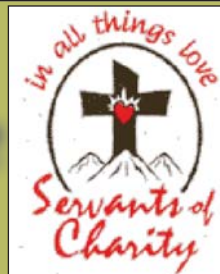


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Heaven Is Not Empty!

That's what Pope Benedict reminded us in his beautiful Encyclical letter *Spe Salvi!*

We firmly believe that heaven and earth are populated with a countless family of holy men and women who are "true friends of God." They walk in His way and point out to us the direction, giving us courage to journey with them to the Father from Whom we all have come!

We start November by remembering and celebrating All Saints, remembering their life as pilgrims, who walked here on earth but fixed their hearts and minds on the Lord.

They are our companions on the journey to Holiness. If they made it we can make it!

Let us recall the last words of our Holy Founder: "Now I go, now I go! In you O Lord I have hoped. Let me not be confounded forever! Let us pray and hope! Providence will never abandon us!"

As we honor the saints, we remember in loving prayer our departed brothers and sisters, members of our families, our congregation, and our Christian community. We also pray for those who have entered eternity whom no one remembers. Their life, we know, is not ended: it has been transformed. Remembering them is our way of entrusting them to the mercy of God as well as cherishing in our life their good example.

A few days ago I came across the last words that our good and holy confrere, Fr. Attilio Beria, had written after receiving the sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick. Afflicted with cancer and aware that the hour was coming, he wrote:

"My dear brothers, I leave you my last will. We Guanellians are not allowed to be sad! We are children of joy, because by charismatic vocation we have received the gift of experiencing in the depth of our hearts the infinite blessing of being Children of God, along with Jesus, our elder Brother and Savior. Whatever may happen to us, we should never be sad!"



Inspired by our holy brethren, let us raise our hearts to Heaven and see, at the side of the Holy Trinity, our Blessed Mother, the pilgrim Virgin, the Mother of hope, the Spring of Joy.

We are honoring Mary this month as Mother of Divine Providence! She has given us Jesus, the Providence of the Father to all mankind! She keeps repeating to us the words that she uttered to the servants in Cana of Galilee: "Do whatever Jesus tells you to do!"

Happy feast day dear Mother! Help us to grow as servants of your Son, channels of His Providence, and living sacraments of His love!

Fr. Luigi

India

BANGALORE

Days of Reparation

Fr. Maria Arokiadoss

The Most Rev. Bernard Moras, Archbishop of Bangalore, invited all Christians in his diocese to observe October 2nd and 3rd as Days of Reparation with Masses being offered in honor of the Eucharistic Lord and Holy Hours conducted in reparation for the desecration and heinous acts done to Him. The Holy Mass, followed by Reparation Service at St. Francis Xavier's Cathedral, Bangalore was well attended by many priests, religious and lay faithful. The message they communicated to the people of Karnataka was that we asked the Heavenly Father to forgive His enemies; that God is Father to each of us, and consequently all of us, irrespective of creed, caste, language or nationality, are brothers and sisters; and that love and forgiveness must be the basis for our human experience.

CHENNAI

Pilgrimage to Our Lady's Shrine

In the centennial celebration of our Founder's "yes" to the Lord, we the confreres from Don Guanella Major Seminary made a pilgrimage to the Shrine of Our Lady of Vailankanni, Besant Nagar, Chennai, about twenty kilometers away. Pilgrims had the opportunity for Mass and confession, participated in a car procession of Our Lady of Good Health, and ate food at the shrine. From this pilgrimage we learned to discover our own strengths and limitations. Life is a journey to God where we meet many obstacles and difficulties, but we should not be discouraged. Our ultimate destination is to attain the kingdom of God.

CUDDALORE

Preparation for Feast of Blessed Guanella

In preparation for the feast of Blessed Louis Guanella, St. Joseph's seminary has taken the initiative to experience our Founder's vision and mission. Seminary students learned about Blessed Guanella's life and history



through re-enactments and song compositions. They took part in prayer services and a novena of Masses. They also ministered to

the poor, distributing clothes and gifts.

Pilgrimage to Villianur

On the second Saturday of October the diocese of Pondy-Cuddalore coordinated a pilgrimage to Villianur on foot. Parishioners, boys from the boys home, Guanellaian sisters and brothers along with Fr. Paul Arockiaraj and Fr. Ronald Jesaia participated in the pilgrimage. During the pilgrimage, they devoted themselves to prayer and reciting the Rosary and upon reaching the Shrine, they celebrated Mass. It was a grace-filled occasion for all those who took part in it.



