

SACRED HEART OUTREACH TO LA SALETTE NURSERY SCHOOL, INDIA

Considering our La Salette connection for more than twenty five years, the Pastoral Council is convinced of our Christian responsibility to make our outreach with the poor children in Mysore, India and support them in their education.

OBJECTIVES OF THE TWINNING RELATIONSHIP: To develop a sense of solidarity for both our sisters and brothers in India and the members of Sacred Heart parish community; To discover ways in which members of our Sacred Heart Parish can share their time and talent and treasure with the students of La Salette Nursery School for their basic needs and education, and to facilitate that sharing; To discover ways in which members of our La Salette Nursery students and their parents can share their faith and hope with people of Sacred Heart and to facilitate that sharing; To provide sharing of the material and spiritual wealth of our Sacred Heart family with La Salette nursery school, as we listen to their needs to improve their physical, intellectual and spiritual lives and build a better future.

La Salette Vidya Nikethan (Knowledge House) nursery school was established in 1999 by La Salette Missionaries in India to provide basic education to poor children of Hunsur village in the State of Karnataka. Presently there are 360 poor children who come to La Salette nursery for their basic education. Everyday, they are transported to and from school by a van owned by La Salette seminary. Since they come from very poor families, the school provides them with free lunch and free medical assistance to their families. The number of children who want to avail of this ministry of education is increasing. The poor parents are looking up to the La Salette missionaries for help. Now the school is in need of 8 more class rooms, more teachers, one office, a new van and other needed facilities like furniture in the classroom, bathroom and toilet, electricity, children's library, a drinking water system and a safe place for sports and games. There are 20 villages within an area of 12 kilometers. Each village has an average of 200 families. Since there is no good school within this area, the villagers look up to the La Salette Missionaries to help educate their children. Since the school is very far away (7 Miles) and there is very minimal means of transportation, many of them find it difficult or impossible to send their children to public school to be educated. La Salette missionaries envision expanding the project to include Grades 1 through 10, which will require financial assistance.

For the last 25 years Sacred Heart parish has been served by La Salette missionaries. Our commitment to join the La Salette missionaries to educate the poor children of La Salette nursery school in India will be our way of living out Reconciliation, a grace called La Salette beyond our boundaries. We hope you will be supportive to this parish commitment and to the different projects this benevolent cause entails.

Fr. William and Pastoral Council
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