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Dear fathers and brothers,

The month of August is important for us as Indians and Catholics with the twin feasts on August 15th, the Solemnity of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary, and the Independence Day of our mother land, India. The former refers to freedom from the annihilation of the body, and the latter refers to freedom from destruction by foreign bondages. Both the feasts refer to freedom: freedom from and freedom for; freedom from self-interest, self-glorification, self-manifestation, self-proclamation, etc.; and freedom for God to act as and when he wills.

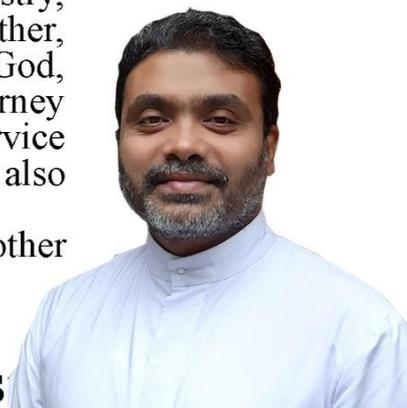
The feast of the Assumption of Our Blessed Mother is one of the dogmas of our faith. Pope Pius XII, in his Apostolic Constitution, *Munificentissimus Deus* 1st November 1950, declared, "We pronounce, declare, and define to be a divinely revealed dogma: that the Immaculate Mother of God, the ever-Virgin Mary, having completed the course of her earthly life, was assumed body and soul into heavenly glory". This article of faith reveals the truth that the whole of her being was redeemed and that her union and conformity with the Risen Lord was complete. Hence, death, the wage of sin, had no power over her; it was totally overcome. This is true of all those who belong to Christ and live a Christic life. Mary has been the first, because in her case, the relationship with God was never broken right from the inception of her life. What distinguishes Mary the most is a life which constantly looks towards heaven without forgetting her commitment in daily life. The manner in which she lived her earthly life shows us the pathways to real freedom.

In one of his Angelus addresses, while speaking on freedom, Pope Francis linked it with conscience. He said, "Jesus wants us free, and this freedom is to be found in the inner dialogue with God in conscience. If a Christian does not know how to talk with God does not know how to listen to God in his own conscience, then he is not free. So, we also must learn to listen more to our conscience. Be careful, however: this does not mean we ought to follow our ego, do whatever interests us, whatever suits us, whatever pleases us. That is not conscience. Conscience is the interior space in which we can listen to and hear the truth, the good, the voice of God. It is the inner place of our relationship with Him, who speaks to our heart and helps us to discern, to understand the path we ought to take, and once the decision is made, to move forward, to remain faithful." The choice is ours: to be internally free or not to be.

Independence Day reminds us of the sacrifice and heroism of many patriots who laid down their lives, and some of them even shed their blood. It reminds us of the commitment with which we are called upon to serve our nation. It evokes in us the responsibility of preserving this freedom by living a life freed from poverty, casteism, ignorance, racism, corruption, human trafficking, communalism, etc. Many of these, as religious, may be alien to us, but glimpses of them could reflect in our communities, places of ministry, and relationships with one another. May our blessed Mother, who enjoyed inner freedom depending on the divine plan of God, submitting herself totally to the will of God, help us in our journey ahead. Let us also pray for the leaders of our nation that their service may be oriented towards the growth of not only the wealthy but also the marginalised and poor.

I wish you a happy feast of the Assumption of Our Blessed Mother and the Independence Day of our Country.

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





LA SALETTE BHAVAN, PARAKKADAVU

Birthday Celebration: La Salette Bhavan community was very delighted to celebrate the Birthdays of Fr. Joy Chukkananickal MS, Fr. Tinto Kalapurackal MS and Josetten, the president of La Salette Bhavan Lay Association. As an expression of joy brothers performed different programs and made the day memorable.

Adoration and Retreat: On the second Saturday of the month we conducted a retreat and adoration. Fr. Joyal Narimattathil MS preceded over the Eucharistic celebration and preached the Word of God.

Feast of Our Lady of Mount Carmel: In the heartfelt celebration of Our Lady of Mount Carmel at Juvan Jyoti Ashram seminarians played a significant role in enhancing the spiritual experience of the faithful. Their efforts and dedication to make the event colourful was evident during the Eucharistic celebration as they led the congregation in singing hymns. Fr. Johnny Vadakkan MS, the Superior of La Salette Bhavan presided over the Holy Mass along with Fr. Tinto Kalapurackal MS as Fr. Jino Chackiath MS delivered the homily.

