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Dear fathers and brothers,

Speaking on Christmas, Pope Benedict XVI, once said, “What does it mean when we call this God a living God? It means that this God is not a conclusion we have reached by thinking, which we now offer to others in the certainty of our own perception and understanding. When we talk of the living God, it means this: This God shows Himself to us. He looks out from eternity into time and puts Himself into a relationship with us. We cannot define Him in whatever way we like. He has defined Himself and now stands before us as our Lord, over us and in our midst. This self-revelation of God, by virtue of which He is not our conception but our Lord, rightly stands, therefore, at the center of our Creed.”

Saint Augustine a great theologian and doctor of the Church, in one of his Christmas messages said, “Man’s Maker was made man that the Bread might be hungry, the Fountain thirst, the Light sleep, the Way be tired from the journey, the Truth might be accused by false witnesses, the Judge of the living and dead be judged by a mortal judge, Justice be sentenced by the unjust, the Teacher be beaten with whips, the Vine be crowned with thorns, the Foundation be suspended on wood, the Strength be made weak, the Healer be wounded, and that Life might die. Wake up, O human being! For it was for you that God was made man. Rise up and realize it was all for you. Eternal death would have awaited you had He not been born in time. Never would you be freed from your sinful flesh had He not taken to Himself the likeness of sinful flesh. Everlasting would be your misery had He not performed this act of mercy. You would not have come to life again had He not come to die your death. You would have perished had He not come.” He said, “Behold on Christmas a new and wondrous reality. The angels sing and the archangels blend their voices in harmony. The Cherubim hymn their joyful praise. The Seraphim exalt Christ’s glory. All join to praise this holy feast, beholding the Godhead here on earth and man in heaven. He Who is above now for our redemption dwells here below, and we who are lowly are by divine mercy raised up. Bethlehem this day resembles heaven, hearing from the stars the singing of angelic voices. Ask not how. For where God wills, nature yields. For He willed. He had the power. He descended. He redeemed. All things move in obedience to God. This day He Who is born and He Who is becomes what He is not. He is God become man, yet not departing from His Godhead.”

Pope Saint Leo the Great said that, the purpose of Christmas “was to give the human race a wondrous grace so that iniquity might return to the ways of innocence, old age to newness of life, strangers might be received by God as His children and without any claim be capable of entering into an inheritance, that the evil-living might begin to live righteously, the parsimonious become generous, the incontinent chaste, and the earthly might become heavenly-minded.”

As we prepare for Christmas, let our hearts turn to Jesus at the manger. May it be the merriest and most blessed Christmas in your life. I pray that our Savior might be born anew by His grace in your souls.

Wishing you a Merry Christmas and hopeful New Year

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



LA SALETTE SADHAN, BENGALURU

Feasts and Commemorations: During the month, we solemnly celebrated the solemnities of All Saints and Christ the King, as well as the feast of St. Andrew the Apostle. We also commemorated All Souls' Day, paying tribute to the departed souls.

Visitors: We were pleased to host several visitors, including Frs. Nikhil, Anson, Benjamin, and Joel, who stayed with us while preparing for their B.Ed exams. We also welcomed Srs. Sangeetha and Divya, as well as Frs. Philip, Bino MS, and the Vicar and Asst. Vicar from the parish of Fr. Provincial.

Blessed Holiday Wishes: Bro. Amal took a well-deserved break, going on holiday from November 12th to 30th.

Adoration for Laity: As we prepared for Advent, we hosted an adoration for the laity on November 30th, from 6 PM to 8 PM.



LA SALETTE ASHRAM, WAYANAD

Send off: Ashram community said bye to Sr. Soonam SD, the Mother Superior of SD Convent as she moved towards her new mission in Keniya.



LA SALETTE SCHOLASTICS, NAGPUR

Feast Day Celebration: On November 4th, St. Charles Seminary joyfully celebrated its patron's feast day. The liturgy was presided over by Bishop Elias Gonsalves and attended by numerous priests and religious from various houses.

Ex-Carolian Gathering: As part of the feast day celebrations, 40 Ex-Carolians gathered at the seminary, sharing their seminary experiences and inspiring the community with their stories.

Seminary Day: On November 5th, the seminary community celebrated Seminary Day with a play titled "The Post Office" and various programs presented by the brothers.

Annual Picnic: Following the feast day celebrations, the community enjoyed their annual picnic, a time for relaxation and bonding.

New Semester Begins: The second semester commenced on November 12th, marking the beginning of a new period of academic and spiritual growth for the seminarians.





LA SALETTE NIKETHAN, HUNSUR, MYSORE

Family Visitations: We were delighted to welcome the family members of Fr. Joyal MS and Fr. Joy Porathur MS to our community. Both visits were filled with joy and warmth, and we were happy to share our love and hospitality with them.

Visitation of Fathers from Chemberi: We had the pleasure of hosting Fathers from Chemberi Deanery, who experienced the love and warmth of the La Salette Fathers. Their visit was a blessing to our community.

Birthday Celebration: Bro. Jobin celebrated his birthday, and the community came together to wish him and pray for him.



All Souls' Day: We commemorated All Souls' Day with a special hour of creative Adoration in the evening, offering prayers for all departed souls from our families and congregation.

Visits from Priests and Sisters: Fathers Nikhil MS, Anson MS, and Johny MS visited our community, bringing joy and warmth to all members. We also welcomed Sisters from SJC, who shared their joy and friendship with us.

B.Ed Exams: Fathers Joyal MS and Benjamin MS attended their B.Ed exams in Bangalore.

Cultural Programs: Our brothers showcased their talents in the second cultural program of the year, delivering exceptional performances that brought joy to all.



