

# News and Views

Newsletter of the Divine Providence Province



## Power Means: Deepest Intention of Love and Goodness!

This month, we celebrate the loving memory of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary which looks to eternity and gives us hope. Our mother country, India, is also leaping and dancing for joy for the celebration of her 69th Independence Day. When I thought of writing this article, my eyes moved towards our DPP'S bookshelf and my attention was drawn to "The Art of Power" by Thich Nhat Hanh, a national bestselling author who promotes peace in every step. His approach towards power is different. What does power mean to us? Why are most people willing to use power and desire so much to hold onto it?

The subject of power has focused primarily on the state's monopoly on violence, its proper legal use, and the legitimacy and behavior of those who control it. Thich Nhat Hanh begins his inquiry into power at its very base, its most "organic level" which means with the will and our deepest intention of love and goodness.

What does power mean to us? Why are most people willing to do almost anything to get it? Most of us seek to be in a position of power in order to control our life situation, namely

wealth; professional success; fame; physical strength; military might and/or political control. To facilitate and maintain power, we drain and strain our relationships. The purpose of having power or freedom means to become the best version of oneself such as being free from addiction, fear, despair, discrimination, fundamentalism, or anger.

Many great teachers and leaders like Jesus, Buddha, Mohammed, Moses and Gandhi had their profound desires for peace; relieving the sufferings of the most vulnerable in society and to bring about religious harmony and universal brotherhood.

We will change the world and our country simply by behaving like a committed Christian and living in the presence of God by focusing on our spiritual power. When we suffer in our personal lives with heavy workloads, constant stress, unrealistic expectations, and worldly attractions, we will be bound with various slaveries. Let us be happy and relaxed so that we bring joy and hope to everyone!

*Fr. Soosai Pathinam.*

### August Calendar of Fr. Soosai

- 5-6 **Tindivanam:** TNPCRI Major Superiors Meeting
- 6 **Bangalore:** Guanellian Cooperators Board Meeting
- 10 **Departure of Fr. Mathias to the Solomon Islands**
- 12-13 **Andhra Pradesh:** Study of Community Project
- 17 **Irappukurichy:** Wedding Mass of Mr. Henry Vinoth and Ms. P. Mary

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*"Mary does not seek any mark of honor within the Church, but she is an example in words and deeds."*

Guanellian Rosary - Fourth Glorious Mystery

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## Gossip is a Killer By Fr. Joseph Rinaldo, SdC

“The Servants of Charity live together, imitating the Holy family. They love one another and treat each other with much kindness. The one in charge rather than commanding should pray, and those who obey, rather than obeying with fear of a servant, should obey with the joy of affectionate children. All should reflect upon the words of the Savior: Learn from me who am meek and humble of heart (Mt 11,29). Fomenting division, fueling hatred and not planting peace is a disease even among Christians, let alone consecrated religious.”

In fact, those who spend their lives bringing reconciliation and peace are saints, and those who gossip are just like terrorists who throw a bomb and walk away, destroying others while making sure they stay safe and sound. We need to spread peace not destroy harmony with gossip.

All religious members and Christians are called to be like Jesus, who came to bring peace and reconciliation, and this requires constant conversion.

We should never speak a word that can divide; never utter a word that brings war, even little wars.

People might think gossiping is really nothing serious, but it is. They destroy with their tongue, they don't make peace. But they're cunning, you know. They aren't suicide bombers, no, they take care of themselves.

Whenever I felt the urge to say something bad about someone or gossip, the best thing I could do was to literally bite my tongue. However, at first your tongue will get all swollen and hurt, because the devil is always tempting people to open their mouths and say something wrong: it's his job to divide people.

I remember how I felt at one of the many meetings where I joined the condemning and judging group of one missing member. At the end of the meeting I felt miserable and spiritually empty. From that day on, I decided that if I had nothing good to say, I would not say anything. I go prepared to watch my mouth.

