

NEWSLETTER



DIVINE PROVIDENCE PROVINCE

November 2025

MARY, MOTHER OF DIVINE PROVIDENCE



The Tender Face of
God's
Love

As we journey through the month of November, our hearts are drawn into a deep rhythm of gratitude, remembrance, and faith. It is a month that embraces heaven and earth when we remember our loved ones who have gone before us, celebrate the maternal protection of Mother of Divine Providence, rejoice in the kingship of Christ, and give thanks for the countless signs of God's Providence.

1. The Feast of the Mother of Divine Providence

– November 12, 2025

At the heart of Guanellian spirituality shines the radiant figure of Mary, the Mother of Divine Providence, whose feast we celebrate together as one Guanellian Family on November 12, 2025. In the image that inspired our holy Founder at *San Carlo ai Catinari* in Rome, the Virgin gathers the Child Jesus in her arms, wrapping Him in her mantle of trust. St. Louis Guanella saw in her embrace the mystery of Providence made flesh Jesus Himself, cared for by His humble handmaid. He wrote: “*The Madonna of Divine Providence gathers her divine Son and presses Him to her heart, as if to say: I embrace Divine Providence that uses me, a humble servant, to care for Him who is Providence incarnate.*” For Don Guanella, Mary was not a distant symbol but a living presence the maternal face of God's care for the poor, the sick, and the abandoned. Each Guanellian home and every charitable work was placed under her name, for, as he said, “*She is our dearest Mother, always ready to help.*”

2. Commemoration of All Souls

– November 2, 2025

At the dawn of this month, the Church invites us to remember with love and gratitude our departed confreres, sisters, cooperators, benefactors, family members, and residents who have gone before us. They live now in the eternal embrace of Divine Providence, interceding for us from heaven. Let us celebrate their memory with faith, recalling that death is not an end, but a passage into life. Don Guanella once said: *“When the Lord calls, He does not take us away from love He takes us into its fullness.”* In our homes and chapels, let prayers rise for all who have built the Guanellian Family with sacrifice and tenderness. Their example of charity remains our inheritance; their intercession, our strength.

3. The Jubilee Year and the call to unity.

The Jubilee Year Celebration of the Solemn Rosary for the Divine Providence Province in India and Sri Lanka, organized by the Guanellian Sisters, will be held at St. Joseph's Nivas Chapel, Bangalore, at 6 p.m. on 12th November 2025. This sacred gathering stands as a profound moment of gratitude, communion, and renewal in the spirit of Divine Providence. Each community and residence is kindly requested to send at least one confrere to represent them at this solemn act of prayer, while simultaneously organizing the Rosary within their own communities (if possible zonal level also). In this way, the entire Guanellian Family Fathers, Sisters, Cooperators, and Lay Members will be united in one heart and spirit, offering a collective hymn of thanksgiving for God's unfailing providential love.

In harmony with this celebration, the USA communities will join the same spirit of unity and devotion by gathering online on 9th November 2025 at 6 p.m. for the Holy Rosary of the Jubilee Year. Each community will further discern and arrange a pilgrimage and Holy Hour, deepening their participation in this sacred jubilee of faith and fraternity.

4. Solemnity of Christ the King

– November 23, 2025

As the Church's liturgical year comes to a close, we joyfully proclaim Christ the King, the Lord of Providence and the Heart of all Creation. His kingship is not one of power or privilege but of love, mercy, and service. His crown is made of thorns, His throne is the Cross, His law is love, and His kingdom is compassion.

5. Thanksgiving Day (USA)

– November 27, 2025

We also join our confreres, Sisters, Cooperators, Benefactors and residents, in the United States in celebrating Thanksgiving Day on November 27, 2025. Gratitude is the soul of Providence; it transforms what we have into abundance and what we endure into trust.

May the Mother of Divine Providence keep every Guanellian home under her mantle of peace. May the souls of the departed intercede for our fidelity. May the Christ of Compassion reign in our works of mercy. And may thanksgiving fill our hearts as we continue to serve the poor with faith, tenderness, and joy.

Congratulations and Prayers!

With deep joy and gratitude, we extend our heartfelt congratulations, appreciation, and prayers to:

1. **Rev. Fr. Dennis Weber, SdC** – Appointed as the Superior of the Sacred Heart Community Philadelphia.
2. **Rev. Fr. Enzo Addari, SdC** – Appointed as the Director of Fundraising in the United States.
3. **Erection of the new residence in Chicago – St. Louis Guanella Residence**, and the residence in charge is Rev. Fr. Enzo Addari.
4. Erection of the Sacred Heart Community in Philadelphia.
5. **Rev. Fr. Shantham, SdC** – Appointed In-Charge of the Guanella Study Center.

