

News and Views

Newsletter of the Divine Providence Province



What is our Destination? Communion with the Saints!!

We begin this month by solemnizing "All Saints Day." The communion of saints refer to believers in the past, believers in the present, and believers in the years to come sharing a common salvation in our Savior, the Lord Jesus Christ. The nature of that communion, cited by St. John, is a fellowship with one another because it is a fellowship with the Father and with His Son. (1 John 1:3)

We read in our Constitutions number 18: "our fraternity, considered by the founder is a small communion of saints." We have our heavenly friends in heaven especially our Founder and many other holy confreres and brothers and sisters and even our own family members. Father Louis Guanella, in establishing his missions, felt himself surrounded and helped by heavenly friends. He believed that through devotion to the saints faithful people, in particular the poor and the sick of his houses, could find an easier way to reach the Lord. In the regulations he also mentions "a host of saints were recalled to be an example and protection to the houses." In his book, *The Mountaineer* he wrote, "conversation with the living and the

deceased is a true school of virtues, a true comfort of the soul."

On the second of November, we commemorate all the faithful departed and we have a practice of offering the holy Mass for the repose of the souls of deceased brothers and sisters. We cannot forget in our day life, death and eternal life. Death is not the end but the beginning. Martin Luther King said to his people "what is our prize, our destination?" It is divine life, eternal life, and life with and in God.

Do we have a clear goal in our life and a befriending attitude of our death? How can I make my life fruitful? How can my dying be not the end of fruitfulness but rather its fullest realization? How much can I still accomplish before I die or will I be a burden to others? How can my death be a gift for my loved ones, so that they can reap the fruits of my life after my death? Therefore, preparing ourselves for death is the most important task of life, at least when we believe that death is not the total dissolution of our identity but the way to its fullest revelation- "a going home experience."

As our Daughters of St. Mary of Divine Providence are going to celebrate their 18th General Chapter beginning on November 21st with the theme, "For a creative fidelity to the charism which has been entrusted to us: in communion of life and in the search for management alternatives," we pray and wish them to have a research on a more inculturated expression of the charism of the Founder. "Creative fidelity to the Charism" means a call to go back to "Como" that is returning to the roots in order to drink from the same spring as the Founder. At

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the same time, are we brave enough today to take the raw and unpopular initiatives of our Founder in new situations? Pope Francis calls all of us to "move to the peripheries." Let us listen to the motherly tenderness of our Mother of Divine Providence "to do whatever He tells you."

Fr. Soosai Rathinam.

November Calendar of Fr. Soosai

- 1** Departure for Manila
- 3-6** Vietnam: House of Providence Residence Visit

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7-10 **Manila:** DPP 13th Plenary Meeting

11-13 **Legazpi City:** Community Visit

14 **Return to India**

18-20 **Andhra:** Tutelage Program

25-26 **Chennai:** Orientation class and personal meeting in view of perpetual vows

29-30 **Bangalore:** Vocation Coordinators and Formators Meeting

Pope's Address to Spiritual Family of St. Louis Guanella By Fr. Joseph Rinaldo, SdC

On November 12, 2015, Pope Francis received in audience the participants in the Pilgrimage of the spiritual family of St. Louis Guanella on the occasion of the first centenary of Fr. Guanella's death. Perhaps the enthusiasm, the celebrations, the traveling, the lodging, the souvenirs and other concerns placed the Holy Father's words on the back burner. A year later is the best time to go back and meditate again on the message given to us by the Holy Father.

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

You have just celebrated the first centenary of his birth in Heaven. I am going to try to imagine what he would say to you to confirm you in faith, in hope and in charity. He would certainly do so with his sincere and genuine simplicity; and then I thought of three concrete verbs: to trust, to look and to hurry.

To trust. Fr. Guanella's life had at the center the certainty that God is a merciful and provident Father. This was the heart of the faith for him: to know himself as an always loved son, whom the Father takes care of and, therefore, brother of all, called to infuse trust. God is Father and is unable not to love us, nor is He capable of being far from His children. If we are far from Him, we are awaited; when we come close to Him, we are embraced; if we fall, He lifts us up; if we are repentant, He forgives us. And He always desires to encounter us. Fr. Guanella so believed in this concrete and provident love of the Father, that he often had the courage to surmount the limits of human prudence, to put the Gospel into practice. Providence, for him, was not "poetry" but reality. God takes care of us and wants us to trust Him.

