



**Prayerful Greetings To**

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*The Newly Elected Superior General of  
Missionaries of Our Lady of La Salette*

**LA SALETTE MATHA PROVINCE: INDIA**



# PROVINCIAL CIRCULAR

## LA SALETTE MATHA PROVINCE

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Dear fathers and brothers,

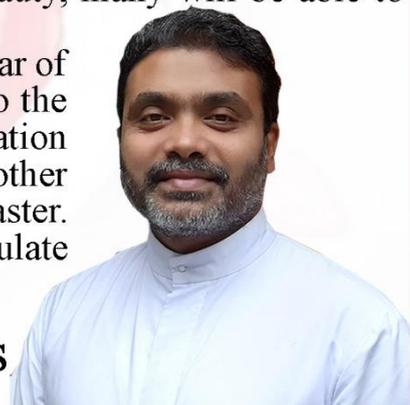
Greetings from Madagascar!

The 33rd General Chapter, with the theme, “Growing in our identity at the service of communion and hope,” came to its conclusion with the Holy Eucharist on Saturday, May 4, 2024. It was a time of grace for the entire congregation, most especially for the La Salette Matha Province, with the election of Very Rev. Fr. Jojohn Chettiyakunnel MS as the new Superior General. I remember the prophetic words of Rev. Fr. Isidro Perin MS, our former Superior General, who shared during the C of C 2023 in Brazil that the 2024 General Chapter will bring transitional change and a paradigm shift in our congregation. I believe his words became true with a new Superior General coming from Asia for the first time in the history of our congregation. We had ample time to discuss and evaluate the present and future of our congregation and come up with decisions, for the next six years of the term of the Superior General and his council. To hold the General Chapter in Madagascar was a time of added joy for the province of Mary, Mother of the Church, as they marked the 125th anniversary of the arrival of the first La Salette Missionaries in the Land. The congregation and the province of Madagascar were blessed with the announcement of Pope Francis on May 2, appointing Rev. Fr. Clement Herizo MS as the new Bishop of the Diocese of Maintirano. With the newly appointed bishop, we have three La Salette bishops from the province of Madagascar rendering their service to the Catholic Church. I was personally surprised to see Fr. Jack Nuelle MS, a man of 87 as one of the translators in the General Chapter. Fr. Jack used to be an ardent missionary in Madagascar for three decades, and for him, coming back to this mission land was a moment of thanksgiving to God. There were 39-Chapter delegates. In between, Fr. Leonir, the Provincial of Brazil, decided to return due to his ill health. We had chances to visit some of the mission centres of the province of Madagascar, which gave us a clear picture of the lives and missions of our priests and laity.

I would like to ponder the words of Pope Francis, from his message to the 33rd General Chapter of our Congregation. “You are called to give your lives to those who ‘thirst’ for hope by spending yourselves boldly in pastoral activity among the people, especially in favour of those who suffer many situations of injustice and moral and material hardship. Your congregation, spread across so many nations, boasts a long history written by courageous witnesses to Christ. In this wake, you walk with renewed zeal to push, with prophetic freedom and wise discernment, bold apostolic paths and missionary frontiers, cultivating close collaboration with bishops and other components of the ecclesial community. Take to heart the concerns and needs of the men and women of our time, spending yourselves with unflinching love for the poor and excluded. Nurture Marian devotion and persevere in spreading it among the Christian people; by contemplating its spiritual beauty, many will be able to believe in the revolutionary power of tenderness and affection.”

Let us congratulate our brothers, who began their Canonical Year of Novitiate, and our scholastics, who renewed their commitment to the Lord. We joyfully wait to welcome the newcomers to our congregation in June. Let us continue to pray for one another and support each other as we continue our journey in the vineyard of our master. Remembering all of you and entrusting our province to the Immaculate Heart of Mary.

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





## LA SALETTE NIKETHAN, HUNSUR, MYSORE

**Holidays for Brothers:** Our brothers were in their vacation in April, and will be back towards the end of this month.

**Farewell:** La Salette Nikethan community bid farewell to our Postulants Akhil and Nibin, and wished all the very best to for their Canonical Year of Novitiate. Nikethan community gave farewell to Sr. Roselin on 7th of April. Fr. Sanish MS thanked her service in the school and in the community.



**Community Outing:** La Salette Nikethan community had one-day outing to Mysore. All fathers, sisters and brothers were part of the outing.

**Postulants to Chemperi:** On 27 of April Postulancy brothers were sent to La Salette Maria Bhavan chemperi.

**Acceptance to Novitiate:** Our community members attended the entry to novitiate ceremony at Chemperi.





## LA SALETTE VIDYA NIKETHAN, HUNSUR, MYOSRE

**PUC Result:** La Salette PU College has achieved an excellent result in this year of II PUC exam. The students are excelled with 24 distinctions, and 57 first class in Science, Commerce and Arts streams. Three students got 100 out of 100 in Mathematics, Computer Science and in Kannada. Kumari Ranjitha: 570 (Commerce), Master Omkar: 561 (Science), and Master Austin: 550 (Arts) are the toppers in La Salette PU college this year.

**PT Meeting:** The last parents teachers meeting of the academic year 2023 were held on 10th of April. All the students were promoted to next stage of class.

**Canvassing:** We began our canvassing for the next year of admissions to school and college. Our staff members are engaged in visiting different villages and schools.

**Admissions:** New admissions for the next academic year is begun.



**Teacher's Picnic:** The teachers of La Salette PU College and Vidya Nikethan had three days of picnic to Kerala, the God's own country. Thirty teachers joined the trip in which various places visited and lot of enjoyment teachers experienced. La Salette Sneha Bhavan received our staff with lot of love and hospitality. Chavakkadu Beach, Aquarium, Guruvayoor temple, Lulu Mall, Kalady Ashram, Edappally Church, boat journey etc., were included in the trip.