I remember a little episode narrated in the biography of St. Philip Neri, pastor in Rome. He had a reputation of a saint and many of the Roman nobility approached him for counsel. One Roman lady asked him to hear her confession. At the end of her confession, St. Philip gave her as a penance to bring him a chicken. The noblewoman

was disappointed, however she obeyed him. When she returned with the chicken, St. Philip ordered her to pluck the chicken's feathers through the streets of Rome. The noblewoman was even offended at that request. But St. Philip told her: “if you want the absolution, you have to finish your penance.” She bitterly completed her penance and went back to her confessor for absolution. She threw the chicken at his feet and told him: “I hope you are happy now that you humiliated me. My friends were laughing at me.”

St. Philip told her: “It is not over yet! Now you go back to the streets of Rome and collect all the feathers you spread to the wind.” “You are crazy, Father!” She replied.

“No, my friend, I am not crazy. I just wanted you to understand that gossip is like the feathers you spread around. Once your gossip has left your mouth and your heart, you have no way to bring them back or to change them. You cannot repair the damage they caused and will never know how many people got hurt.”



## The Far-Reaching Dreams of Fr. Guanella

Fr. Guanella first dreamed of beginning his charity march northward into German speaking Grison (the easternmost canton in Switzerland), but for him, the Alpine barrier was too narrow. He dreamed of other ways for his daughters and sons to expand, and in 1903, went on a pilgrimage to Damas, Egypt, showing us the way to Asia. Then in 1912 he came to Germany, and shortly after that blessed visit, he journeyed to the United States in 1913 to visit the Italian immigrants who were there asking for help. In a certain way, he had drawn a master itinerary for where his missionaries needed to move and establish new shelters of charity!

According to his letters published in the Divine Providence Newsletter of Sept. 1912, he was invited to participate in the International Marian Congress, held in the former capital of the Western Roman Empire. At the end of his intervention he addressed the assembly of Marianists, and implored his Patroness, Holy Mary of Providence, to channel a generous flow of funds to his numerous institutions, celebrating them during the days the Silver Jubilee. This was a clear revelation of his German Dream, dreamed since the first years of his priesthood, and looking northward from his native Alps. During that stay he visited the Cathedral where the Empress Helena brought the Tunic of Jesus in 312 C.E., which also contains splinters from the Holy Cross. He then visited the birth place of St. Ambrose, the Porta Nigra (city gate), and many first Christian churches.

His dream started to become reality, exactly five years after his physical presence on German soil, on January 20, 1917. His brilliant inspiration of the Prayer Chain for a Good Death arrived in the former German region of Alsace. The present German Pious Union of St. Joseph Confraternity moved in January 1920 to the Black Forest, and from there it expanded into neighboring countries. Because of its continuous growth, the St. Joseph Daughters became the hidden hand of Holy Providence during the slow march of the former Guanellian alumni into Germany.



From the St. Trudpert Abbey, our Procure is still receiving generous donations for the new Good Samaritan Pharmacy at our disability center in Manila. Sister Bernita has also entirely financed the printing of our first German biography of Fr. Guanella. Since the arrival of our confreres at Pforzheim in 2014, we began searching for aspirants among both ethnicities in order to stick with our expansion efforts elsewhere in Germany. The selection of collaborators to become friends of the Guanellian family always takes place at Guanellian House, the Lombardos home. This photograph shows the promising members of our newly founded German Guanellian Lay Movement, (GLM), under a German flag and the laughing eyes of our Founder. On July 16th a group of eleven aspirants of the GLM received the devotional scapular of our Lady of Mount Carmel in the small Italian community of Frieolzhheim.



Our daily work here has concentrated on reactivating old contacts. We have received no further projects from our DPP Missions in India/Philippines, but we can only help others if we receive projects for submission. When that happens, attentive follow-up will occur through our generous Catholic solidarity agencies like Missio/Munich and Kindermision/Aachen.

As we approach the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin, I am reminded that Nov. 1, 1950 was an unforgettable day for me as an altarboy taking part in a unique procession behind the gestatorial chair of Pope Pius XII in front of a half million believers in St. Peter's Square. The celebration was an appeal for peace following the destruction of WWII.

May God's Protection, implored by our Patroness and our Saints, Louis and Clara, accompany all of us, and reinforce our spirit and hearts for a new loving charity season! Remain blessed, and remember that we are here, waiting with confidence for any future requests.

*Gero Lombardo* Guanellian German Procure

## New Year, New Faces

**ANDHRA PRADESH** - Guanella Karunalaya Boys Home reopened after summer holidays on June 15th. There are 16 incoming students, including some HIV positive boys, bringing the total to 40 boys who are happy and enthusiastic about the new scholastic year.