May the Lord bless their ministry, and may Mary, Mother of Divine Providence, accompany them in their service to the Church and the world.

Fr. Chandra Sheela SdC
Provincial Superior

PROVINCIAL CALENDER

04/11/2025	– Dindigul Community
06/11/2025	– Madurai Community
07/11/2025	– Krishnapuri Community
08/11/2025	– Sivagangai Community
10/11/2025	– Requiem Mass at Mattigai
12/11/2025	– Jubilee Solemn Holy Rosary, Bangalore
13/11/2025	– DSMP Assembly, St. Joseph's Nivas, Bangalore
19–20/11/2025	– Treasurers Meeting, DGMS Chennai
26/11/2025	– DPP Council Meeting



Come Let's Pray

THE ROSARY



Dear Guanellian Sisters, Fathers, Guanellian Cooperators and Members of the Guanellian Lay Movement,

Subject: Invitation to Join in the Recitation of the Holy Rosary on the Solemn Feast of the Mother of Divine Providence

As we approach the close of the Jubilee Year 2025, our hearts are filled with gratitude for the countless graces and blessings the Lord has showered upon us. In this spirit of gratitude, I joyfully invite each one of you to join us in a Special Rosary of Thanksgiving on the Solemn Feast of the Mother of Divine Providence, to be held on November 12, 2025.

Let us come together as one Guanellian Family—Fathers, Sisters, Cooperators, and Lay Members to honor our Blessed Mother, seeking her powerful intercession and entrusting ourselves and our missions to her loving care. This Rosary will be a precious moment of reflection on God's mercy, providence, and enduring love throughout this Jubilee Year.

The Rosary will begin at 6 p.m. at St. Joseph Nivas Chapel, Bangalore and will be live-streamed on YouTube to enable everyone to join in prayer from wherever they are. For those unable to participate in person, I warmly encourage you to unite with us online, praying together in thanksgiving for all the blessings the Lord has bestowed upon our Congregation, our communities, our families and our ministries. Following the Rosary, a Solemn Eucharistic Celebration will be offered by Rev. Fr. Gnanaraj, Provincial Superior, together with the Provincial Councillors of the Divine Providence Province, SdC.

I take this opportunity to wish you all for the feast of our Founder. May his spirit of love and compassion continue to inspire us to recognize the face of Christ in the poor, the suffering and the marginalized, and to serve them with faith, tenderness and joy.

May the Mother of Divine Providence guide and protect all our communities and families. Through her maternal intercession, may we continue to grow in peace, unity and zeal for our mission of charity.

**Wishing you all a Happy Feast
of Our Blessed Father and Founder!**

Note: As the Sign of Unity

- As a symbol of our oneness in faith and mission, Holy Rosaries which will be blessed and distributed to all the communities of the Divine Providence Province, the Delegation of Mary Most Holy of the Assumption and to the families of the Guanellian Cooperators (GC) and the Guanellian Lay Movement (GLM).
- On November 12, we shall all use these same Rosaries to pray together—united in spirit, heart and mind expressing our gratitude and our shared devotion to the Mother of Divine Providence.

With love and prayers,

Sr. Mary Chinnappan
Delegate Superior

**GUANELLIAN WEBINAR ON
PRIESTLY IDENTITY & WELLNESS**

The Divine Providence Province of the Servants of Charity organized an enriching Guanellian Webinar on “Deepening Priestly Identity and Eucharistic Spirituality in the Light of the Teachings of St. Louis Guanella” on Monday, October 27, 2025, as part of its ongoing formation program. The online session brought together priests from various Guanellian communities for a time of reflection, renewal, and fraternity.

The program began with an Opening Prayer led by Fr. Amalor, SdC, invoking

GUANELLIAN WEBINAR

On
**PRIESTLY IDENTITY
& WELLNESS**

Resource Person:
Rev. Fr. Marco Maesani, SdC

Monday
27 October, 2025
09 AM (USA ET), via TEAMS MEET

Please Join US

"The Priest is a living image of Jesus Christ, the Good Shepherd, who gives his life for his sheep" - St. Louis Guanella

the Heart of Christ, the Good Shepherd, for renewal in priestly identity and zeal. Fr. A. C. Peri, SdC, extended a warm Welcome Address, emphasizing the unity, fraternity, and pastoral commitment that define the Servants of Charity in their mission to make known that “God is good.” In his Introduction, Fr. Amal, SdC highlighted the need for reforming priestly identity and mental wellbeing amid the growing pastoral and emotional demands of ministry. He called for a “culture of care” through ongoing formation that integrates the human, spiritual, intellectual, and pastoral dimensions of priestly life.

