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Dear fathers and brothers,

The month of September calls us back to reflect upon the tears of Mary at La Salette. The children, Maximin and Melanie, saw her sitting on a stone, her face in her hands, and she was weeping. Tears are always an overflow. They are pressures out of the heart by an excess of pain or joy. This is a case of pure pain. There may be varied reasons behind the tears of people. It may be due to sorrow, agony, pain, or even happiness. In our society, tears are often considered a sign of weakness. Tears are also the sign of new trouble. Human tears are both a sign and a reality. Tears are always the visible signs of trauma or of the profound experience of joy. In any case, they indicate an extreme emotion. They are the most visible signs, the most telltale, and the most authentic of what is happening within a person. In my life as a priest, ministering in different parts of the country, I have seen the tears of people. They cry before the statues of the Lord, Mother Mary, and saints. Some of them allow their tears to flow from the silence of their hearts, sitting before the blessed sacrament and in the private corners of their room. Every drop of tears has a story, prayer, and a sigh before the Lord. Remember the word of God, "You have kept count of my tossings; put my tears in your bottle" (Ps 56:8), and when he comes again, "he will wipe every tear from our eyes" (Rev 21:4). But in the case of Mary, her tears at La Salette are mysterious. They are not human but divine. They are a testimony to God's concern for humanity.

Any apparition of Our Lady has one purpose: to relate Christ to his people. There can be no other incentive. Mary always acts and speaks in relation to Him. The sole reason for La Salette is to recall the presence of Christ among his people. In a special way, it is to bring out his concern and his anxiety for the people. The first words of Mary at La Salette were: "Come near my children; be not afraid. I am here to bring you great news." She spoke for someone, in someone's name. In this case, the news is not transmitted solely by the use of words but also by an attitude, a state of mind and heart, an outward show of displeasure and sorrow that reflect the Lord's own mind. The sorrow she manifests at the holy mountain is the Lord's sorrow. Her tears reflect the Lord's attitude toward his people.

Tears of Mary at La Salette is the most powerful unspoken message. The beautiful Lady weeps, but she never refers to her tears, never so much as alludes to them. They are meant to speak for themselves, and they do. They are an unspoken message, but they add a crucial dimension to her words. When we reflect the message of La Salette, we remember that it was spoken by someone in tears. Without the tears, the message would take on an icy aloofness, even a kind of muffled ferocity. The words she spoke had to be spoken. The tears should be remembered for another reason. They highlight the words and give urgency and crucial importance to the entire message. If the words she speaks are a message from her Son, then why shouldn't the tears themselves communicate something from the very person of Christ. If her words are a reflection of his will, then why shouldn't the tears mirror God's own care and affection? The Woman speaks the words of Christ. Why wouldn't she weep the tears of God?

Let the tears of Mary continue to speak to us and inspire us to hearken to the words of her son. May our ministries orient towards wiping the tears and sorrows of many. Wishing you all a very happy feast of Our Lady of La Salette.

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





## LA SALETTE SADHAN, BENGALURU

**Birthday and Farewell:** The Sadhan community was filled with joy as we celebrated Father Mathew's Birthday. We extended our heartfelt birthday greetings and commemorated this special occasion alongside his farewell for his new assignment. The celebration was made even more memorable by the presence of the Niketan community and our postulants, who joined us in honouring Father Mathew's contributions and bidding him a warm farewell.



**Outing:** Brothers had been for their outing on 15th of this month, which was a holiday in the collage.



**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.

**Welcome Back:** We welcomed Rev. Fr. Anoop Manchirayil back to the Sadhan community with great joy, celebrating his return after a mission preaching in the United States for a period of two months.

**August 15:** On August 15th, our day began with a solemn Mass celebrated by Fr. Jacob MS. The celebrations of Independence Day of India with the Feast of the Assumption made the day more colorful. We proudly hoisted the national flag and in a gesture of joy and solidarity shared sweets with all those gathered.

**Feasts of the Month:** We solemnly celebrated the feasts of St. John Vianney, Transfiguration of our Lord, St. Maximilian Kolbe, St. Bartholomew, and the Beheading of John the Baptist.



**Visitors:** We were delighted to welcome Rev. Frs. Bibin MS, Jiju MS, Binu MS, Joyal MS, Tinto MS, Benjamin MS, Anson MS, Nikhil MS, Lithin MS and Fr. Jacob MS. Their presence brought a wonderful spirit of fellowship and joy.



## **LA SALETTE NIKETHAN, HUNSUR, MYSORE**

**PU Class Test:** Our brothers had their PUC class test that began on 9th August. All of them performed their maximum in the class test.

**Independence Day:** La Salette Nikethan community celebrated the 78th Independence day of our nation with a great feeling of integrity and happiness. Fr. Joy Porthur MS hoisted the flag and Bro. Jespin gave the message of the day.

**Feast of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary:** La Salette Nikethan community solemnly celebrated the Solemnity of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary.