I think the heavenly Father is very displeased when He sees that His children do not trust Him completely: perhaps they believe in a distant God more than in the merciful God. The doubt can arise in many that God, although Father, is also a master. Then it seems better not to trust Him completely, because He could ask for something that is too demanding or even send a trial. But this is a great deceit: it is the ancient deceit of the enemy of God and of man, who camouflages the reality and disguises evil as a good. It is the first temptation: to distance oneself from God, intimidated by the suspicion that His paternity is not truly provident and good. Instead, God is only love, pure

provident love. He loves us more than we love ourselves and knows what our true good is. Therefore He desires that in the course of life we become what we are at the moment of Baptism: loved children, who are able to overcome fear and not fall into lament, because the Father takes care of us.

The second verb is to look. The Creator Father also arouses creativity in those who live as His children. So they learn to look at the world with new eyes, made more luminous by love and hope. They are eyes that enable one to look within oneself with truth and to see far in charity. With these eyes, others do not seem like obstacles to surmount, but brothers and sisters to welcome. Thus, as Fr. Guanella said, one discovers that "love of neighbor is the comfort of life."

Problems are never lacking in the world and, unfortunately, our time witnesses new poverties and many injustices. However, the greatest lack is that of charity: useful above all are persons with eyes renewed by love and looks that infuse hope. Because "love will enable one to find ways and discourses to comfort those that are weak," said your Founder. Sometimes our spiritual sight is myopic, because we are unable to look beyond our 'I.' At other times we are long-sighted: we want to help someone who is far away, but we are not capable of helping someone who is beside us. Sometimes, instead, we prefer to close our eyes, because we are tired, overwhelmed by pessimism

And, finally, to hurry. "The poor are the favorite children" of the Father, said Fr. Guanella, "one who gives to the poor, loans to God." As the Father is delicate and concrete in regard to His littlest and weakest children, so we also cannot have brothers and sisters in difficulty waiting, because according to Fr. Guanella, "misery cannot wait. And we cannot stop while there are poor to be helped!" Our Lady hurried to reach her cousin Elizabeth. We also hear the Spirit's invitation to go in haste to meet those in need of our care and our affection because, as Fr. Guanella taught, "a Christian heart that believes and feels cannot pass before the indigence of the poor without helping them."

Your Family springs from trust in the Father, under the gaze of Jesus and in the maternal hands of Mary. I thank you for the good you do and I encourage you to continue, without tiring. I bless you all affectionately and I ask you, please, to pray for me. Don't forget!

Golden October – Our Second Marian Month

I guess that October is really the brother of May. Not only because both are Marian months, but also because in a certain way they are climatically similar. Metaphorically one is a symbol of the explosive beginning of spring and new birth; while the other is a sign of the decline of summer and life. The month of October has enriched our Guanellian entities with many signs of the benevolence of Holy Providence. We in fact have experienced that what we do is ultimately the work of God. Our fund raising efforts were abundantly remunerated by the Catholic Solidarity agencies for small projects in the Philippines, Soloman Islands and India.

Following our announcements in previous reports, we can inform the DPP that the formal request of sponsoring support for our theological students has been submitted, and in the next few weeks we'll pay a personal visit to the Bishop's Office in Freiburg. A similar request for four theology students in the Philippines will be submitted separately in order to increase the chance of a positive approval.

Meanwhile the Christmas cards made by our special children in Legapzi have arrived. Sisters Bernita, Gertraud and Emanuela are also preparing a surprise for Bro. Mauro's pharmacy before Christmas. During a spiritual retreat, they have collected small offerings among the attending believers. Then they'll add their personal gifts! Therefore, our gratitude goes to the three Sisters as well as to their re-elected Mother General Simone, who is approving all initiatives which her sisters at the St. Josef Confraternity are starting in favor of Guanellian projects in Asia and Africa. As we always say, Holy Providence is often good for a surprise.

Our Procure has also been active for the theology students in Guanellian Africa. Fr. Uche, the Delegate for Ghana, Nigeria, RD Congo, has submitted the paperwork for the theology students in Nigeria and Congo. These have been conveyed already to the Bishop's office.

As a strongly active entity in East Africa, our Procure is very happy to announce that a new charity shelter will be opened in West Tanzania by the end of November 2016. The initiated exploration by Fr. Oggioni has been continued by our Procure in the last five years. But the linking angel is Fr. Furaha, a diocesan priest, entirely in love with our Founder and the Guanellians. We had promised total availability and renewed our engagement to help him and his numerous disabled centers. Another dream of Fr. Guanella becomes reality; from his Alpine Spluga to the bottom to Mt. Kilimanjaro. Safari Jambo, Fr. Guanella!

