we are each unique and eternally valuable. We are also broken and shattered in many ways. Created in God's Image, our purpose is to live joyfully for His glory within our community and at the place of our mission. Tragically and all too often, through neglect, abuse, assault, and trauma, we break down and shut down. Our default mode is to paste over our fractures in unhealthy ways but never truly repair them. We often sink into despair, self-loathing, depression, anger, and loneliness. Research over the last 25 years has given scientists a new understanding of the resilience of our brains, and with it comes greater hope for healing with the help of therapy and better-skilled mental health professionals.

In this month of September, a time specifically dedicated to meditation upon the apparition and intervention of Mary at La Salette, reflecting on Kintsugi is worthwhile and valuable. Mary came to a broken universe with the invitation to return to her son to repair the shattered pieces of human relations. "Come near my children, do not be afraid; I am here to tell you great news", were the salutary words of Mary at La Salette, driving us close to her to be embraced, consoled, pampered, and healed. She is ever ready to mend and restore our broken lives with the help of the golden powder of Jesus, her son. In this process she affirms that, no wound will be healed without the divine touch of Jesus, the master. No broken pieces will be joined without the help of Jesus the Potter. No relationship will be restored without the assistance of Jesus, the companion.

As I conclude this note, I cherish good memories of the young clergy gathering at La Salette Nilayam. It was a moment of joy and happiness. I congratulate the superior and community of Nilayam and all those who took the initiative to organise the gathering. I also like to express my gratitude to Fr. Thomas Vellappallil MS for his contribution to the Fr. Jose Kuzhinjalil Memorial Scholarship. For the first time we began the distribution of the scholarship, which will be continued in the coming years.

May this month of September bring us God's choicest blessings in all spheres of our lives. I wish you a happy feast of Our Lady of La Salette.

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





LA SALETTE, GERMANY

Annual Retreat and Cluster Meeting of the European Cluster in Berlin: From 30 July to 4 August, the European Cluster of the La Salette Matha India Province gathered for its annual retreat and cluster meeting at the retreat house of St Vincent in Berlin. The event was attended by seven members.

The meeting was led by Fr Jijo Joseph VC who captivated the members with his enriching and insightful talks.

Following the retreat, the cluster meeting provided an opportunity for participants to share their mission experiences, discuss key issues affecting the Province, set future directions and strengthen the bonds of fellowship.

An added highlight of the event was a community picnic that offered a cultural immersion into the rich history of Berlin.

Congratulations to Fr Rijo: Congratulations to Fr Rijo on the successful completion of his 15-month internship at St John Baptist Church in Molbergen! This is a significant moment that not only closes an enriching chapter, but also marks the beginning of an exciting new journey at his next place of ministry, the parish of St. Victor in Damme. Led by Pastor Uwe Börner, Father Rijo was given a warm farewell by the parishioners in Molbergen who have greatly appreciated his ministry. We wish Fr Rijo all the best for his new task and pray for God's blessing on the next phase of his pastoral ministry.





LA SALETTE SCHOLASTICS, NAGPUR

Vianney Day: The feast of St. John Maria Vianney celebrated solemnly. Archbishop Elias Gonsalves was the main celebrant for the Eucharistic celebration. On this magnificent day, the Archbishop presented cassocks to eight of our Brothers.

Vandhematharam 2023: On August 14, a pre-Independence day event was held called Vandhematharam 2023. Through a variety of cultural activities, each samaj from various regions of India showcased the country's cultural richness.

Birthday Celebration: The Birthday of Scho. Joel Panakulathukaran MS celebrated on 25th of August.