Special attention is given to study, health, games and spirituality. Manual work is also being taught. We would like the focus this year to be more on discipline, sincerity and punctuality. They easily made friends, but due to homesickness



they went home for a week. They returned in time to celebrate the director's birthday; performing cultural programs, singing, skits and dances. Charity is not lacking for us. A benefactor offered t-shirts for them. Another offered some study materials. Please pray for them and for a promising future.

## New Stations of the Cross

**VATLURU** - On June 23rd, we inaugurated the Stations of the Cross at Sacred Heart Church. Our Beloved Bishop, Most Rev. Jayarao Polimera, blessed the Stations of the Cross and planted a tree. Holy Mass followed with many priests participating.

During Mass the Bishop confirmed 28 children and also gave them first holy communion. A fellowship meal was shared by all during which the Bishop and all who generously donated money and materials for the project were thanked. We thank all our confreres who encouraged and collaborated spiritually for the development of the Good Samaritan parish. For the further development



of the parish we introduced the family card system to register their personal information with the parish.

## A Worker for the Harvest

**KOPAKKA** - June 27th was a great day for Ankanagudem in the West Godavari District of Sacred Heart Parish as Devarapalli Ravi Kumar, 27 year old son of Gabriel &

Vijaya Kumari, was ordained a priest for the diocese of Eluru, in Nirmalagiri from His Lordship Jaya Rao Polimera. Our new priest has a younger sister and brother, yet we predict he will be an inspiration for many more young people throughout his ministry. He celebrated his first Mass on July 2nd. He is the first priest from that village making it a great celebration and edification of the faith for the people. The Servants of Charity collaborated for his first thanksgiving Mass with nearly 40 priests concelebrating. Our seminarians from Koppaka assisted as servers. After Mass there



was a celebration to honor Fr. Ravi and his family. It was followed by dinner for all.

His priestly Motto is "My life should become a grace to the shepherd of the diocese as well as to the people of God."

## Power within Everyone

**CHENNAI** - Don Guanella Evening School organized a parent meeting on July 9th. It was a time where everyone's parents expressed the hopes that they have for their children. Fr. Prakesh organized and guided the children during the meeting. The session began with the open dialogue among children and the parents. Children related their difficulties in studying and dealing with different things in the modern world.

Parents expressed and their expectations from their children, their hopes for the future. Initially it was a bit difficult to convince each of the other's view point, but Fr. Prakesh, a familiar person to them, was able to clarify. His advice to the parents was, "Don't worry about what a child will become tomorrow and forget that he is someone today. We are not only parents to the children but we must also be a good friend to them first, so they will share openly."

To the children he said, "your parents foresee what is best for you, in response you must be obedient to them. You will see eventually that it is good for parents, children and the world." Refreshments were served and the program ended with a worship song led by the +2 students.



### Pilgrimage to House of Mary

**CUDDALORE** - It is our Christian tradition to feed the seeds of faith and nurture pious tradition in the hearts of young people during their spiritual maturity. As part of this tradition, St. Joseph's seminary has undertaken its usual effort to help the seminarians increase their faith formation through Marian pilgrimage by cycling to Villianur Shrine dedicated to Our Lady of Lourdes. It was a revitalizing experience for all of them. The Honoring of Blessed Mary was accomplished through various charitable actions.



They were happy to stop pedaling and offer a solemn rosary, celebrate Holy mass and enjoy some entertaining programs. Viva la Maria!

### Inaugural Theological Forum

**CHENNAI** - The DGMS community enjoyed a provincial visit on July 14th. Fr. Soosai Rathinam, SdC, Provincial Superior, shared his reflections on the spiritual and corporal works of mercy; summarizing the 2016 CRI brochure: 5



focus areas and 40 action plans by Fr. Joe Manath, SDB. He asked us to include the works of mercy in our personal and community projects. A theological forum followed about Fr. Domenico Saginario, SdC, the pioneer spirit of the Indian mission. Fr. Francis introduced the topic of the forum; stressing the importance

to learn about our own confreres. Fr. Soosai spoke in his presidential address about the deep spirituality of Fr. Saginario as a missionary. He also emphasized the missionary spirit of Fr. Saginario and advised the young seminarians to have a thirst for theological knowledge and a missionary spirit.