LA SALETTE BHAVAN, PARAKKADAVU

Laity Gathering and Prayer Day: On the 2nd Saturday of this month, we organized a prayer day for the laity. The evening session was led by Fr. Tinto MS, providing a meaningful and spiritual experience for all attendees.

Monthly Recollection for Seminarians: The seminarians participated in their monthly recollection on the 30th of this month. Rev. Fr. Francen Thannadan, Vicar of Kuzhoor, delivered the recollection talk, offering valuable insights and guidance to the seminarians.

LA SALETTE NILAYAM, THORREDU, AP

Birthday Celebration: The Nilayam community came together to celebrate the birthday of Fr. Jince. The community extended their warmest wishes and prayers for his happiness, health, and continued service.



ST. JOSEPH'S RCM CHURCH, THORREDU, AP

Jyothirmayi Bible Examination: The parishioners participated in the Jyothirmayi Bible Examination, which saw a large turnout. The event was a testament to the community's commitment to faith and scripture.

All Souls' Day: On November 2nd, the parish community came together to honor and pray for their deceased loved ones. Special prayers were held at the tombs, providing a meaningful way for the community to pay their respects.

Birthday Celebration of Fr. Jince MS: The parish community celebrated Fr. Jince's birthday with great joy and enthusiasm. The event featured colorful programs and a felicitation ceremony to honor the birthday celebrant.



LA SALETTE VIDYA NILAYAM, THORREDU, AP

Birthday Celebration of Fr. Jince Koothodiyil MS: The staff and students of La Salette Vidyanilayam School joyfully celebrated the birthday of Fr. Jince Koothodiyil MS, the Director and Principal of the school. The students showcased their love and appreciation for his integrity, commitment, and dynamic leadership through various creative programs. The celebration concluded with a fellowship meal for all staff members.

Orientation Program for Teachers: An orientation session was conducted to motivate and guide teachers in developing their teaching skills. The session emphasized the importance of creating an engaging classroom environment through creative teaching methods.





Children's Day Celebration: The school celebrated Children's Day on November 14th with grandeur. The event included programs, sweets, and classes focused on the holistic development of children. An arts competition was also held, where students displayed exceptional artistic and creative talents.

Feast Day Celebration: La Salette Vidyanilayam celebrated the feast day of Sr. Flora from the Basilian Sisters, acknowledging her unwavering support to the school over the years. Teachers and students wished and prayed for her well-being.



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05	1987	Birthday	Parakunnel Bibin
05	1985	Ordination	Kollannoor Andrews
13	1976	Birthday	Maliakal Sajive
17	1984	Birthday	Chakiyath Jino
21	1986	Birthday	Robin Vayalil
23	1987	Birthday	Mavathara Anit
27	2017	Ordination	Kallakudiyam Sajith
28	2017	Ordination	Veluthedathu Parambil Jobins
29	1987	Ordination	Manjaly Mathew



LA SALETTE MATHA RCM CHURCH, NUTHANKAL, KHAMMAM

Birthday Celebration of Fr. Jince MS: We joyfully celebrated the birthday of our beloved Fr. Jince MS, marking the special occasion with gratitude and community spirit.

All Saints' Day and Parish Anniversary: On the occasion of All Saints' Day, we also celebrated the second anniversary of our parish with a special one-day prayer service, fostering unity and devotion among our community.

All Souls' Day Observance: We solemnly observed All Souls' Day with a Holy Mass and special prayer service, honoring the memories of our departed brothers and sisters in the parish.





LA SALETTE VIDYA NIKETHAN, HUNSUR, MYOSRE

Kannada Rajyotsava Celebration: On November 1st, La Salette School management organized a program to honor and respect the state of Karnataka. The event featured a state flag hoisting ceremony, speeches emphasizing the importance of the day, and a celebration of Karnataka's rich culture.

Teacher's Workshop: On November 1st, the school management conducted a workshop for teachers, focusing on their professional development. Ravi Sir led the session, providing valuable inputs and facilitating group discussions.

Fancy Dress Competitions: The school organized fancy dress competitions for Kindergarten students on November 8th and for primary and high school students on November 12th. The events showcased the creativity and talent of the students.

Cookery Show Competition: A fireless cooking competition was held on November 8th for students from 5th to 10th standard and on November 8th for PUC students. The event encouraged students to explore their culinary skills and creativity.



International Men's Day: On November 19th, our institution celebrated International Men's Day, recognizing the valuable contributions and roles of men in our families and society. We honored our male teaching and non-teaching staff, as well as our drivers, with a special program and a lunch arranged by our lady faculties.





K.G. Sports Day: On November 11th, the school conducted a Sports Day for Kindergarten students, featuring various games like running races, frog races, musical chairs, and picking dumbbells.

Annual Sports Meet 2024: The school's Annual Sports Meet for school and PUC students took place on November 15th and 16th. The event featured a range of games, including running, relay, throwball, volleyball, long jump, and discuss throw. Mr. Lokesh, the block physical instructor, was the chief guest. The Sports Meet promoted teamwork, sportsmanship, and camaraderie among students.

Achievement-Youngest Professional: We are proud to announce that Master Nizam, a recent alumnus of La Salette PU College, has cracked the Indian Navy entrance exam and is currently undergoing technical training in Bhubaneswar, Odisha.



Parent-Teacher Meetings (PTM): On November 22nd, we conducted a Parent-Teacher Meeting, providing a platform for parents and teachers to discuss students' academic progress, behavior, and needs. This collaborative effort aims to set goals, address challenges, and create a supportive environment for our students.

Drama/Skit Performance: On November 17th, our students participated in a drama/skit performance at Rangayana in Mysore. This annual event helps students develop essential skills like communication, empathy, creativity, and problem-solving, while fostering confidence, collaboration, and emotional expression.