**Outing Day:** Brothers had their outing on 6th of August. It was a day of relaxation for them.



**Visitors:** Rev. Fr. Jenson Chenthrappinny MS, Fr. Bino MS, Fr. Bibin MS, Fr. Jesbin MS, Fr. Nikhil, Fr. Tinto MS and Fr. Binu MS visited our community.

**Death:** Fr. Benjamin lost his eldest brother on 30th of August. The Nikethan community specially prayed for the departed soul

**Monthly Recollection:** Fr. Joy Porthur MS, the spiritual director led the monthly recollection and confession for our brothers on 10th of August.

**Cultural Program:** La Salette Nikethan community coordinated the 2nd cultural program of the academic year on the behalf of the Feast of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary on 15th of August. This really helped our brothers to enhance their talents and showcase their ability.

**Ordination Anniversary:** La Salette Nikethan community celebrated the Ordination Anniversary of Fr. Joy Porthur MS on 14th August. On this special day the community members wished him and have prayed for him for the gift of the priestly vocation he has received

**Birthdays:** Seminarian Sajin celebrated his birthday on 14th August. On this day we wished and prayed for him.





## LA SALETTE VIDYA NIKETHAN, HUNSUR, MYOSRE

**PUC Test:** 1st test for PU students was held on 9th of August. We are happy that students have scored a good grade even though they were busy at their co-curricular activities. Their academic performance is appreciable.

**FA-02:** FA-02 test for primary and higher primary students was conducted on 19th, 20th and 21st. Test was conducted in such a manner to let the students know the seriousness of the exams.

**Prathibha Karanji:** Prathibha Karanji is a program that held to show off the students talent. Which was held on 30th of August. Our students participated in several program like Debate, Pick and Speech, Poem Recitation, Drawing, Clay Modelling, Essay Writing etc.



**Convocation Day:** As our PU students had passed with good result it was our pleasure to congratulate them for their success. So, we had arranged a graduation day program for them to honour and encourage their further studies. As a guest we had Mr. H K Mahadev, President of Kannada Sahithya Parishath Hunsur Taluk. All the students had participated in the program. The program was held on 3rd August.

**PUC Parents Teachers Meeting:** Parents-Teachers meeting were held on 30th of August. Parents are happy about their

**Independence Day:** The Independence day program in our school began with hoisting the national flag in the morning followed by patriotic songs and speech. As every year, taluk level competition for students were ready with field activities like March past, band and dance. Due to heavy rain fall on Independence day field activity program was cancelled in the Taluk level, so we had arranged a program at nearby village (Bannikuppe) and students performed well. Village people had gathered and encouraged our children participation.

**Independence Day Competitions:** To aware the students about Indian freedom and the struggle for freedom we had arranged different competitions for our students like; Patriotic song, Speech competition, Drawing competition, Poem recitation etc...,





**PU Sports:** As every year this year also Taluk level sports was conducted to PU students after Independence day on 23rd and 24th. Our students participated in all the games and also have won prizes in particular games. Girls 1st prize in Cho-Cho, Boys 2nd prize in Throw Ball, Boys 100 mtr 1st ,200 mtr 1st, Girls 1500 mtr 3rd , 800 mtr 3rd , Boys High Jump 1st . We are proud for the efforts they put for the success.

**High School Sports:** Sports for high school zonal level was conducted on 27th August at Brilliance Education Trust Hunsur and in Bilikere at 28th August. Our higher section students were participated and have won prizes. Students also won six 1st prizes, four 2nd prizes and ten 3rd prizes.

**Higher Primary Sports:** Sports for Higher primary students was held on 28th and 29th of August in Bilikere Vidhyavaridhi School. Our students participated well and have won prizes.



**Visit:** Mr. Lokesh, the taluk physical instructor visited our school on 31st of August. He met the school authorities and discussed about the organisation of the taluk level sports competitions.

**Missing Forever:** One of our Primary student Master Manvith Bille Linga from Hosaramanhalli died due to stroke. We really miss him in our school campus. Let us pray for departed soul

## **LA SALETTE ASHRAM, WAYANAD**

**Happy Vianney Day:** Ashram community celebrated the feast of St. Vianney by cutting cake together

**Laity Gathering:** A gathering of the Laity members was conducted on 25th Sunday to discuss and decide how to prepare for the upcoming feast celebration.





## **LA SALETTE VIDYA NILAYAM, THORREDU, AP**

**Independence Day:** La Salette Vidyanilayam in patriotic spirit celebrated the Independence Day. Rev. Dr. Fr. Martin Palamattam, the Chancellor of Faridabad diocese hoisted the national flag and delivered the message of the day. A cultural program was also held in the school where students from all classes participated. Then we commemorated the freedom fighters of our country.

**The Hiroshima Day:** The programme was a reminder of the Hiroshima and Nagasaki bombing attack during world war II. It helped the students to gain an insight into the importance of anti-war and anti-nuclear demonstrations.