### Provincial Visit

**CHENNAI** - Don Guanella Special School grandly welcomed Fr. Soosai Rathinam for a canonical visit on July 15th. Fr. Soosai toured all the classes in the school. After the tour, Fr. Samson; Fr. S.A. Lourduraj, the director; Fr. Praveen, assistant director; Regent Bro. Rajarathnam and all the staff



gathered for the examination of the school project and for fraternal sharing of the mission. Fr. Soosai gave a motivational address on how a Guanellian educator should differentiate from secular ways of educating good children. As part of the meeting the staff expressed their way of teaching, the plans they have for the children and the new proposals for the development of the school. At the end of the visit the children entertained Fr. Soosai with a cultural performance.

### Rest in Peace

**CUDDALORE** - The brothers from seminary dedicated a special evening for the soul of Bro. Achillus, who was recently born into heaven. After the short introduction about Bro. Achillus and his family, the priests shared the sentiments and feelings of spiritual fraternity and togetherness in the hearts of young seminarians for him. With due spiritual obligation towards the departed souls, the brothers paid their respects for this soul from Africa. Feeling certain that Bro. Achillus would pray for all of us while enjoying the eternal presence of God, the ceremony came to its end.



### Vegam Sports Meet

**CHENNAI** - A sports meet was held on July 16th by the Chennai Social Service Organization. Our children participated with enthusiasm and energetic hearts; attempting to win prizes. The main motivation of going to the event was to show solidarity with all differently-abled children. Our students qualified for the semi-finals. Miss Thiloshani won the gold medal in throw ball. Master Vinoth reached the final, but it was a tough competition for that age group. Throughout the day our children worked hard



in achieving prizes with help from the teachers and volunteers. They were so happy to have participated in this CSSO event.

### Ministry for Children with Disabilities

**KOPAKKA** - Guanella Bhavan opened its doors on July 17th for service to children with disabilities. The GLM assisted the community in gathering children with disabilities, their parents and caregivers for the event titled, "Celebrating You and Me," to pray with them, to socialize with them and to share a meal with them. Fr. Peter Sebastian conscientized attendees on the importance of human dignity and God's unconditional love. Fr. Superior gave a formal, open invitation and warm welcome to everyone, especially disabled children to feel at home. The seminarians and oratory children helped make this inaugural moment a joyful festivity. Every Sunday the seminarians and confreres will offer this ministry with help from the GLM in the feeding program. May God bless this simple seed and fructify it into a greater charitable activity in the future.



### Youth Meeting

**VATLURU** - On Sunday, July 17th there was a youth meeting in our parish conducted by Rev. Fr. Kaki Charles, youth director of our diocese. He celebrated Mass followed by the meeting with the youth and children. He motivated them to be good Catholics in society and good citizens in the nation. He made them understand the unity and strength of the youth in the Catholic Church. They are the future of the Church.



### Sunday Oratory

**KOPAKKA** - The Sunday oratory for the children of Koppaka and its surrounding villages began on July 17th. The seminarians organized the program with catechism, singing, games and cultural performances. About 40 children participated, enjoying themselves thoroughly, some even helped other children with disabilities who had come from the nearby villages. At the end they had refreshments before returning home in the afternoon.

### Government Officials Visit

**THALAVADI** - Government officials from Erode District visited our Mentally Impaired Home on July 18th. The Sub-Collector of Erode district from Gobi, DDAWO, Thashildar, VAO of Thalavadi and local MLA, Mr. Eshwaran from Pavanisakar and other government officials were present at the meeting. A warm welcoming and short function was held for the officers. The MI patients were happy to express their views about their



life situation, medications and also expressed their necessary demands and needs. The government officers and the MLA assured that they would surely make some arrangements for their requests and expectations.

### Fare Thee Well Program



**CHENNAI** - DGSS said farewell in a grand way to Mrs. Maria Sheeba. DGSS sent her off with much gratitude for her eight years of service and dedication to the students. It was an emotional farewell from both students and

staff. We honored Mrs. Maria Sheeba recognizing her service to Don Guanella Special School.