During the past month an international meeting of former alumni of the Guanellian Sicilians took place, and one of these German/Sicilians has expressed his secret wish to become a permanent deacon. The seeds of our long work are beginning to spread!



Finally just before the liturgical Feast of Fr. Guanella, we had received a copy of a nice portrait of Fr. Guanella, which our procure had prepared with the help of Fr. Bruno Capparoni SdC. The Catholic Week newspaper of the Diocese had just published this portrait on October

23rd! This small but long lasting homage has been our tangible sign to belong to a great family; Father Louis Guanella!

Soon on November 12th, we'll celebrate the feast of our patroness, St. Mary, Mother of Divine Providence. Let us put all our actions, joys, sufferings, hopes and sorrows in Her hands. She and her silent husband have never disappointed our Founder. She will also surely do this for us.

Gero Lombardo Guanellian German Procure

A Jewel of India

BANGALORE - "It is God who works!" Greetings come from Sr. Victoria William. Let us be happy and proud that our St. Joseph Special School, Bannargatta, Bangalore, along with its principal, Sr. Jeya Malini DSMP, has been awarded for its outstanding achievement. Let us thank the Lord for this gift. The Indian Solidarity Council, New Delhi, a national body comprised of eminent social leaders, bureaucrats and entrepreneurs, honored Sr. Malini, our Principal with the 'NATIONAL MAHILA RATTAN GOLD MEDAL



AWARD' in the field of Education, in recognition of her meritorious services, at a function held in New Delhi on September 30th. The JEWEL OF INDIA AWARD has been also given to the school by the International Institute of Education and management, New Delhi. God gives us enormous strength to do mighty things and to glorify Him, if we are faithful to Him.

Mission Exposure Month

THALAVADI - October was the month of mission exposure for the Guanellian seminarians from Cuddalore, Andhra and Mysore. The Nazareth Illam community was delighted to have them and helped them to experience their style of Guanellian mission. The minor seminarians rotated through the tasks of the mission houses. They helped our residents in accompanying them to attend the Bible convention and to Bannari Amman temple on the day of Ayudha Pooja. Though the days for mission experience were short, the experience they gained was a concrete platform to live the Guanellian mission in their future.



Parish Celebrates the Rosary

KUMBAKONAM - Guanella Nagar Parish joyfully celebrated the feast of Our Lady of the Rosary at one of the substations, Jebamalaipuram, the only church dedicated to Our Lady of the Rosary in Kumbakonam Diocese. The feast began on October 5th with a flag hoisting by Fr. M. A. Soosaimanikam, Rector of Sacred Heart Seminary of Kumbakonam. He then celebrated Holy Mass; giving an inspiring Homily on Mother Mary and the importance of praying the Rosary.



The culmination of the celebration was on 6th October. Rev. Fr. B. Robert, the Secretary for the KMSSS of Kumbakonam Diocese solemnized the Holy Mass with his powerful and heart-touching

Homily. Many faithful got inspired by his preaching and blessed the Car procession soon after the Mass. The Car, carrying the statue of Our Lady of Rosary was taken around the streets of our substation. On the following day, Rev. Fr. John Bosco, the Secretary for the Bible Commission, Kumbakonam celebrated the Feast day Mass and said in his reflection, the current problems of the world. He also gave two solutions. Firstly it is possible by the Word of God and secondly by the Recitation of Holy Rosary. Many faithful attended the Holy Mass and lowered the flag by which the celebration came to an end.

Our Lady of the Rosary

SIVAGANGAI - On the feast day of our Lady of the Rosary on October 7th Fr. Stalin, SdC celebrated solemn Mass in the Yesuvanam grotto. Mass was offered for the growth of our congregation and the good health of our confreres, sisters, co-operators and workers. On the eve of this feast, brothers organized a car procession. Neighbors, well wishers and benefactors added beauty to the event through meaningful and devoted participation. The car procession included multi-lingual prayers, chanting and hymns. All over we received abundant blessings and graces from our heavenly Mother.