Visitors: We were very glad to have the presence of Fr. Joby Kadambattuparabil MS.



LA SALETTE ASHRAM, WAYANAD

Happy Birthday: Birthday of Fr. Binu Kizhikandayil MS celebrated with the priests from the parish.



Kindly Remember.....

AUGUST 2024

06	1958	Birthday	Manjaly Mathew
24	2001	Ordination	Porathur Joy
31	1994	Birthday	Palatty Anson

SEPTEMBER 2024

01	1993	Birthday	Nikhil Thekkineth
02	2012	Ordination	Kachappilly Jojo
03	2018	Death	Kuzhinjalil Jose
04	1983	Birthday	Kachappilly Jojo



LA SALETTE NIKETHAN, HUNSUR, MYSORE

St. Thomas Day (Indian Christian Day): La Salette Nikethan community celebrated the Feast of St. Thomas with lot of programs and solemn Eucharistic celebration. We were able to remember once again the History of our early Christian life.

Birthday of Sr. Mamtha CSJ: On July 5, we celebrated Sr. Mamtha's birthday in the community and gave thanks to God for all of her life's blessings.

Visit of Our Fathers to Our Community: On 10th of July, Fr. Bibin MS made a visit to our community and shared his wisdom to boost our younger brothers through his talks and presence.

Rev. Fr. Jenson MS, our Provincial along with Mr. Shekar and his family members from Andhra Pradesh, who are good friends of our La Salette Nilyam community, made a visit our community.

Fr. Joby Kadambattuparambil MS and his family also paid us a visit and made us feel much happier.



Birthday Brothers: We celebrated Birthdays of Bros. Jespin and Jovans on 12th of July. We prayed for them in the Holy Mass and wished them blessings of the Day.

Birthday of Sr. Diviya CSJ: On 31st of July, we the Nikethan community celebrated the Birthday of Sr. Diviya in our community.

Rector's Day and Holy Spirit Mass: On 28th of July, We the Nikethan community celebrated the Rector's day and Holy Spirit Mass with spiritual activities, beautiful decorations, and cultural programs.

Rev Fr. Joy Porthur MS, the Spiritual Director of our seminarians unveiled and opened theme of the year 2024-2025; "TO ME TO LIVE IS CHRIST AND TO DIE IS GAIN". Our minor seminarians proved their talents with extra ordinary performance on this day. The house and chapel in and around was well decorated by our brothers. We had throughout the day programs before each delicious meal. It was a new experience for all our community members. Two of our brothers also joined with the Rector Fr. Sanish MS, as they celebrated their birthday in the month of July.



LA SALETTE VIDYA NIKETHAN, HUNSUR, MYOSRE

Birthday of Director: The Birthday of our Director Fr. Sanish Poovathinkal MS was celebrated with immense joy on 22nd of July. Morning the celebration was held by our school staff and students, Afternoon it was by College students.

FA-01: July 8th ,9th and 10th we had FA- 01 test for our school Children.

PTM: We also had a Parents and Teachers meeting. It helped both teachers and parents to know the potential of children.



Chart Competition: To refresh the students, we had conducted a chart competition for each classes with individual theme. On 29th of July the competition was for classes 1 to 4 and on 30th it was for 5 to 10.

Birthday of Head Mistress: Our Head Mistress Sr. Mamta's Birthday was on 5th July. We celebrated her birthday with great joy. Cultural Programmes was held on the day and snacks were distributed to children and staff.





Fresher's Day: In order to welcome our new College Students to our institution, fresher's day was held on 11th of July. Fresher's Day was observed with cultural programmes.

Election: Our school election to nominate head boy and head girl was conducted on 3rd of July. The election of college students was also held on 6th of July.



Investiture Ceremony: Investiture Ceremony was conducted on 27th of July. As a special guest we had invited Mrs. Lolakshi, SI of Bilikere. We announced the cabinet leaders and ministers on this day. Parents of leaders also were invited to the programme. Oath taking and awarding the students about their duty were done by the management.

Sr. Dibya's Birthday: The Birthday of Sr. Dibya celebrated on 31st of July by cutting the cake

Investiture Ceremony: Investiture ceremony of college students was held on 31st July 2024. As a special guest we had Nayak Louis Perera, an Ex Indian Army.