The main presentation was delivered by Rev. Fr. Marco Maesani, SdC, who reflected deeply on the theme of priestly identity and wellness in the Guanellian spirit. Drawing from the life and teachings of St. Louis Guanella, Fr. Marco underlined the priest's call to live as a Good Shepherd, to serve with Samaritan compassion, and to embody the Fatherhood of God. He spoke on the integration of personal, communitarian, spiritual, and temporal wellness as vital for a balanced and joyful ministry, reminding participants that “to be well as Guanellian priests is to be rooted in our identity, nourished by the Eucharist, and animated by charity.”

A fruitful sharing and Q&A session followed, with reflections from various confreres on topics such as priestly fraternity, wellness, fatherhood, and fidelity to the Guanellian charism. In the Vote of Thanks, Fr. Leo, SdC, expressed heartfelt gratitude to Fr. Marco for his inspiring presentation and to all confreres for their active participation. The session concluded with a Closing Prayer led by Fr. Bosco, SdC, entrusting all priests to the Heart of Jesus and the intercession of St. Louis Guanella for renewed strength and pastoral joy. The webinar fostered a deeper understanding of priestly identity in the Guanellian tradition, as compassionate shepherds, fathers of mercy, and servants of Divine Providence, and renewed the participants' commitment to live their priesthood with balance, fraternity, and joyful fidelity. The total numbers of participants were above 70. A special note of thanks to confreres who participated from Stella Maris Delegation, Saint Louis Guanella European Delegation, and Province of St. Louis Guanella.

LOUIS GUANELLA – APOSTLE OF CHARITY

CHENNAI, DGMS: On October 24th, the Feast of St. Louis Guanella, our revered Father and Founder, acclaimed as the Apostle of Charity, was



celebrated with great fervor by the DGMS brothers, staff, DGSS good children, and the entire Guanellian family.

The highlight of the day was the solemn Holy Mass, presided over by Rev. Fr. Gnanaraj, the Provincial Superior. The celebration was imbued with a profound spirit of community and spiritual renewal, as it also marked two significant milestones in the formation journey of the brothers. During the liturgy, Brothers Rex and Stephen received the Rite of Initiation, formally beginning their journey toward priestly commitment.

In addition, Brothers Edward, Chandra, Charles, and Maria Paul were instituted as Acolytes, a ministry dedicated to the service of the altar and the distribution of Holy Communion an important step in their path of formation. The day stood as a powerful witness to the faith, unity, and spiritual growth of the Guanellian family, as all members brothers, children, and staff joined together in gratitude and devotion to honor their beloved Founder, St. Louis Guanella.

ZONAL RECOLLECTION

THANJORE: On 13th October 2025, members from Trinity Hospice, Marungulam; Divine Providence Church, Kumbakonam; Don Guanella Boys Home; St. Joseph Seminary Fathers; and the DSMP Sisters from Kumbakonam and Cuddalore gathered at Don Guanella Boys Home, Cuddalore, for a spiritually enriching Zonal Recollection. The day began with Eucharistic Adoration, inviting participants into a deep spirit of



prayer and reflection. Light refreshments were then served, fostering fellowship and preparation for the day's program.

A talk on the theme “The Urgent Need for Spiritual Reawakening” was delivered by Rev. Fr. Viswasam, Resident In-Charge of Trinity Hospice. His reflection served as a timely call to rekindle spiritual fervor and renew religious commitment. The Holy Eucharist was celebrated by Rev. Fr. Johndoss, Superior of Don Guanella Boys Home. Rev. Fr. Mathias preached a meaningful homily on *Gratitude*, inspiring all to live with thankful hearts and renewed dedication to their mission. The Guanellian Sisters enhanced the prayerful atmosphere through their active participation in the liturgy and the beautiful floral decoration of the altar. The recollection concluded with a fraternal meal, marking a joyful moment of communion.

INITIATION OF THE GLM

THANJORE: A new chapter of the Guanellian mission was opened at Trinity Hospice, Marungulam, with the initiation of the Guanellian Lay Movement (GLM) under the guidance of Rev. Fr. Viswasam, Resident In-



Charge. The movement was formed to involve the laity more deeply in the mission of the Church, inspired by the charism and spirituality of St. Louis Guanella. It aims to nurture a spirit of service, compassion, and dedication to the poor and suffering. Encouraging participation was shown by lay individuals who expressed enthusiasm to join the initiative. Through their involvement, they will engage in prayer, pastoral service, and outreach programs, promoting the values of love, service, and human dignity. Gratitude is extended to all who have come forward to support the GLM, marking a meaningful step in extending the Guanellian mission among the laity.

