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Dear fathers and brothers,

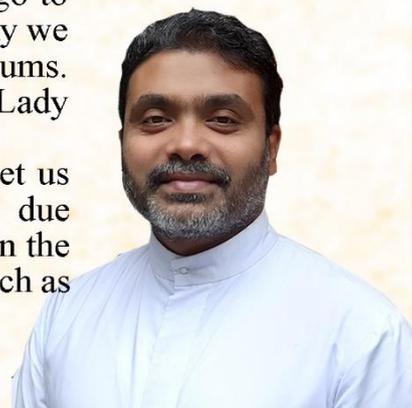
The month of October invites us to reflect upon the Holy Rosary. A good Catholic and any religious who does not pray the rosary is hard to imagine. Many of us still remain in our chosen vocation because of this powerful prayer. It is the prayer that still unites many families. It is the prayer we learnt before every other prayer. It is a very popular and easy form of prayer in which we contemplate the life of Christ and the mysteries of our redemption. In the Rosary, we turn our loving and grateful assent and participation. It trains us to pause on each mystery and to draw from its nourishment for heart and mind. In this, Mother Mary herself is our model; she “kept all these things and pondered them in her heart” (Lk 2:19). The Rosary is ordinarily considered a Marian prayer. It is true that Mary is remembered and prayed to in all the twenty mysteries of the Rosary, as she is directly and indirectly involved in all of them. As Pope John Paul II says, “One cannot think of the reality of the Incarnation without referring to Mary, the Mother of the Incarnate Word” (Redemptoris Mater, 5). Yet the Rosary is much more and much richer than a Marian prayer. It is a biblical prayer, as it recalls the events narrated in the Gospel. It is a Christological prayer as it dwells on the birth, manifestation, suffering, death, resurrection, and glorification of Christ.

Mother Mary has repeatedly and warmly recommended the praying of the rosary. When she appeared to St. Bernadette at Lourdes in 1858, she was holding a large rosary and moving its beads with her fingers. In 1917 at Fatima, she appeared to three shepherd children, Lucy, Francis, and Jessinta, and asked them to pray the Rosary. To Lucy, she said, “I am the Lady of the Rosary. Continue to say the rosary every day.” In 1846, at La Salette, Mary enquired the two children, Maximin and Malanie, whether they prayed their daily prayers. Upon their denial, she insisted they pray them, at least a hail Mary and Lord’s Prayer. Indirectly, Mary invited the children to the mighty wings of the Holy Rosary.

The majority of the saints had personal devotion to Mother Mary and used to pray the Rosary. St. Dominic promoted it very zealously. St. Louis De Montfort assures that, “If you say the Rosary faithfully until death, I do assure you that, in spite of the gravity of your sins, you shall receive a never-fading crown of glory. Even if you are on the brink of damnation, even if you have one foot in hell, even if you have sold your soul to the devil as sorcerers do who practice black magic, and even if you are a heretic as obstinate as a devil, sooner or later you will be converted and will amend your life and will save your soul, if—and mark well what I say—if you say the Holy Rosary devoutly every day until death for the purpose of knowing the truth and obtaining contrition and pardon for your sins.” St. Padre Pio would say that “Rosary is a weapon against the evils of the world today. All graces given by God pass through the Blessed Mother.” Pope Pius X implored the laity: “If you wish peace to reign in your homes, recite the family rosary” and “If there were one million families praying the rosary every day, the entire world would be saved.” St. Mother Teresa instructed her sisters: “Never go to the slums without first having recited the Mother’s praises; that is why we have to say the Rosary in the streets and in the dark holes of the slums. Cling to the rosary as the creeper clings to the tree—for without Our Lady we cannot stand.”

As we continue our journey in the month of the Holy Rosary, let us continue to cultivate our personal love towards Mary and give due importance to praying the rosary, individually and as a community in the places of our ministries, and promote the devotion of the same as much as possible.