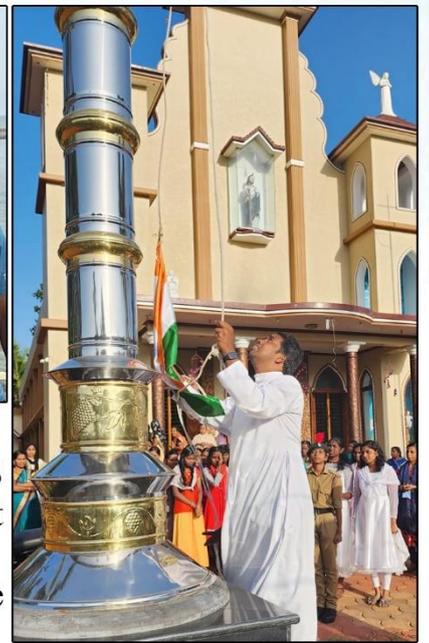


ST. MARK'S CHURCH, UMMANNOOR

New Portrait: An oil portrait of Our Lady of La Salette has been erected in the sanctuary of St. Joseph Church in Vappala.

Happy Onam: Onam celebrations were conducted with traditional entertainments and delicious meals.





LA SALETTE MARIAN CENTER, TVM

Hearty Welcome: Fr. Joby Payyappilly MS and Sibi Edakkara MS were warmly welcomed to the La Salette Marian Centre for a short visit.

Fr. Saneesh Alappat MS was also warmly welcomed for few days. We found time to visit around here.

Fr. Joby Muttathil visited our community once again to renew his old memories. It was a blessed time that we spent with him.

Happy Onam: We celebrated Onam festival in both the Churches of Panachamoodu and Paravila.

Independence Day: We had a high mass during the independence day especially in the feast of Our Lady of Assumption. Following the liturgy, we had a flag-hoisting ceremony honouring the nation.



LA SALETTE NIKEHAN, HUNSUR, MYSORE

Feast of all Priests: The Nikethan Community solemnly celebrated St. John Maria Vianney Day. We had a modest celebration and all the members came together for Mass and cut the cake and brothers wished all priests.

The Assumption of Blessed Virgin Mary and Independence Day: The community commemorated the 77th Anniversary of India's Independence as well as the Solemnity of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary. We had solemn mass and flag hoisting ceremony.

Monthly Recollection: Nikethan community had monthly Recollection and confession led by Fr. Mathew Manjaly MS.

Companionship of Fr. Prince: We were happy to have the presence Fr. Prince Chirayath MS for almost one month. The community thanked him for his presence.

Visitors: The community enjoyed the presence of Rev. Fr. Jenson Chenthrappinny MS, the Provincial Superior, and of Frs. Bino Poovannikunnel MS, Anoop Manchirayil MS, George Kizhikandayil MS, Jesbin Pulavelil MS, and Bros. Joshua and Jesvin.





LA SALETTE VIDYA NIKETHAN, HUNSUR, MYOSRE

Convocation Ceremony: On 17th August Graduation ceremony for batch 2022-23 was hoisted to congratulate the students of PU for reaching the finishing line of a long marathon of school life. Almost 70 students were present for the convocation. Dr. Manasa, the commissioner of Hunsur City Corporation addressed the gathering. We were blessed with the presence of Rev. Fr. Jenson Chenthrappinny MS, the Provincial Superior.

Fr. JK Memorial Scholarship: Fr. Jose Kuzhinjalil MS memorial scholarship was distributed to the PU toppers of 2022-23. Rev. Fr. Jenson Chenthrappinny MS distributed the memento and scholarship to the students who excelled in science, arts and commerce streams. From science kumari Sahana, from Commerce kumari Archana, from Arts Bro. Joshua Augustine received their scholarship and memento. Special thanks to La Salette Matha Province.



Ethnic Day: La Salette PU College celebrated ethnic day on 29th August. It was an endeavour to bring about expression of unity in diversity that holds together the multitudes of outlooks, lifestyles and tradition to reflect the ethnicity of our country. All the PU students dressed up in traditional way and performed various programmes. A beautiful Pookalam was prepared in front of the college entrance by our Malayalee brothers.

In the same day fresher's day was celebrated in our college to welcome all the new comers of our college this year.