### May He Rest in Peace

**KOPAKKA** - Mr. David Raj, the beloved father of our confrere Fr. Sunil Francis died suddenly on May 26th. The Andhra community organized a memorial mass in his honor on July 21st at Guanella Bhavan. His mother, other siblings, relatives and friends along with neighboring priests, sisters, catechists and GLM members participated and prayed for the repose of his soul and expressed their sentiments of grief and condolences to the family. He was a renowned



catechist of the diocese and one of the pioneers of the evangelization among the poor in the diocese of Eluru. All who attended remembered and recollected his faith-filled life and staunch affinity to the church.

### Inauguration of GYM and GSM

**CHENNAI** - July 24th was a festive day for Don Guanella Major Seminary with the colorful decorations and sweet music throughout the campus for the inaugural event of both the Guanella Youth Movement (GYM) and the Good Samaritan Ministry (GSM). From various Catholic parishes in Chennai 36 youth participated. Fr. Francis SdC, gave an explanation about each group and its functions. Miss Stella, president of Guanellian Cooperators Bangalore, was the chief guest, addressing the youth in a simple way about our Congregation, her personal experiences doing charity and explaining how the youth can get involved in the mission of St. Guanella.



Then many decisions were made in the youth meeting. Through the Good Samaritan Ministry, 70 homeless people 'who have no one', were brought to DGMS, as on all Sundays, and were given food, clothing and medical care. Thus their needs of mind, body, and soul were satisfied. As a result of the event, everyone was filled with heavenly joy.

### Gather unto HIM

**CUDDALORE** - It was a splendid occasion for all the students from St. Joseph's Minor Seminary who had a spiritual get-together with the religious aspirants and



novices in and around neighboring Pondy-Cuddalore. The day was filled with vocational discernment, orientation session, presentations of the charism of the congregation, question/answer period, group sharing, a quiz, a cultural event and agape meal. The students participated in the program enthusiastically for their holistic formation and discernment. This exposure paved the way for the seminarians to come out of their limited environment to grand exposure to consecrated life. Gathering unto Jesus in one spirit will always make the Mass magnified.

### Feast of St. Anne

**KUMBAKONAM** - It was a great joy for our Guanella Nagar Parish to celebrate the feast of St. Anne at the Santhanalpura substation. The feast began on July 17th with flag raising by Rev. Fr. M. Stanislaus, Director, Sacred Heart Hospital, and solemn Mass celebrated by Rev. Fr. Gnanaprakasam V. G of Thanjavur. During his homily he said that the parents of our Mother Mary were simple people of great hope.

During ten days of novena, there were Rosaries, the Sacrament of Reconciliation and Holy Mass, celebrated

by different priests from the different places of the diocese of Kumbakonam and religious priests. On the eighth day of the Novena a special devotion was offered to St. Paul the Hermit, and Rev. Fr. S. Felix Samuel, Secretary of Family Commission, gave a reflection on reconciliation, peace and unity that God alone could give. After Holy Mass, Annathanam (Fellowship meal) was provided for more than two thousand people from all over, which was followed by a light music program.



The culmination of the celebration was on July 25th. Rev. Fr. Eugin Tony, Parish Priest of Vadakkalur presided over the High Mass, and Rev. Fr. A. John Bosco, SdC, blessed the car procession afterwards. The car, carrying the statue of St. Anne, was taken around the streets of the substations. On the following day, Rev. Fr. Visuwasam, SdC, Superior of the Cuddalore community, celebrated the feast day Mass and said in his reflection, "we thank our grandparents for their prayer and good example and reminded us that the wonderful thing about being a grandparent is that it never ends." The flag was lowered signaling the end of the celebration. Thanks to the guidance of the parish priest Fr. A. John Bosco, SdC, and Fr. M. Vincent, Assistant P.P SdC, as well as Bro. Kalaikovan, Sr. Christy and Sr. Kumari this celebration was beautiful and meaningful, through the intercession of St. Anne.



### Preparing to Answer God's Call

MANILA - The Servants of Charity aspirants and postulants had a day of spiritual recollection in Tanay, Rizal July 8th. As part of the preparation for their Day of Acceptance (for new aspirants and postulants) and beginning of the new academic year (for current seminarians), the recollection was facilitated by Fr. Charlton focusing on the theme of vocation and responding to God's invitation. During that day also, the group visited a nearby place of pilgrimage, the Regina Rica. Situated in a hilly area of Sampaloc, Tanay, Rizal, the place is a sanctuary for prayer and solitude.