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





LA SALETTE BHAVAN, PARAKKADAVU

International laity Day: We celebrated international Laity day and shared with them a good lunch. All were very Happy with the gathering.

Happy Feast: Fr. Johnny Vadakkan hoisted the flag in the presence of Fr. Charles our parish priest and Frs. Joy, Jino, and Tinto on 11th of September.

We had 80 priests and religious from different communities and parishes fro the religious gathering on 12th.

Many programs were there from the parish and our brothers presented two variety dances for the Kalasandhya on 18th. Special thanks to Bro. Shan for his animation of the whole program.

Very Rev. Fr. Jenson our Provincial Superior was the main celebrant for the fast day. More than one thousand people came for the feast and devotedly participated in the Rosary procession, dinner, and followed by a Drama 'APPA' by Attingal Sreedhanya



Festal Greetings: We celebrated the feast of Fr. Charles Chittattukarakaran our parish priest together with a send-off to Bro. Shan





LA SALETTE NIKETHAN, HUNSUR, MYSORE
La Salette Feast in Nikethan Community: On 15th of September we Nikethan community celebrated Feast of our Lady of La Salette. There were almost 120 faithful including priests, sisters and religious gathered in it. After the Holy Mass we had delicious food outside. Brothers made beautiful decoration in and around the house which was all well appreciated by all.

Participation in La Salette Feasts: We the Nikethan community made ourselves present and available to increase the festival joy of celebration in different communities.



Visitation of Sisters of SJC: Sisters from Congregation of SJC have visited our Nikethan community and wished festival wishes to all members and shared their experiences and joy with us.

Farewell to Postulant Blevin: Community gave farewell to Bro. Blavin and thanked him for his sincere service in our community, and wished all the best for his next level of Postulancy program.

Welcome and Birthday Celebration: Community welcomed Postulant Shan to Nikethan community and wished him all the best for his next Postulancy program in Nikethan. We also celebrated the Birthday of Bro. Zeno, our minor seminarian, prayed for him, and wished all the blessings of the day.



Onam Celebration: On 22 of September we Nikethan community celebrated Onam with lot of decorations and delicious food. There after we had Onam games including all fathers, sisters and brothers. All those who participated in games and for winners were given the gifts.



LA SALETTE VIDYA NIKETHAN, HUNSUR, MYOSRE

La Salette Feast: The Feast of Our Lady of La Salette was celebrated on September 17. Celebration began with the procession of our Mother Mary from La Salette House to La Salette School followed by a small prayer and blessing of school building, staff, students and teachers. We honoured our La Salette fathers and appreciated all the good deeds they are doing for our institutions. Our children demonstrated the apparition of Mother Mary through skit and prayer dance by higher secondary children. We had arranged food to the entire staff and students on our feast.



Drivers Day: La Salette Vidyanikethan observed Driver's Day on Sep 17. We invited all the drivers to assembly and honored and thanked them for their dedicated services to our school.

Drama from Nirdiganta Team: Drama for the PU Students were conducted on 25/09/2024 by Nirdiganta Team of the Actor Prakash Rai's Team. The concept was TREE & HUMAN BEING AND OZIL. This theme was really appreciable. This created the awareness of the relationship between tree and humans also the responsibility, and Ozil was the theme of achievement of students.

Welcome to Bro. Shan: On 30/09/2024 Bro. Shan was welcomed to La Salette Vidyanikethan and PU College.



Drivers Day: La Salette Vidyanikethan observed Driver's Day on Sep 17. We invited all the drivers to assembly and honored and thanked them for their dedicated services to our school.





Teachers Day: Teachers Day was celebrated by our school and college children on 4th of September. They had conducted a stage program in the morning session which was wonderful. The management had arranged food for the both teaching and non-teaching staff. On 5th of September the Teachers day program was held at BEO office in Hunsur.