VATLURU

Vocation Promotion in Andhra

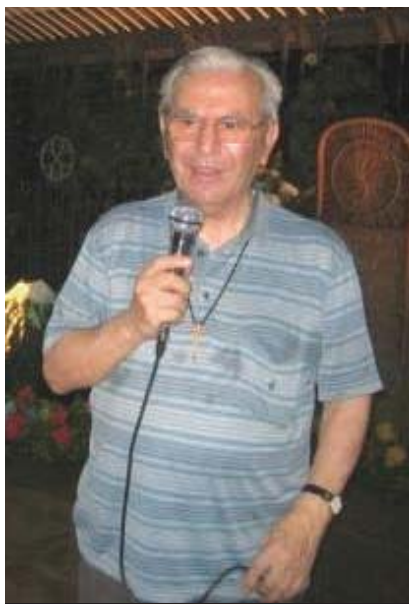
As the Lord sent his disciples out two by two to proclaim the Good News, the college student brothers and Fr. Promiyo went out to promote vocations in Andhra Pradesh from October 5th-12th. They visited almost 175 parishes in fourteen dioceses and collected information about boys who aspire to religious life. The parish priests welcomed them and gave them good guidance and accommodation. They also promised to support us in the future.

Philippines

LEGAZPI

Medical Mission

Dr. Rita Paz De Guzman, Developmental Pediatrician, together with Ms. Rebecca De Guzman, occupational Therapist, (both from Manila), visited Harong Kan Sagrada Familia to evaluate children with Special Needs enrolled in the center as well as those children coming from other programs and schools. They came to evaluate the children, give the children a structured activity and the parents a clear understanding about their child's condition and situation. We are very grateful for their help.



Fr. Mimi on the day of his arrival in the Philippines

QUEZON CITY

Welcome, Fr. Mimi!

Our Guanellian community here in the Philippines has been blessed with the presence of the many missionary confreres who served our country from India, the US and Italy since its foundation in 1989. Though not exactly new in the country - he'd been here at the founding stage of the Guanellian community - Fr. Domenico Saginario, SdC arrived last August 23rd from Rome and is our newest member. Yet, at 78 he will be the most senior among the confreres here in our Quezon City community. Don Mimi as, he is fondly called by everyone, joined the congregation at the age of 17. He took his final profession in 1954 and was ordained a priest in 1957. After his priestly ordination, he was assigned to the seminary in Italy. He has served as the Provincial of the Roman Province and on the General Council and prior to his posting in the Philippines, he was assigned as Spiritual Director at the Guanellian Theological Seminary in Rome.

He is truly a very inspiring religious and a missionary endowed with a great heart burning with zeal for God, the poor and the mission. Don Mimi volunteered to serve in our country and will be joining the formation team of the Servants of

Charity here in the Philippines. With his wisdom and vast experience in the congregation, he will surely be a valuable presence in our community. Welcome dear Fr. Mimi to the Philippines, your new home!

Pilgrimage and Educational Tour

On September 16, 2008, the children of the Feeding Program in Legazpi City along with their parents went to Joroan, Tiwi, Albay for a pilgrimage to the Diocesan Shrine of Our Lady of Salvation, Patroness of the Province of Albay. From the mountain of Mary, the group trekked again to another famous high altitude landmark of the province: the world renowned Mayon Volcano. At the fabled Rest House along the slope of the almost perfect-coned volcano, the children were treated to a visual feast of outer space through the Bicol Planetarium and a video presentation on Philippine topography and volcanoes of which the majestic Mayon is one of the most active. The group savored the magnificence of God's creation and was enthralled by its splendor and beauty as they ate lunch on top of the mountain. Coming down from the mountaintop experience, the children had a broadened horizon and a deeper appreciation of our earthly home and respect for Mother Nature.



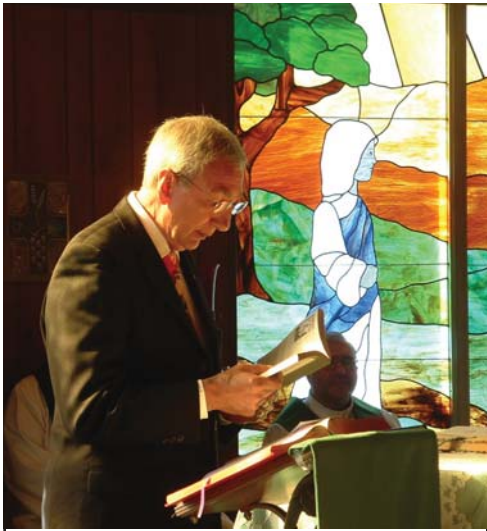
United States

CHELSEA, MICHIGAN

Knights of Columbus Hold Open House at St. Louis Center

The State Council of the Michigan Knights of Columbus held its first Open House for St. Louis Center on Sunday October 5, 2008. The purpose of the Open House was to attract new members to tour the facility and learn about the programs and services that the Knights support through their yearly fundraising efforts for the mentally impaired.