Mission Experience for GLM

ANDHRA PRADESH - The Guanellian Lay Movement and Guanellian Cooperators from Bangalore paid a visit to the Andhra Mission house October 8-9th. An orientation was given by Fr. Sunil about what mission activities are carried out by Guanellian priests and sisters



in Andhra. The Bangalore group had an opportunity to meet with the GLM members of Andhra to exchange experiences and address questions. Amongst them were some youngsters who were inclined to join GLM. They will soon begin formation in the Guanellian Youth Movement, eventually with membership in the GLM. The seminarians spoke with the members from Bangalore and learned the involvement of lay persons within the Guanellian family and how they form the 3rd leg of the Congregation. There was also time to spend with the differently-abled who joined in the Eucharistic celebrations and lunch. The Andhra & Bangalore GLM, 35 members strong, visited the village, extending their support to a poor family where the breadwinner was differently-abled. This mission experience which integrated Bangalore and Andhra was organized by Fr. Peter Sebastian and executed by Fr. Ronald and Fr. Sunil. Special thanks to Fr. Visuvasam and Fr. Adaikalam for bringing the group together.

Official Visits Anbagam

SIVAGANGAI - The District Revenue Officer inspected St. Guanella Anbagam Special School on October 8th. He visited the classrooms, physiotherapy room, dining hall, multipurpose hall, school bus and the sanitary system. He interviewed teachers and physiotherapists and Driver. He viewed all the documents of the special school especially attendance of the students, staff and other approval documents. He was very satisfied with our maintenance. He assured his official support for Anbagam in the future. The staff and students responded in a positive way during this visit.

Give Thanks to the Lord for His Creations

CUDDALORE - It is the nature of every human being to be thankful to God for His wondrous works in the world. To aid the human race, God has blessed us with a variety of equipment, machines and advancements. To show our gratitude to God for His goodness, it is



a custom in India to have a special day in the name of "Ayuthe Pooja," to thank God and honor all of the instruments in life that are helpful. The St. Joseph's Seminary staff, brothers and fathers celebrated

the event in a grand manner. The house and materials were solemnly blessed, and all of the staff were honored with special gifts and blessings.

Inter-Novitiate Course

BANGALORE - The novices of the Hennur Zone in Bangalore had an opportunity to participate in the Inter-Novitiate course held in the Guanella Preethi Nivas community. Approximately seventy novices from nine congregations attended the five day course based on the theme, "Discernment of Spirits." Rev. Fr. Terance Farias, SJ from the Indian Social Institute, Bangalore, enlightened them with his talks and spiritual exercises. The course was intended to help the novices with their vocational discernment and to respond faithfully to

God. They learned from the course that there could only be three voices that command our actions. They were the voice of God, the voice of the Evil One and the voice of



one's own selfishness. They learned how to distinguish these voices from their fruits, and were trained to follow only the voice of God, who provides the inner peace that lasts.

Disability is Not Inability

CUDDALORE - According to St. Louis Guanella, "Disability is not inability but a different possibility." The Guanellian fathers, sisters and brothers and GLM from Cuddalore commenced "World Special People Day" on October 23rd at St. Joseph's Seminary. The theme was "Raise Humanness – Taste Holiness". The event was facilitated by Dr. P. K. Kumaragurubaran M.M.B.S., D.P.H (Municipal & Port Health Officer,



Cuddalore Municipality). More than one-thousand differently-abled people participated in the event. Their presence and their performances were heart-warming. The statement that ran throughout the program was "as ordinary human beings, no one has the right to belittle, underestimate, or reject people who are differently-abled. They are the faces of God, and should be cherished and honored. They provide us with lessons to face our insurmountable pain in life. Make them partners of your happiness and success, and God will come your way." At the climax of the event the special children were honored with gifts and a meal.

Seminarians Celebrate the Founder

CHENNAI - Don Guanella Major Seminary is known for celebrating feasts with the entire Guanellian family. Therefore, the novena of St. Guanella joyfully began by hoisting the St. Guanella flag on October 15th. Novena talks were given on St. Guanella's reflections of the Lord's Prayer. On



October 23rd, the feast was celebrated at the DSMP house in Thirumullaivoyal where the community fathers participated. On the 24th there was a grand celebration at DGMS. Around 600 people took part in the feast day celebration including our beneficiaries, benefactors, GLM, GYM, GSM, Evening School, Special School Children with their parents and the local Guanellian Religious. Fr. Soosai Rathinam SdC presided over the solemn Mass and con-celebrated with the confreres and nearby religious and diocesan priests. The evening ended with a delicious meal. The final feast day celebration was the renewal of the DSMP residence. It was blessed and inaugurated by Fr. Soosai and our community fathers. The Founder's feast day celebration was very meaningful for the DGMS community.