Taluk Level Sports: We were the organizers of Taluk Level sports this year of High School and Higher Primary. Stage program, flag hoisting, welcoming the guest, conducting games and equipments, distributing prizes etc... were done by La Salette Vidyanikethan. All the staff and students were happy about the services provided. Government officials appreciated our coordination for the event.

Farewell: Farewell of Bro. Belvin was on 4th September in our school. La Salette PU college thanked his service and help in our school ministry.

Prathibha Karanji: Prathibha Karanji for 9th and 10th students were conducted at Adullam School Hunsur. Our students participated in several competitions and have won prizes as well.

SA 01 Exam: SA 01 exam for school children was commenced from 24/09/24 to 05/10/24. We are expecting a good result of their SA-01 examinations. For SSLC students we have received SA-01 question papers from the government department from this year onwards.



LA SALETTE SCHOLASTICS, NAGPUR

Feast Day: On September 19, our community observed the feast of Our Lady of Lasalette, marking the occasion with novena.

Onam: We celebrated Onam at St. Charles Seminary with a Syro-Malabar Rite Mass, followed by a





LA SALETTE SADHAN, BENGALURU

Novena to our Lady of La Salette: We had nine-day Novena to our Lady of La Salette in preparation for the feast celebrations.

Feast of Our Lady of La Salette: Sadhan community celebrated the feast of our Lady of La Salette on 28th of September. We had a wonderful solemn Eucharistic celebration followed by a delicious meal and fireworks.

Feasts of the Month: Sadhan community also celebrated the solemnity of the Nativity of Blessed Virgin Mary, Holy Name of Mary, Exaltation of the Holy Cross, Feasts of St. Matthew, the Apostle, Our Lady of Sorrows and of Our Lady of Ransom.



Vanakkamasam: We had La Salette Vanakkamasam prayers from the 1st to 30th of September.

Ordination Anniversary: The community with one heart and soul celebrated the Ordination Anniversary of Rev. Fr. Jenson Chanthrapinny MS on 8th of September.

Onam Celebration: Sadhan community celebrated Onam on 22nd of September and Drs. Deepthi and Eden Joseph also took part in our celebration.

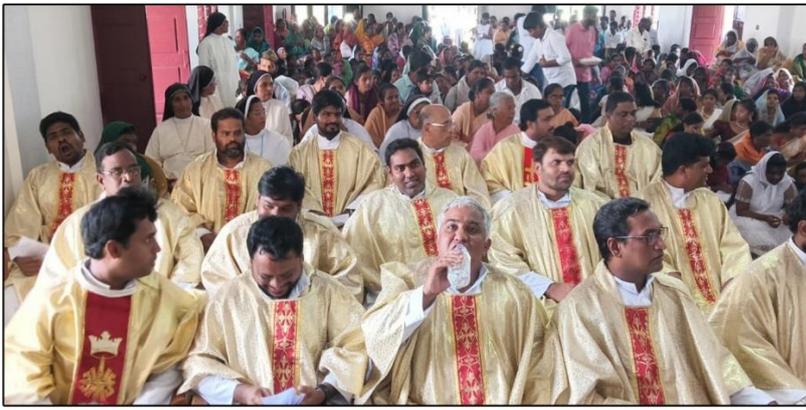
Visitors: We were glad to have the presence of Rev. Frs. Philip, Joy MS, Sanish MS, Benjamin MS, Joyal MS and Fathers and Sisters from neighbouring communities.



ST. JOSEPH'S RCM CHURCH, THORREDU, AP

Novena: We had nine days of solemn novena celebrations at the parish. The parishioners everyday devotionally participated for the novena and the Eucharistic celebration

Spiritual Preparation: In order to have the spiritual preparation for the feast, the parishioners had three days of retreat guided



by Fr. James Palotian and his team.

Feast Day Celebrations: On September 19th, La Salette Fathers along with the parishioners celebrated the feast day of our Lady of La Salette. The Jubilarian Fathers from Visakhapatnam presided over the Holy Eucharist and prayed for us. After the mass, Oottunercha was served to the people.