### Disability Prevention Week

MANILA - This year's Annual National Disability Prevention Week theme is Karapatan ng May kapansanan, Isakatuparan ... Now Na! (Implement the Rights of Persons with Disabilities, Now!) The theme focuses on the realization of the fundamental freedom and rights of persons with disabilities (PWDs) as provided for in existing international mandates and national laws. The National Celebration aims to stimulate public awareness on the issues and problems of disability. Hence, everyone is encouraged to take an active role in the upliftment of the economic and social conditions of PWDs in the Philippines. At Guanella Center, a seminar was given on Behavior Modification and Sensory Integration, Parade and Special Olympics, and Song and Dance Program.

### Nutrition Month Observed

MANILA - This year's Nutrition Month was celebrated at Guanella Center with a special costume parade



and party for persons with disabilities. Many of the costumes were beautifully prepared by the parents of special children who believe in the importance of providing proper nutrition to their children. The event is an opportunity for all the participants to check their way of eating and change it for the better.

### Experience with Good Children

HO CHI MINH - As the Servants of Charity slowly start venturing into Vietnam, Br. Khiet ,SdC (Vietnamese confrere) had the opportunity to spend 30 days assisting the special children in a school and rehabilitation center run by the St. Paul Sisters in Bau Loc Town, a place 200km from Hochiminh City. He was given warm hospitality at the center. He contributed his talents in working, teaching them songs, organizing games and

entertaining them in many ways from our the Guanellian style. This experience has given our Vietnamese confrere more hope for our Guanellian mission in Vietnam.



### Patriotic Parade

**CHELSEA** - Caitlin Blomquist, Fitness Specialist with the Fitness for Life program, planned a Fourth of July



parade for all of the participants of St. Louis Center. Sarah played the recorder as everyone marched around the Special Needs Playground and the kickball field. Each person decorated a t-shirt for the festivities with the best designs earning a special prize. To cool everyone off after the parade, jumbo popsicles were served to everyone.

### Tradition of Charitable Giving

**ROCHESTER HILLS** - The Italian American Delegates organization has been giving to charitable causes since 1936, and this year they celebrated their 83rd year of donating to deserving charities in the Metropolitan



Detroit area. Not only have they supported St. Louis Center for several years, but they also give to organizations such as soup kitchens, hospitals, and Special Olympics. Money is raised through a special golf outing at Twin Lakes Golf Course, and checks are presented to the recipients who are present. Fr. Enzo Addari, SdC., was present with three St. Louis Center residents to accept this year's donation.

### St. Louis Center Residents go to the Ballpark

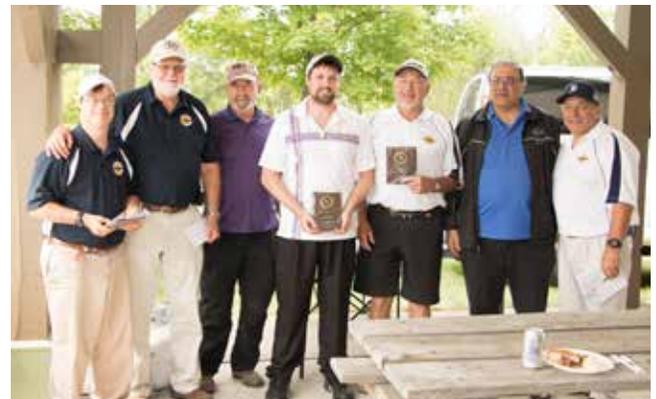
**TOLEDO** - During the summer months, baseball is known as "America's Pastime," and this year, Temperance Council #8902 from Our Lady of Mt. Carmel Parish purchased 22 tickets for the residents of St. Louis Center. Friday, July 15th was a special night that involved 450 members of the Knights of Columbus and their wives, and an entire row of seats was donated to St. Louis Center residents for the game. Fr. Enzo



Addari, SdC. threw out the 1st pitch before the start of the game, and after coming back to tie the game in the seventh inning, the Columbus Clippers went on to beat the Mud Hens 5-4 on a wild pitch in the 10th inning.