Prathiba Karanji: Competitions offer a chance for participants to gain substantial experience, showcase skills, analyze and evaluate outcomes and uncover personal aptitude. Keeping this in mind, on 28th August primary and middle school students participated in 'PRATHIBA KARANJI'. La Salette Vidya Nikethan primary students are awarded with 13 prizes. On 30th August high school section students participated in the inter school competitions 'PRATHIBA KARANJI' to show case their talents.





Independence Day Activities: We commemorated the independence day on 10th August with pomp and great joy. The school conducted various competitions to ignite the patriotic spirit in children. Like quiz, fancy dress, painting and drawing, speech, patriotic song etc.

Independence Day Field Activity: On August 15th La Salette Vidya Nikethan and PU College put up a mega show in Hunsur corporate ground highlighting the rich traditions and cultures of Mysore. Almost 300 children participated in it. All the people appreciated our programme very much.



High School Sports- Zone Level: On 7th August the highschool students participated in the zonal sports competitions which held in St. Joseph School Hunsur. The event included games and athletic like Kho-Kho, Kabadi, Throw ball, Volley ball, Triple jump, Long jump, High jump, discus throw, Javelin throw Rely and races. Their daring exertion was resulted with sweepstake of medals.

Primary Zonal Sports: On 11th August primary children took part in the sports competition conducted in Zonal level. They bagged ten first prizes and 6 second prizes.

Taluk Level Sports: On 28th August high Students participated in Taluk level sports in which the students got first prize in 4* 100 rely, second prize in 800 meter and third prize in 100 mtrs. The first and second prizes students are qualified for the district level. From the primary section we have obtained two first prizes in taluk level that is for triple jump and 600 mtr race.



LA SALETTE MISSION, NUTHANKAL, KHAMMAM

One Day Prayer: We had our one day fasting prayer service on August 01. Prayer service was conducted by Bro. Antony Paul, the brother of Fr. Benjamin.

Installation of the Statue of Our Lady of La Salette: The statue of Our Lady of La Salette was installed in the Thallada Parish by his Excellency Rev. Dr. Udumula Bala the Apostolic Administrator of Khammam.

Visit of Fr. Lithin: Fr. Lithin visited the mission at Khammam and celebrated Holy Eucharist for the faithful.



LA SALETTE SADHAN, BENGALURU

Feasts: Sadhan community solemnly celebrated the feasts of Saint John Vianney, Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary, Queenship of Mary, Saint Bartholomew the Apostle, Saint Augustine of Hippo, and the Beheading of Saint John the Baptist.

Independence Day: On the 76th independence day of our nation we had the hoisting of the national flag, the felicitating words of the day, and the distribution of sweets to all who were a part of the programme.

Outing: On Independence day brothers had an outing and they made visits to flower show at Lalbagh and various places in Bangalore.



Postulant's Arrival: Four of our postulants arrived at Sadhan Community for their BA exams and classes.

Exam Days: Brothers started their study leave for BA exams. 1st year philosophy brothers completed their 1st semester and exams as well.

Monthly Recollection: Monthly recollection was organised for the spiritual nourishment of the community.

Visitors: We had the presence of Frs. Kuriakose, Tinto, Joyal, Binu, Jobins, Joby Muttathil, Joby Payyapally and his family members, as well as the family members of Fr. Jesbin Pulavelil.

ST. JOSEPH'S RCM CHURCH, THORREDU, AP

Vianney Day: The Vianney Day celebration began with a solemn Eucharistic celebration presided by Fr. Manibushan. There were cultural programs after the mass and the parishioners thanked all the priests for their commitment and dedication to the ministry.

Independence Day Celebration: Our parishioners celebrated Independence day and the feast of the Assumption of Blessed Virgin Mary on 15th August. The national flag was hoisted by Fr. Manibushan.