**Remedial Class:** Those who are very weak in studies we began to conduct the remedial classes from 1st to 10th standard. Around 60 students are attending the remedial classes.





## LA SALETTE ASHRAM, WAYANAD

**Ordination Anniversary:** Ordination Anniversary of Frs. Saneesh MS and Rojan MS celebrated at the community. They cut the cake and shared the joy.

**Retreat Outside:** Children's retreats were conducted at Kurumbala parish. Thanks to Fr. Lithin MS and Scho. Ajin MS for their help to conduct the retreat.

**Warm Welcome:** Hearty Welcome to Fr. Benny to La Salette Ashram.



**Vocation Camp:** More than forty youngsters joined us for the vocation camp at Ashram. Thanks to the vocation promoters for their tireless work.

**Send Off:** A grand send-off was organised at Ashram in the presence of Laity members and nearby religious for Fr. Rojan MS as he is moving to his next mission.





## LA SALETTE, UMMANNOOR, PUNALUR

**Picnic:** One-day Picnic was conducted for the catechism department and pious organisations to Trivandrum.

**Visit:** Fr. Jose Muttathan MS, the newly assigned parish priest along with Fr. Bino MS and Fr. Bibin MS visited the mission churches before taking charge of the parish on May 5th, Sunday.

**Parish Feast of St. Mark:** Feast of St. Mark and our Lady of La Salette were held from 26-29 of April. It was a combination of Spiritual, Social and Cultural activities. Cultural evening was conducted with 25 various programs in our new hall by parishioners and well-wishers.

## LA SALETTE MATHA RCM CHURCH, NUTHANKAL, KHAMMAM

**Visit:** Fr. Jose Muttathan visited our Mission at Khammam with Fr. Robin MS. Fr. Jose helped to point out some water resources for the use of the people as they face the scarcity of water.

**Divine Mercy Feast:** We celebrated solemnly the feast of the Divine Mercy.

**Episcopal Ordination:** Khammam Diocese is blessed with a new bishop, Most Rev. Dr. Sagily Prakash.



## LA SALETTE SADHAN, BENGALURU

**Comprehensive Exam:** Bros. Blevin and Shan had their philosophy comprehensive examination on 27th of April.

**Holidays:** All the philosophy brothers went home for the annual holidays.

**Feasts of the Month:** We celebrated the solemnity of the Annunciation of the Lord and the Feast of St. Mark the Evangelist.

**Visitors:** We were glad to have the presence of Frs. Sanish MS, Benjamin MS, Nikhil MS, Anson MS and Sisters from neighbouring communities.

**Novitiate Acceptance:** Bros. Blevin, Amal, and Shan participated for the Novitiate acceptance ceremony at Chemperi.

### MAY 2024

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 2024

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## LA SALETTE BHAVAN, PARAKKADAVU

**Farewell:** La Salette Laity and Bhavan community gave a great send off to Fr. Bino MS and Fr. Bibin MS.

**Anniversary Greetings:** We celebrated the Ordination Anniversary of Fr. Bibin MS.

**Visit:** Fr. Anil MS, made a brotherly visit to Bhavan community as he is in his home holidays.



## LA SALETTE NILAYAM, THORREDU, AP



**Warm Welcome:** La Salette Nilayam community wholeheartedly welcomed Fr. Jose Muttathan MS. He was with us for couple of days to see the mission.

**Ordination Anniversary:** The community celebrated the Ordination Anniversary of Fr. Robin Vayalil MS and wished him all the blessings on his priestly ministry.

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

**Easter Blessings:** Fr. Manibushan MS blessed the houses in the parish and in the villages and shared the peace and joy of Easter.



## LA SALETTE VIDYA NILAYAM, THORREDU, AP

**Award Ceremony:** It was joyous moment for the La Salette Vidyanilayam School to distribute the best Teacher's award to recognize excellence and commitment of teachers in shaping the minds as well as future of the youth. The teachers are been selected from each section and they were given the awards.

**Fr. JK Memorial Scholarship Award:** Our school distributed "Fr. Jose Kuzhinjalil memorial Scholarship" to those students who excelled in studies. We have selected students from each section based on their annual holistic performance in academics.

**Feast Day:** Teachers and students solemnly celebrated the feast of our beloved deputy headmistress Sr. Georgia on 24th. Community





**Teacher's Picnic:** La Salette Vidyanilayam School teaching and non-teaching staffs had a picnic to Papikondalu. Papikondalu mountain range runs along the River Godavari and is located in Rajahmundry, Andhra Pradesh. Papikondalu is a sheer fest to the eyes in terms of its scenic beauty.

**10th Class Result:** La Salette Vidyanilayam has achieved 99% of 10th class exam results this year. Durgaprasad as the topper of our school obtained 100/100 in Mathematics and scored total marks of

562. Ten distinction holders have made our school very proud.

**Annual Exam:** Pre-primary to high school students had their final exam from 6th April. Annual holiday begun from 23rd April.



## RENEWAL OF VOWS



Scholastics Ajin MS, Jophin MS, Joel MS, and Sarath SV renewed their religious commitment before Rev. Fr. Bino Poovannikunnel MS, the Vicar Provincial on 1st of May at La Salette Bhavan, Parakkadavu.

# NOVIKIATE ACCEPTANCE



Rev. Fr. Bino Poovannikunnel MSJ, the Vicar Provincial accepted Postulants Akhil, Nibin, and John to the Canonical Year of Novitiate on March 30, 2024, at La Salette Novitiate Chemperi.



# 38RD GENERAL CHAPTER

April 08-May 05, 2024, Madagascar