CSR VISIT



THANJORE: As part of their Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR) initiative, Mr. Dr. Arul Doss, CEO of Ganam School of Business, Sengipatti, Thanjavur, together with two faculty members and fifteen MBA students, visited Trinity Hospice on 9th October 2025 at 3:00 p.m. The visit brought joy and liveliness to the hospice as the team interacted warmly with the elderly residents through entertainment and heartfelt conversations. A brief awareness session on healthcare was conducted, and nutritious food along with essential materials was generously contributed to support the daily needs of the residents. Sincere gratitude is extended to Ganam School of Business for their thoughtful gesture and commitment to making a meaningful difference.

FIRST FEAST OF OUR BELOVED FOUNDER

THANJORE: The first feast of St. Louis Guanella, the *Apostle of Charity*, was joyfully celebrated at Trinity Hospice, Marungulam, with hearts filled with gratitude and devotion. The celebration served as a heartfelt tribute to

the Founder's life of love and service to the poor, sick, and abandoned—an enduring example of compassion and faith. About 75 lay participants, including 20 members of the Guanellian Lay Movement (GLM), took part in the event organized by Rev. Fr. Viswasam. The celebration offered a meaningful occasion for the laity to reflect on the Founder's legacy of charity. The Holy Eucharistic Celebration, presided over by Rev. Fr. Adaikalam and concelebrated by the community fathers, became a fitting expression of gratitude to the saint who continues to inspire love in action.

OPEN YOUR HEARTS TO THE DIVINE GUESTS



KOPPAKKA: The Guanella Bhavan Community, Koppaka celebrated the Founder's Feast on October 26, 2025, with simplicity and deep spiritual fervor, in line with the Provincial's guidance to “open our hearts to the Divine Guests.” The theme, “*Open Your Hearts to the Divine Guests*,” reflected the compassionate spirit of St. Louis Guanella, whose life was devoted to serving the poor and the “good children.” The celebration was dedicated especially to the beneficiaries, recognized as the true treasures of the Guanellian family. The Holy Eucharist, presided over by Rev. Fr. Gnanaraj, Provincial Superior, was the highlight of the day. Gifts were distributed to the beneficiaries as a gesture of love and gratitude. Fr. Gnanaraj commended the community and seminarians for their dedication and well-organized celebration. Rev. Fr. Praveen, Superior of the community, expressed heartfelt thanks to all who contributed, emphasizing unity and family spirit. The celebration concluded with a joyful agape meal, shared in gratitude and fellowship.

A SPIRITUAL RECHARGE

KOPPAKKA: A three-day Annual Retreat for candidates was organized at Guanella Bhavan from October 2nd to 4th, offering a peaceful and reflective atmosphere for spiritual renewal. The retreat was led by Rev. Fr. Benson, who guided the participants through various spiritual exercises,



including prayer, talks, the Holy Rosary, Holy Mass, and meditation. His inspiring reflections and sharing sessions helped deepen the participants' faith and strengthen their relationship with God.

The retreat provided a much-needed pause from academic routines, enabling the seminarians to focus on personal growth, inner renewal, and spiritual well-being. It served as a meaningful time of reflection and reconnection with their vocation and mission. The retreat concluded on October 4th, with participants returning refreshed, inspired, and spiritually strengthened. The experience is expected to continue bearing fruit in their journey of compassion, empathy, and dedicated service to others.

A VISION FOR A BRIGHTER FUTURE

KOPPAKKA: An Eye Medical Camp was organized at Guanella Bhavan on October 11th for the children of the evening school. The initiative aimed to provide free eye check-ups and screenings, ensuring that the students' vision and eye health were well cared for. The examinations were conducted by Dr. Prabha, a renowned eye specialist, whose expertise enabled the early identification of vision-related issues among the students.



The camp proved highly beneficial, as several students were diagnosed with vision problems that could have affected their academic performance. Through timely detection and treatment, they will now be able to pursue their studies without visual hindrance. This initiative reflected Guanella Bhavan's ongoing commitment to the holistic well-being of its students. Sincere appreciation is extended to ASCI for their generous support in making the camp a success.