LA SALETTE NILAYAM, THORREDU, AP

Welcoming of Young Fathers: It is in the history of La Salette Matha Province for the first time to initiative a big gathering in Andhra Pradesh, the young clergy gathering. We welcomed all the young clergy members along with Provincial Superior and Vicar Provincial.

Hearty Welcome: Our community was blessed with the visit of Fr. Joby Payyappilly.

Birthday Celebration: The Nilayam community celebrated the birthdays of Fr. Nikhil and Fr. Anson. The Holy Mass was celebrated by Fr. Nikhil and Fr. Anson gave a short message. The community members along with

Basilian Sisters wished and prayed for them.

Onam Celebration: On 30th August, the community along with the Basilian Sisters celebrated the festival of Onam. We made Pookkalam and Onasadhya.



SEPTEMBER 2023

02	2012	Ordination	Kachappilly Jojo
03	2018	Death	Kuzhinjalil Jose
04	1983	Birthday	Kachappilly Jojo
08	2005	Ordination	Chenhrappinny Jenson
			Kattookaran Elson
			Maliakal Sajive
			Manjaly Jose
			Payyappilly Jobi
13	1979	Birthday	Valiyakandathil Jiju

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02	1984	Birthday	Kunnumpurath Jiss
02	1966	Birthday	Muttathan Jose





LA SALETTE VIDYA NILAYAM, THORREDU, AP

Independence day: The 77th Independence Day celebrated with great enthusiasm by all the students. Fr. Jince hoisted the national flag and Fr. Anson delivered the message of the day. A cultural program was also held in the school where students of all classes participated. Sweets and chocolates were distributed to everyone. The program ended by singing the National Anthem.



La Salette Music Instrumental Class: La Salette Vidyanilayam School commenced music instrumental class for school students. Learning to play an instrument stimulates the brain cells, improving functions like memory and abstract reasoning skills, which are essential for math and science. Music, in general, helps bring balance and harmony in one's life. Children who learn to play an instrument have an outlet for creativity and their emotions.

National Sports Day Celebration: Our school celebrated the national sports day on 29th August by a presentation of famous sports personalities.





Class Presentation by the Students: The students of various classes enraptured the audience with their presentation skills on various subjects. It was organized to develop their potential in creativity by presenting on a given topic. The topic was well explained and well presented. This enabled them to carve out their hidden potential and build a team spirit among the children.



Birthday Celebration: It was a joyful occasion where the La Salette Vidyanilyam family came together to greet and wish our Assistant Director and Bursar. The Children showed their love and gratitude through a small program and a presentation. Great zeal was visible among the students. Each class did their bit in making this day a special one for Fr. Anson.



LA SALETTE ASHRAM, WAYANAD

Visit to the Old Age Home: La Salette Laity along with the fathers visited a nearby old age home and spent time with them. They were happy to receive some toiletries from the group for their daily use.

Independence Day: Community celebrated the independence day by hoisting the National Flag in the presence of Fr. Joby Payyappally.

Laity Gathering: A gathering of the Laity was held on 19th August. It was called to discuss about the celebration of the Feast.

Protest Against the Attack on Manipur: Ashram community participated in the Maha Protest organised by Nadavayal Forane against the attack on the Christians in Manipur.

Onam: Community colourfully celebrated the Onam.



LA SALETTE BHAVAN, PARAKKADAVU

Happy Onam: Bhavan community celebrated Onam very well. The whole morning seminarians had sports and games followed by a delicious Onam sadhya.

Independence Day: the community celebrated our independence day with a high Mass followed by hoisting the flag by Fr. Johnny Vadakkan.

Our Visitors: Fr. James Kalliyath MS, Fr. Joby Muttathil with his brother, nephews and niece, and Mrs. Jessy, sister of Fr. JP to visit the tomb of Fr. JP.



The Young Clergy Gathering was organised from August 23-25, at La Salette Nilayam, Thorredu. Rev. Fr. Dr. James Chelapurath VC, guided the input sessions.

YOUNG CLERGY 2023