### Golfers Raise Funds for St. Louis Center

**CHELSEA** - Golf outings are some of the most highly attended fundraising events for St. Louis Center during the summer, and this year was the 29th Annual Memorial Golf Outing at Pierce Lake Golf Course in Chelsea, MI. The outing took place on Saturday, July



16th. There were 96 golfers who came out to participate on a warm, humid day that saw the winners finish with a score of 17 under par. The winners received 1st place plaques and gift certificates for another 18 holes of golf at Pierce Lake, while everyone else enjoyed great food, great fun, and the ability to support a great cause. The team of Norm Neuman, Charlie Koenn, John Jarabeck, and Andrew Ballow were the 1st place winners.

### Baseball, Hot Dogs and Detroit

**DETROIT** - Thanks to the generosity of the Detroit Tigers Foundation, the residents of St. Louis Center received



40 tickets to enjoy a Tigers game against the Minnesota Twins on the night of Tuesday, July 19th in Downtown Detroit

at Comerica Park. While sitting in the third deck of the stadium, the fans from SLC enjoyed spectacular panoramic views of the skyline of the city, but not such a great ballgame as the Tigers lost to the Twins by a score of 6-2. Most importantly though, the residents enjoyed their trip to the big city, along with all of their Ball Park Franks!

### Dinner with Friends

**CHELSEA** - Our Lady of Fatima Parish in Michigan Center has become very supportive of St. Louis Center



in recent years, and their Knights of Columbus Council has been actively seeking opportunities to interact and do things for the residents. This summer, Grand Knight Bill Roller

proposed another barbeque for our residents, and on a hot Friday, July 22nd, they were here grilling hamburgers and hot dogs to serve dinner to the residents. Everyone had a great time and enjoyed the camaraderie of our Knights and their ladies, who cooked for 75 people. Their generosity is greatly appreciated.

### End of an Era

**MILFORD** - St. Louis Center bid a fond farewell to the Joe's Top Dog Golf Outing this year on Sunday, July 24th as owners Joe and Zoja Bojovic, along with their family and friends closed out the event with a wonderful golf outing in their 20th year of support. Twenty-two teams came out to support the event this year, which was held

for the last time at Mystic Creek Golf Course in Milford, MI. The Bojovic Family has decided that they would like to have their summers free starting in 2017, and would like to travel to their home country in Europe after 30 years in the restaurant business. SLC is grateful to the



Bojovic Family for all they've done to support us over the years, raising over \$300,000. May they be blessed in all of their future endeavors, as they will remain in our hearts forever.

### He Makes Beautiful Things

**CHELSEA** - Each summer the Notre Dame Club of Jackson, MI sponsors two intern positions at St. Louis Center;



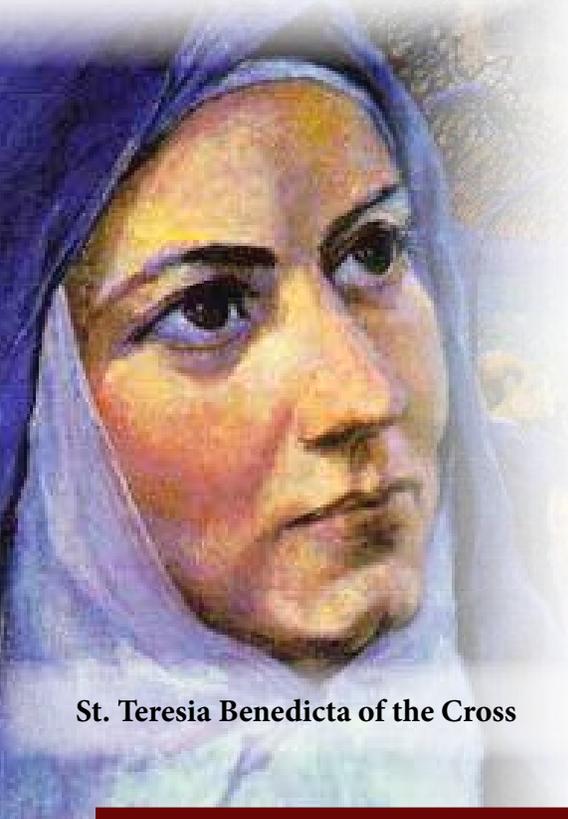
giving the students a first hand opportunity to learn the corporal works of mercy and to further their

education. One of this year's University of Notre Dame students was Allison. For part of her class requirement she led the residents in an art project that involved each person painting a piece of a 'quilt' that will be permanently installed for exhibition at SLC. Allison was very skilled at handling the special abilities and requests of the residents as they completed the project.