**Friendship Day:** A special occasion that fosters love, trust, and unity among individuals at La Salette Vidyanilayam, this day was held with significant importance as it provided a wonderful opportunity for students to bond with each other and celebrate the essence of friendship. On this day, we organised a range of inclusive activities that encouraged students to come together and celebrate the spirit of friendship.

**Class Presentation by the Students:** The students were able to develop their potential in creativity by presenting on the 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.

**National Sports Day Celebration and Telugu Bhasha Dhinolsavam:** Our school celebrated the National Sports Day with a presentation of students on famous sports personalities. A speech was delivered in order to show the importance Telugu language.

**Greetings:** The school staff along with children joyfully celebrated the Birthday of Fr. Anson. The students expressed their love by songs, speech and dances.





## LA SALETTE NILAYAM, THORREDU, AP

**Birthday Celebration:** The Nilayam community celebrated the Birthday of Fr. Anson. The mass was celebrated by Fr. Anson MS and Fr Robin MS shared a short message. The community members along with the Basilian sisters wished and prayed for them.

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

**Vianney Day:** The Vianney Day celebration began with a solemn Eucharistic celebration presided by Fr. Manibushan MS. 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. The flag national was hoisted by Fr. Manibushan.



## LA SALETTE SCHOLASTICS, NAGPUR

**Ministry of Lector:** His Grace Elias Gonsalves conferred the Ministry of Lector upon scholastics on August 4th.

**Vande Mataram:** We had a pre-Independence cultural evening on August 14th. Fr. Jenson Chenthrappinny MS, our Provincial Superior, was the chief guest for the program.

**Independence Day & Solemnity of**

**Assumption:** We celebrated the feast of Our Lady and the Independence Day of our nation. Rev. Fr. Prasad George, Provincial of the Dominicans in India, hoisted the flag.

**Debate:** We had a debate competition under the banner of CTF. The topic for the debate was "Christ is the only way of salvation".





## LA SALETTE BHAVAN, PARAKKADAVU

**Celebration of Independence Day and Assumption of Mother Mary:** On August 15th, La Salette Bhavan Community marked a day of dual celebration, honouring both the feast of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary and 77th independence day of our country. We conducted a flag hoisting symbolizing the nation's hard won freedom.

**Marriage:** Fathers from La Salette Bhavan had the privilege of Participating in the wedding ceremony of Joel Lazer, the nephew of Fr. Sajive Maliakal MS. The event was a beautiful blend of sacred tradition and joyous celebration.

**Visit:** The La Salette Bhavan community was glad to have the presence of the family members of the late Fr. Jose Punnakunnel MS.



**Vianney Day:** La Salette Bhaven Community celebrated the feast of St. John Mary Vianney the revered patron Saint of priests. Seminarians organized a cultural night as a part of the celebration and expressed their love and care to the priests.

**Funerals:** As an expression of belongingness Fathers from the community represented Province in the funeral ceremonies of Mr. John Kuzhinjalil the brother of the late Fr. Jose Kuzhinjalil MS and of Mrs Mariakuuty Vadakkenchirayath the aunt of Fr. Jacob Vettathu MS.





## LA SALETTE NOVIATE, CHEMPERI

**Hearty Welcome:** Novitiate community joyously welcomed the Asst. Novice Master Fr. Mathew Manjaly MS to the Novitiate House on 10th of September. On the same evening colourfully celebrate his birthday in the Novitiate house and wished him all the blessings for the new ministry.

**Best Wishes:** Community wished a good bye and all best to Fr. Bibn Parakunnel MS as he is assigned for higher studies in Rome

**Visitor:** Fr. Jojo Kachapilly MS visited the novitiate as he is in holidays.

## LA SALETTE MATHA RCM CHURCH, NUTHANKAL, KHAMMAM

**Thanks to Fr. Jju:** Thanks to Fr. Jiju Valiyakandathil MS for providing more than 200 Rosaries for the people in Nuthankal Mission.

**Prayer Service:** We had conducted the Second Saturday Fasting prayer service in the Parish.



### SEPTEMBER 2024

08	2005	Ordination	Chenhrappinny Jenson Maliakal Sajive Manjaly Jose Payyappilly Jobi
13	1979	Birthday	Valiyakandathil Jiju



### OCTOBER 2024

02	1984	Birthday	Kunnumpurath Jiss
02	1966	Birthday	Muttathan Jose



# YOUNG CLERGY GATHERING 2024

From August 21st to 23rd, La Salette Matha Province hosted the gathering for the Young Clergy of the Province at La Salette Sadhan, Bengaluru. This inspiring event brought together all seven of our young priests, fostering a spirit of collaboration and deep reflection. The sessions guided by Rev. Fr. Varghese SM and Rev. Dr. Fr. Arockia Besanio CME(Asst. Novice Master and Professor, Sanyasa, Bengaluru) were marked by meaningful discussions and enriching exchanges, while the evenings were filled with joyous games and outings to Wonderla, Bengaluru..