Evening School Honors St. Guanella

CUDDALORE - October was a month of performing for all the children of St. Joseph's Evening School. To celebrate the feast of our founder, St. Louis Guanella, there were many skill development competitions conducted for them such as essay writing, oration, art



and painting, dance, singing, and St. Louis Guanella Trivia. The students were very enthusiastic and dynamic in their participation and performance. On October 24th the students gathered for the feast day celebration, during which the students were instructed to inculcate the holy qualities of St. Guanella such as devotedness to God, love for neighbor, and personal holiness for a good life. Finally with special gifts and prizes for the competition the festal celebration ended.

Novena and Feast

BANGALORE - The GPN community celebrated our Founder's feast on October 23rd. A novena to our Founder began on October 15th to prepare for the feast, and was followed by a solemn procession featuring a relic of our Founder. The Rosary was prayed from the Don Guanella Home for the Aged to the chapel. A flag was blessed and hoisted by Fr. Soosai Rathinam, Provincial Superior. Then 150 members of the laity participated in the novena mass.

The novena reflected on the Founder's life on various topics shared by fathers, brothers, sisters, Guanellian Cooperators, the Guanellian Lay Movement and our aged people. To prepare themselves intensively, the whole community fasted on Friday and offered a half-day adoration. During the Novena, all aspired to live in the spirit St. Louis Guanella. On Sunday, October 23rd, the Guanellian community anticipated the celebration of the feast of St. Louis Guanella. The Holy Mass was presided over by Fr. Sagaya John, Director of NBCLC. The event was attended by the Guanellian family, benefactors, Cooperators, lay faithful and friends. Approximately three hundred people attended the celebration, were filled with the spirit of our Founder and shared a festive meal.



from the life of the saint. The children were also given a chance to share their knowledge about Fr. Guanella. It brought fullness to the Guanellian family by bringing all of his children together.

Celebrating the Day of a Saint

THALAVADI - October naturally tends every heart and mind of Guanellians to think of the Founder. The Nazareth Illam community arranged a Triduum as an intensive preparation to venerate and ponder over the heroic life of St. Guanella. On the feast day, the community invited their benefactors and the local religious and diocesan priests to celebrate the saintly founder. Fr. Louis, Guruji of Anjali Ashramam presided over the holy Mass. A meal was provided to all the guests and residents following Mass. The residents were so happy to celebrate with everyone.



Hallowed Be Thy Name

CHENNAI - Don Guanella Evening School attended the novena to our Founder, St. Louis Guanella, at Don Guanella Major Seminary for the third day of the novena October 17th. The theme of the day was "Hallowed Be Thy Name." The children performed a skit and dance, explaining the bond between God and St. Guanella. Fr. Francis, the Vice-Rector along with the Theology brothers, enlightened the children with a talk, providing examples



Spiritual Journey with St. Louis Guanella

CUDDALORE - The young students, training for Guanellian religious priesthood were given an opportunity to make a nine day spiritual journey with St. Louis Guanella and his holy virtues. Each day leading up to the Founder's feast was adorned with a special theme and animated adoration and reflection on it by Aspirants. It was a great help for the young seminarians to strengthen their knowledge about the founder and grow in holiness in his footsteps. The themes were; St. Louis Guanella and his Holiness; and his Dependence on Divine Providence; his Love for the Holy Eucharist; his Marian Devotion; his Sanctifying Mortification, his



Nagar with the entire Cuddalore Community: St. Joseph's Seminary, Don Guanella Boys Home, Divine Providence Hostel, St. Guanella Open House Ministry, St. Joseph's Evening School and neighboring priests, religious, brothers, GLM, parishioners and the beneficiaries of our house.

To Celebrate a Saint

KUMBAKONAM - "It is God who does" states St. Louis Guanella. We celebrated his Feast Day with our evening school children on October 23rd and a special Mass for 86 children. They were from our parish substations, and actively participated. Following Mass, they had tea and biscuits for morning refreshments and then prepared the cultural program. They participated in drama, dancing and singing. Rev. Fr. A. John Bosco, the parish priest thanked and acknowledged the service of the teachers towards guiding and nourishing the children with care and attention, and he also congratulated the parents for the efforts. Then he gave gifts to the children and thanked Fr. Vincent, the assistant parish priest, Srs. Christy and Kumari and Bro. Kalai for making the arrangements for the children. After the program, they all shared a lunch provided for them. Mr. Vincent and Mr. Chinnadurai, our GLM members, helped to organize the lunch.