LA SALETTE NILAYAM, THORREDU, AP

Birthday of Fr. Nikhil: The La Salette Nilayam community celebrated the Birthday Fr. Nikhil on 5th September. On this day we had the solemn Eucharistic celebration. We joyfully wished him and prayed for him. During breakfast time we had the grand birthday celebration.

Welcome Bro. Postulant: Postulant Bro. Blevin was wholeheartedly welcomed to our community for supporting and helping the community and the school ministry.



Visitors: Our community was very much blessed with the visiting of Fr. Anson's Family members. They stayed with us for a week and together with

them we celebrated our La Salette Matha feast.

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.

Onam Celebration: Our community celebrated the Onam on September 24th. Frs. Nikhil, Lithin and our sisters also joined us for the celebration. We together prepared the beautiful Pookkalam and delicious Onam meal, after the meal we had the Onam games.





LA SALETTE VIDYA NILAYAM, THORREDU, AP

Teachers Day: La Salette Vidya Nilayam school joyfully celebrated the teacher's day on September 5th. The students arranged beautiful program and felicitated all the teachers for the great service they are rendering.

Feast Celebration: La Salette Vidya Nilayam very solemnly celebrated the La Salette Matha feast on September 21th. On this day we had the solemn celebration of the holy eucharist, and a drama presentation based on the theme of the La Salette apparition.



Vegetable Day: La Salette Vidya Nilayam school conducted the vegetable day for the kindergarten students on September 14th. On this day children brought vegetables and presented them very beautifully. The kindergarten section conducted the fancy dress competition on this special occasion.

Onam Celebration: La Salette Vidya Nilayam conducted the Onam celebration on September 22th. On this day the group wise Onam games and Pookkalam competition were conducted for students and some special games were conducted for the teachers.

World Ozone Day: La Salette Vidya Nilayam conducted Ozone Day on September 16th. On this day speech and dramatic dance were performed to bring awareness about the importance of protecting the ozone layer for our existence.

Rivers Day: La Salette Vidya Nilayam celebrated the world river day on September 23rd. On this day made the students aware of the importance of protecting the rivers through the speech and the video presentation.

FA2 Exam: Students had their FA2 exam at the end of September. All the students performed their maximum in the exam.





LA SALETTE NOVITIATE, CHEMPERI

Happy Feast: The La Salette Maria Bhavan community rejoiced in celebrating the feast from September 11 to 19. The highlight of the festivities was the Feast Day Holy Mass, graciously presided over by His Grace, Archbishop Mar Joseph Pamplany of Tellicherry, on September 19.

Blessing: Rev. Fr. Provincial Superior officiated the blessing ceremony of the newly added rooms for novices, to provide enhanced facilities for spiritual growth.



LA SALETTE ASHRAM, WAYANAD

Feast: The La Salette Ashram community observed its annual feast from September 10 to 19, culminating in a solemn Holy Mass on the Feast Day.

LA SALETTE MARIAN CENTER, TVM

Happy Feast: We, the Lasalette Marian centre celebrated the feast day on 28th of this month. It was a graceful celebration. Very. Rev. Msgr. Vincent K Peter, parish priest of Anappara was the main celebrant for the feast and Very. Rev. Msgr. James Culas became the preacher for the mass. Around 400 people were participated for the feast. Our blessed mother blessed us with pleasant weather in the midst of the rainy day.

LA SALETTE MATHA RCM CHURCH, NUTHANKAL, KHAMMAM

Festive Mode: We introduced 9 days of Solemn Celebration of the Feast of our Lady of La Salette, here in Nuthenakal and the faithful responded very well. The retreat conducted in preparation for the Feast from 16th to 18th was indeed a spiritually enriching one.

The Feast Day liturgy was solemnized by His Excellency, Bishop Paul Maipan. A festive meal was shared among 600 participants, marking the occasion.

The faithful responded enthusiastically to the celebrations, making the Feast a resounding success.