The event began with a Mass featuring Diocesan Chaplain James Swiat as celebrant and Provincial Fr. Luigi De Giambattista, SdC as our special guest. The 4th Degree Color Corp was in attendance, along with 70 residents and staff members. Fifty Knights and their wives were also present for Mass and a luncheon that followed in the gym. After lunch, Fr. Joseph Rinaldo, SdC spoke to the Knights and their wives about the Servants of Charity and the mission of St. Louis Center. The day concluded with a tour.



State Deputy Bob Moody lecturing during Mass.

US Provincial Meetings Held at St. Louis

St. Louis Center in Chelsea, MI hosted the U.S. confreres meeting for Divine Providence Province from October 6-9th before heading to Pennsylvania for the Guanellian Lay Conference and additional meetings in Springfield, PA. All members of the three communities in the U.S. were present from Michigan, Pennsylvania, and Rhode Island. Fr. Luigi DeGiambattista, SdC, Provincial of Divine Providence Province, was present to lead the community meetings, along with Fr. Piero Lippoli, Secretary General.



ELVERSON, PENNSYLVANIA

Spe Salvi: A Message of Hope

Members of the Guanellian family gathered in Elverson, Pennsylvania to hear a message of hope this past month during the third national Guanellian Lay Movement Conference. Conference attendees came for prayer and encouragement as well as a little fellowship with other Guanellians from around the country. Keynote speaker Fr. Luigi De Giambattista, SdC, Provincial Superior of Divine Providence Province, spoke on the hope we have received in Christ. He said that faith is not about a bunch of rules; it is about an encounter with God, an encounter that gives us joy and hope. Our mission as Guanellians is to see beauty where

others see ugliness for these are our true treasures. In hope we were saved and so we bring the message of hope to others.



November Provincial Schedule

- 1** **Bangalore:** Solemn community Rosary
Chelsea: Fr. Joseph visits Philippines
Vatluru: Laying foundation stone for seminary in Andhra
- 1-2** **Legazpi:** Visit the image of INA, Nuestra Senora De Penafrancia
- 2-30** **Vatluru:** Fr. Promiyo goes to Bangalore for formation course
- 3** **Bangalore:** Fr. Visuwasam attends formation course in Salesian Institute
Chennai: Creative Rosary
Springfield: Latino Pastoral Meeting
- 4** **Bangalore:** Fr. Maria Arokiadoss attends national meeting of ARMS (Association of Rectors of Major Seminaries) in Goa
Chelsea: Novena to Mother of Divine Providence begins
US: Election Day
- 4-10** **Chennai:** Confreres preparing for perpetual vows with Fr. Luigi
- 5** **Chelsea:** Fr. Joseph visits India
Springfield: Holy Hour for Vocations
- 6** **Bangalore:** Community Adoration, monthly recollection for minor seminarians
- 7** **Legazpi:** Meeting for the parents of the feeding program
Quezon: First Friday Adoration
Springfield: First Friday Devotion
- 8** **Chelsea:** St. Louis Center vocation retreat day

- Legazpi:** Meeting for the STEP parents
- Quezon:** Enrichment afternoon with seminarians
- 8-9** **Quezon:** Come and See "Open Home" for Vocation Inquirers
- 9** **Chennai:** Tridum for Mother of Divine Providence starts
Quezon: Parents Meeting and Transportation Reimbursement
Springfield: Memorial Mass with Don Guanella Village Families
- 12** **Feast of Mother of Divine Providence**
Chennai: Perpetual Vows of Paul Raj in DGMS
Quezon and Springfield: Celebration with our Guanellian Sisters
- 14** **Quezon:** Staff meeting at Guanella Center
- 15** **Springfield:** Cursillo Recollection Day
Vatluru: Seminar on Motivation for the boys
- 16** **Springfield:** Fr. Silvio leaves for India
- 18** **Chelsea:** Fr. Joseph returns to US
- 20** **Chennai:** Lectio Divina
- 21-23** **Quezon:** Search-in for Vocation Inquirers
- 23** **Legazpi:** Mass for the Children of the Feeding program
- 24** **Legazpi:** Mass and prayer for the aged and sick
Springfield: Day of Sanctification of Priests, St. Charles Borromeo Seminary
- 27** **Chennai:** Theological Reflection by first year students of theology
US: Thanksgiving Day
- 29** **Bangalore:** Fr. Adaikalam attends Vocation Promoters Meeting in Trichy
Quezon: Outing for Seminarians

Best Wishes and Prayers to:

- 1** **Bro. Praveen Jeba Kumar, birthday**
- 6** **Bro. Peter Joseph, birthday**
- 17** **Fr. Enzo Addari, birthday**
Fr. Paul Oggioni, birthday
- 22** **Fr. Dennis Weber, Ordination anniversary**
- 29** **Bro. Achariyam, birthday**
- 30** **Fr. Adaikalam, birthday**