The Servants of Charity and the Daughters of

rehabilitating Charity; his fourth Vow – Hospitality; his energizing Prayer Life; and his acts Mercy. The Novena culminated with holy Mass, organized by Sagaya Matha Parish, Samupillai

St. Mary of Providence of the Kumbakonam Community celebrated the Feast of St. Louis Guanella at Our Lady of Divine Providence Church, Guanella Nagar. Msgr. Dr. Amirthasamy, Vicar General of the Kumbakonam Diocese celebrated the Holy Mass. In his homily he said that the Guanellians are doing wonderful missionary work in India. He had experienced the Guanellian mission life style, and is teaching it in the Poonamallai Seminary. Then, he thanked our Guanellian Fathers and Sisters. Many Religious and Diocesan priests were present to con-celebrate. Parish Council members, Legion of Mary, GLM and other faithful actively participated in Mass. After the Holy Mass, many people shared the feast day snacks and a festive dinner.

First Death Anniversary of Mr. John

CHENNAI - The first death anniversary of Mr. John, the father of Fr. Samson, SdC, was celebrated by the DGMS community on October 28th. Holy Mass was



offered by Fr. Samson and concelebrated by Fr. Soosai Rathinam and the confreres at Don Guanella Special School. Fr. Ligori gave the homily. Participants included the special school children, the staff and beneficiaries from Happy Home. After Mass, a sumptuous meal was served, sponsored by the family members of Fr. Samson in remembrance of his father. May the Lord grant eternal peace to Mr. John.

Agriculture – Field of Life

SIVAGANAGI - Agriculture is the backbone of all human life. Without it humans would not survive. It is hard labor for everyone to go through. Many opt out, many dislike it, yet enjoy the benefit without pain and peril. However it



is the basis for our daily living. The legacy of Fr. Guanella was also “PRAYER AND SUFFERING,” which forms a synthesis of hard labor and contemplation. To him “suffering” was prayer, action and work. Having this in mind, the Fathers and postulants of the Yesuvanam community, have done their hard manual labor, sacrificial work in the field and spirit of asceticism in order to experience the painful reality of human bread winning for both body and spirit. This exposure made the students taste the goodness of hardships in life and to learn that true happiness and satisfaction is always from one’s own hard work.

Charity Sprouts

CUDDALORE - The children from Arunachala Matriculation School in Kurinchipaadi made a charitable visit to Don Guanella Boys Home. The biggest lesson they learned is that the Boys Home teaches that “every human person has a head – to think for the poor, heart – to feel for the poor, hands – to help the poor”.



These children personified it through their act of mercy. They saved some of their own pocket allowance and came with lots of happiness and enthusiasm to help the poor students in our home. Their financial help might be minimum but their love and example is great!

Vocation Drive

CHENNAI - The DGMS community held a vocation drive October 25-30th facilitated by Fr. Prakash, Vocation Promoter, in Tamil Nadu and by Fr. Sunil Francis in Andhra Pradesh. The Theology brothers divided into two groups and were sent. First group went to Salem Diocese, Tamil Nadu, with special permission of the Bishop. They were welcomed by parish priests and Catholic institutions with fraternal joy. In three days they visited Attur, Mount, Agragaram and other parishes and institutions. Most of the students responded quite positively. The second group went to Andhra Pradesh with the guidance of Telugu speaking

confreres. They met many students and introduced the congregation. There too, our brothers received a positive response from the students. We thank God, our Mother Mary and our beloved Founder, who accompanied the brothers during their journeys. We hope that in coming years more vocations will come to our congregation.



Know Your Rights!

CHENNAI - On “World Mental Health Day” an awareness camp was conducted by the Taluk Legal Service Committee, Poonamallee October 22nd. Seven judges were present from the district civil court. The camp was held at Don Guanella Special School. It was an awareness camp on the rules, regulations and facilities that are provided by the government for special people. In addition, awareness was given to the participants on how to consult officials when the basic needs are not served by the government. After the awareness talks by the judges, time was allotted for the teachers, parents and students to clarify doubts about social, civil and moral concerns. It was an informative and successful event.



Eighth Annual Benefit Dinner

LEGAZPI - After several months of preparation, the day arrived for the performers, developmentally disabled children; children in the nutrition program and adult male residents w/ physical disabilities, to show their talents to the public. October 2016 marked the 8th



year of the traditional "Dinner for a Cause" with the theme "Be Merciful, just as your Father is Merciful." It was once again successful. Every year the crowd enjoys the presentation, the performers, the raffles, the food and most of all, their willingness to support our program. About 500 guests attended the Dinner: many benefactors with their friends and families; Some new faces were also present as they were invited by their friends; and the parents of the special children. The parents and new friends promised to attend the event every year. To our benefactors, staff, Donors of prizes, friends... thanks everyone for the support...see you next year.