LA SALETTE VIDYA NILAYAM, THORREDU, AP

St. Thomas Day: The Nilayam community celebrated the feast with a solemn Eucharistic celebration and prayed for the festal celebrants.

Happy Feast: We wished and prayed for Fr. Jacob MS on his feast day. The celebration was ended with a solemn meal.



LA SALETTE NILAYAM, THORREDU, AP

Investiture Ceremony: The investiture ceremony was held on 5th of July and the chief guest was Mr. Naga Babu, Sub-Inspector of Police III Town, Rajahmundry.

The elected Head boy and Head girl along with the group leaders were presented with slash and badges. The ceremony highlighted the importance and the responsibilities entrusted on the leaders for this academic year.

Birthday celebration of Rev.Fr. Mani Bushan MS: A celebration was organised by the staff and students on his birthday attended by fathers, sisters, teachers and students.





Cash Award to 10th School Topper: Y. Durga Prasad, the topper of 10th class was felicitated with a cash award by school.

Feast Day Celebration: We solemnly celebrated the feast of Basilian sisters on the 19th of July. The staff wished them festal greetings followed by a cake cutting ceremony which added colour to the program.

13th School Anniversary: On 30th, La Salette vidyanilayam celebrated its 13th Anniversary. The Head boy and Head girl expressed their gratitude and love towards the school and thanked the management for their efforts and commitment to the 13 years of excellence. The school management thanked all the parents, teachers and staff and wished the students for enriching learning experience from La Salette Vidyanilayam.

New Bus: A new bus was added to the fleet of buses this month. It was blessed on the occasion of school anniversary.



LA SALETTE MATHA RCM CHURCH, NUTHANKAL, KHAMMAM

Hearty Welcome: We, the parishioners of La Salette Matha RCM Church, Nuthankal, gave warm welcome to Fr. Lithin Palakkal to our Parish.

Visit: His Excellency Bishop Sagily Prakash, the newly elected Bishop of Khammam made an unofficial visit to our Parish, spent good time with us and joined us for the lunch.

Prayer Service: We had conducted the second Saturday Prayer service in the parish.





LA SALETTE SADHAN, BENGALURU

Procurators' Meeting: On the 20th of July, our province organized a meeting for all the procurators of the La Salette Matha province, held in the Sadhan community. The session saw the attendance of all the fathers in charge, contributing to a fruitful and collaborative gathering.

Birthday: The Sadhan community was overjoyed to welcome Fr. Tinto MS to our midst just the day after his birthday. We warmly extended our birthday greetings and celebrated with a cake-cutting ceremony, adding a special touch to the occasion.

Exams: 4th and 6th semester BA exams have begun for brothers. And so postulant brothers were back to Sadhan to attend their exams.

Adoration: We had the pleasure of organizing a serene evening session of adoration and confession for the La Salette laity, actively led by Rev. Fr. Jenson MS.

Outing: Brothers had been for their outing on the feast day of saint Thomas, which was a holiday in the collage.

Renovation of the Hall: This month, we renovated our meeting hall into a beautiful, inviting space, designed especially for our Sunday liturgical celebrations.

Spiritual Direction: We had the wonderful opportunity to engage in spiritual direction with Rev. Fr. Joy Purathur MS, enriching our spiritual journey with his guidance.

Feasts of the Month: We solemnly celebrated the feasts of St. Thomas the Apostle, St. Maria Goretti, Our Lady of Mount Carmel, St. Mary Magdalene, St. James the Apostle, Sts. Joachim and Ann, St. Martha and St. Ignatius of Loyola.

Visitors: We were delighted to welcome Frs. Bibin MS, Jiju MS, Rojan MS, Jobins MS, Binu MS, Joyal MS, Tinto MS, Benjamin MS, Anson MS, and two of Fr. Mathew's friends from Australia into our community. Their presence brought a wonderful spirit of fellowship and joy.



LA SALETTE SCHOLASTICS, NAGPUR

Inauguration: The Inauguration of the Carolian Theological Forum was held on July 12. We welcomed the first-year theology brothers to the CTF.

Extempore: We had an extempore competition for the theology brothers.

Visitors: We were visited by Fr. Bibin Parakunnel ms and Fr. Yohannan, a friend of Fr. Bibin.