**August Calendar of Events**

- 5 **Dedication of the Basilica of St. Mary Major Chelsea:** Residents at Lansing Lugnuts Game
- 6 **Transfiguration of the Lord**  
Manila: Monthly Community Recollection
- 12 **Grass Lake:** Mother of Divine Providence Day at PUSJ
- 13 **Kumbakonam:** Year of Mercy Celebration - Auto Nagar
- 13-14 **Manila:** Vocation Seminar
- 15 **Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary**
- 19 **Grass Lake:** Monthly St. Joseph Day at PUSJ
- 20 **Kumbakonam:** OLP Parish 10th Anniversary
- 20-21 **Manila:** Annual Guanellian Cooperators Conference
- 22 **Queenship of the Blessed Virgin Mary**
- 24 **St. Bartholomew, Apostle**
- 26-28 **Thirupurambium:** Feast of St. Xavier
- 29 **Passion of St. John the Baptist**
- 29-31 **Chinnamalkalari:** Year of Mercy and Our Lady of Good Health Celebration
- 29-Sept 1 **Chinnamalkalarai:** Our Lady of Good Health



St. Teresa Benedicta of the Cross

**Best Wishes and Prayers to:**

- 1 **Fr. Charles Promiyo S.:** birthday; **Fr. Alphonse Maria Ligory C.:** feast day
- 5 **Fr. Bakthiswalagan:** birthday; **Fr. Nevis:** feast day
- 6 **Bro. Periyamayagam M.:** birthday; **Fr. Amalorpavanathan R., Fr. Anandhan T., Fr. Antony Samy A., Fr. Arputha Raj J., Fr. Bakthiswalagan A., Fr. Franklin Arockia Doss M., Fr. Leo Joseph X., Fr. Paul Francis A., Fr. Paulraj, Fr. Perianayagasamy A., Fr. Sagaya Raj S., Fr. Samson Rajasegaren J., Fr. Shantham R., Fr. Vincent S.:** ordination day
- 8 **Fr. Dominic Sebastian Baskar:** feast day
- 10 **Fr. Lawrence Thampusamy R.:** feast day
- 11 **Bro. Kumar:** birthday; **Fr. Prakash Philemen Raj:** feast day
- 12 **Fr. Shantham R., Bro. Rambabu V.:** birthday
- 13 **Bro. Arocki Doss J.:** birthday
- 15 **Bro. Deva P.:** birthday; **Fr. Arputharaj J.:** feast day
- 16 **Fr. Franklin Arockia Doss M.:** birthday
- 18 **Fr. Adaikalam, Fr. Paul Arockiaraj, Fr. David Anburaj T., Fr. Bernandes, Fr. Charles Promiyo:** ordination day
- 20 **Fr. Bernandes, Bro. Maria Julian Bernard L.:** feast day
- 22 **Bro. Joseph, Bro. Suresh:** birthday; **Fr. Achariyam, Fr. Amal Raj, Fr. Anil, Fr. Arockia Raj, Fr. Bernard, Fr. Charles, Fr. Dominic Sebastian Baskar, Fr. Edal Vinoth Joe, Fr. Gabriel, Fr. John Kennedy, Fr. John Peter, Fr. Kalai, Fr. Kanikkai Raj A., Fr. Loyola Diraviam, Fr. Prakash Philemen Raj, Fr. Rishar Raffe Jegan, Fr. Stalin, Fr. Sunil, Fr. Vellington, Fr. Vincent:** ordination day
- 24 **Nov. Joseph Pham Dinh Khiet:** birthday
- 25 **Fr. Louis Baskar A.:** feast day
- 26 **Fr. Samson Rajasekaran J.:** birthday
- 29 **Fr. Gnanaraj:** birthday
- 31 **Fr. Loyola Diraviam:** birthday

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