Feast of Our Lady of Buen Viaje

LEGAZPI - A procession from Harong Kan Sagrada Familia in honor of the Feast Day of Our Lady of Buen Viaje was successful, despite the heavy rain. The procession was followed by Holy Mass and Blessing of vehicles. At least 70 private and public vehicles were blessed and more than 300 persons attended the whole activity.

Sharing Guanellian Principles

MANILA - As part of the celebration of the feast of Saint Louis Guanella, the Servants of Charity seminary invites people to present helpful information to the priests, seminarians and parents of the housing project.

The first talk was conducted on October 7th by Tita Nena. It was all about fidelity particularly in married couples. Married couples of the Servants of Charity



Housing Project were the primary participants. Some of the priests and seminarians attended as well. The vital points she presented were the importance of faithfulness to God in times of trials, responding to conflicts of life in positive ways and prayer.

On October 15, 2016, Ate Mabel gave her talk about sexual behaviors of Persons with disabilities and Special children. To begin, each participant was given a piece of paper and she told them to write down their expectations. Some wanted to know more about what some of the sexual behaviors are; and some wanted to know how to respond properly to some of these behaviors. Guanella Home volunteers and staff were invited because it's important for them to know how to respond properly to these situations. The talk did meet all of the expectations.

Founder's Feast

MANILA - Events for the Feast of St. Louis Guanella began when the Novena were celebrated. The Novenario



masses kick off the cleaning and decorating and other preparations for the Feast day. This year the grand celebration was on October 22nd, so that everybody could attend. Mass was celebrated at San Isidro Labrador Parish by the bishop, Most Rev. Antonio R. Tobias, D.D and our priests concelebrated. Thomas and Raffy, Guanella Home residents, were altar servers.

After the procession, a program was held at the Servants of Charity Seminary. The Oratorio ministry, elderly ministry, the youth ministry prepared presentations and the good children from Guanella Home had something to show off as well. The people didn't forget the reason for the celebration, the death of our founder on earth and his birth into heaven. This day was a reminder of how St. Guanella cared for the poor and the needy. In so many ways he did a lot of good while he was alive and forever it will stay in our hearts.

Buon Appetito

CHELSEA - This year's 6th Annual Taste of Chelsea event took place at St. Mary Parish on Saturday October 8, 2016 with approximately 170 people in attendance. Using an Italian theme of "Buon Appetito," representatives from nineteen restaurants, cafés and bakeries from Chelsea came together to raise funds for the residential program at St. Louis Center.



Participants contributed a wide variety of food and drink. Many SLC residents were present to enjoy the feast, and our three newest priests from India (Fr. Franklin, Fr. Amal and Fr. Leo Joseph), were introduced to the local people who were present at the event. According to Fr. Enzo Addari, Administrator, "We were pleased with this year's turnout, and grateful for all of the restaurants and business sponsors in the community who came out to support us this year."



Making New Friends

CHELSEA - St. Louis Center is always looking for new friends to support our operations, and this year's newest group came from Auburn Hills, MI to provide dinner and Halloween pumpkins for our residents on Thursday, October 20th. Known as Service First Logistics, the team of Angelo Giannosa, Melissa Kennedy, Patrick Hennesy and Erin Long used the SLC kitchen to prepare a nice meal and get our residents into the holiday spirit. Mr. Giannosa is a member of the Italian American Cultural Society north of Detroit, and wanted to become more involved with SLC because of a family member with autism. He and his staff greatly



enjoyed their experience, and hope to be back again soon.

Breakfast with a Smile

CHELSEA - Fall Saturdays are hectic days for our adults who participate in the Saturday Morning Challenger's Bowling League, and they love a good breakfast before they leave for Ann Arbor. So on Saturday, October 22nd the Bishop Zaleski Council from Our Lady of Fatima Parish in Michigan Center prepared a pancake breakfast with sausage for a hearty meal, and followed breakfast with Halloween pumpkins for our residents to color



for the third year in a row. According to Deputy Grand Knight Gerald Brown, "We love coming here and doing things for the people who live here, and if we can

have some fun with them at Halloween time, it brings home the meaning of service for us." We thank the Fatima Council for waking up so early and feeding us breakfast!

School Celebrates Founder

E. PROVIDENCE - The students at Sacred Heart School celebrated the feast of St. Louis Guanella on October 24th with a special Mass. Each grade also had opportunities to enrich their lives with Guanellian spirituality at their own level.



Halloween Fun at St. Louis Center

CHELSEA - The rainy weather wasn't enough to dampen the spirits of the residents of St. Louis Center, as the second annual "Trunk or Treat" event was held on Thursday, October 27th to provide a safe, fun environment for our American style trick or treating. The residents dressed-



up as ghosts, goblins, and pumpkins to visit the many friends, staff and family members who opened their trunks and their hearts by bringing bags of candy and treats



to distribute in celebration of Halloween. In addition to "trick or treating," the Direct Care staff worked hard during the week to set-up a "haunted house" in the main building, for another "scary" way for the residents to enjoy Halloween.

Guanellian Family Celebrates a Saint

CHELSEA - The Servants of Charity and Daughters of St. Mary of Providence communities came together on Saturday, October 29th to celebrate the Feast Day of St. Louis Guanella (October 24th) with a special Mass and dinner at nearby St. Mary Parish in Chelsea, MI. Most Rev. Bishop Emeritus Carl Mengeling of the Diocese of Lansing presided over the Mass, and was joined by Fr. Joseph Rinaldo, Provincial Treasurer; Fr. Enzo Addari, Administrator; Fr. David



Stawasz, Asst. Admin.; Fr. Satheesh Alphonse, Director - PUSJ; new Frs. Franklin, Amal and Leo Joseph; Most Rev. (Canon) William J. Turner of St. Mary Parish; and DSMP Sisters Ann Hubler and Andrea Curran. During his homily, Bishop Mengeling spoke of the history of St. Guanella, and repeated his most famous phrase that, "It is God who Works!" He went on



to talk about the importance of caring for persons with disabilities and the elderly, and our responsibility to carry out God's mission here on earth. Following the Mass, a dinner was held in the parish hall for over 100 people who enjoyed food donated by Gina Pantely of the Chelsea Grill, and the Guanellian Cooperators who were present came together for a photo with the religious who were present.



November Calendar of Events

- 1 Solemnity of All Saints**
- 2 Commemoration of All Souls**
- 3-4 Legazpi:** Developmental Pediatrician Visits
- 8 Legazpi:** Climbing Lignon Hill - STEP
- 8-9 Bangalore:** Life and Spirituality Seminar for Novices by Fr. Kennedy - GPN
- Legazpi:** Monthly Parent Meeting - STEP
- 10 Chelsea:** Guanellian Cooperators' Meeting
- 11 Legazpi:** Parents Meeting - Feeding Program
- 12 Our Lady of Divine Providence**
- Chelsea:** Vocational Retreat for Boys
- Chelsea:** Fall Dinner Auction to Benefit SLC
- Grass Lake:** Mother of Divine Providence Day at PUSJ
- 12-13 Manila:** Vocation Seminar
- 13 Bangalore:** Children's Day Celebration - GPN
- 15 Legazpi:** Visit to the House of Dorothy - STEP
- 18 Legazpi:** Motorcade for NDRP Celebration - STEP

- 19 Grass Lake:** Monthly St. Joseph Day at PUSJ
- 21 Legazpi:** Musical Performance at PWD Summit
- 24 Legazpi:** Mass for the Aged
- 26 Bangalore:** World Special People Day Celebration

Best Wishes and Prayers to:

- 1 Fr. Praveen:** birthday; **Fr. Benson, Fr. Pravin, Fr. Ronald, Fr. David Anbu, Fr. Achariyam, Bro. Thambusamy X.:** feast day
- 4 Bro. Robert J.:** birthday; **Fr. Promiyo:** feast day
- 6 Fr. Peter Joseph:** birthday
- 10 Fr. Leo Joseph, Bro. Leobin Regith Kumar P.:** feast day
- 17 Fr. Enzo Addari:** birthday
- 19 Bro. L. Praveen Raj:** birthday
- 20 Fr. Jesuraj, Fr. Arulraj, Bro. Badugu Christuraj:** feast day
- 21 Bro. Gilbert Bea, Bro. Solomon Raja:** birthday
- 22 Fr. Dennis Weber:** ordination day
- 23 Bro. Joseph Fernandez S.:** birthday
- 26 Bro. Sachinson M.:** birthday
- 29 Fr. Achariyam:** birthday
- 30 Fr. Adaikalam:** birthday



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