ZONAL RECOLLECTION



KOPPAKKA: A Zonal Recollection was held on 13th October at Guanella Bhavan, Koppaka, bringing together the communities of Warangal, Vatluru, and Koppaka for a day of spiritual renewal and communion with God. The session was preached by Rev. Fr. Lourdu Showry, OFM, who holds a licentiate in Spirituality. Centered on the theme *"Belong to Christ,"* his reflections highlighted the priest's role as a bridge between God and His people, inspiring participants to renew their priestly identity and commitment. The day included Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament, the Sacrament of Reconciliation, and concluded with the Holy Eucharist celebrated by the resource person. A fellowship meal followed, marking the spirit of fraternity.

TEACHERS MEETING

KOPPAKKA: A teachers' meeting was held at Guanella Bhavan to discuss key educational concerns and explore effective teaching strategies. Core principles such as affection, prevention, encouragement, companionship, dedication, and trust in Divine Providence were emphasized. Educators shared best practices and innovative ideas to enhance student learning. The meeting served as a valuable opportunity for collaboration, equipping teachers to better address diverse student needs and promote academic excellence.



AYUDHA POOJA

KOPPAKKA: The Ayudha Pooja celebrations were held at Guanella Bhavan on October 2, 2025, as part of the formative program. The celebration aimed to honor tools, musical instruments, and vehicles, acknowledging their importance in daily life and work.

Seminarians, Guanellian Sisters, and non-teaching staff gathered in prayer, seeking God's blessings for academic excellence and prosperity. The ceremony included the cleaning and decoration of tools, the offering of flowers and sweets, and the solemn blessing imparted by Rev. Fr. Charles Promio, SdC. The celebration beautifully reflected the values of gratitude, respect, and reverence for the instruments and vehicles that assist in daily service, learning, and growth.



OUR LADY OF GOOD HEALTH IN OUR HOME

MADURAI: On the occasion of the Feast of the Mother of the Holy Rosary, 7 October 2025, a new Grotto of Our Lady of Good Health was inaugurated



at Soosai Thottam. The initiative was made possible through the generous contribution of Mrs. Sinna Rani, a retired teacher from Nagercoil. The grotto was constructed in stages with the dedicated effort of the community and the assistance of the boys from the home. On this special occasion, members of the Legion of Mary from *Our Lady Queen Parish, Nagamalai*, well-wishers, and the Soosai Thottam community gathered before the grotto to pray the Holy Rosary. The grotto was opened by Mrs. Sinna Rani and blessed by Rev. Fr. Arul Ryan, Vicar Forane of Virudhunagar. The celebration concluded with a festive meal joyfully shared with the children and guests.

FEAST OF OUR FOUNDER



MADURAI: The Feast of St. Louis Guanella was celebrated at Soosai Thottam on 23rd October 2025 with a solemn Eucharistic celebration at 6:30 p.m. The Mass was presided over by Rev. Fr. Deva, Parish Priest of Sacred Heart Church, Madurai, and the homily was preached by Rev. Fr. Kumar, SdC, reflecting on the Founder's life and mission. Religious communities from Nagamalai and Karumathur, along with parents of the children, joined the celebration. Rev. Fr. Lourduraj, SdC, Superior,

expressed gratitude to all and honored the guests. The celebration concluded with a joyful fellowship meal, marking a day of thanksgiving and renewed inspiration drawn from St. Guanella's spirit.

AYUDHA AT YESUVANAM



SIVAGANGAI: The Ayudha Pooja at Yesuvanam Community, St. Guanella Anbagam Special School and Home, was joyfully celebrated on October 3rd as an expression of gratitude and devotion. The children and staff offered prayers, flowers, and fruits, thanking God for His blessings and for the tools and vehicles that serve their daily needs. A special gesture of appreciation was shown to the staff through the distribution of sweets and gifts, acknowledging their dedication and service. The celebration concluded in an atmosphere of peace and joy, leaving everyone spiritually renewed and grateful.

FESTIVAL OF LIGHTS

SIVAGANGAI: The Festival of Lights was celebrated at St. Guanella Anbagam Special School and Home, marking the triumph of light over



darkness. The children gathered with radiant smiles and excitement, eager to join in the festivities. On October 20th, the celebration was made brighter through the generous contribution of Annai Crackers, whose dazzling fireworks doubled the children's joy. Their faces glowed with happiness as vibrant colors illuminated the night sky, creating moments of pure delight. The event reflected the true spirit of community and inclusivity that St. Guanella Anbagam upholds. Children, staff, and caregivers came together to share in the joy and unity of the occasion. Heartfelt gratitude was expressed to Annai Crackers for their generosity in making the celebration memorable for all. The Festival of Lights concluded on a joyful note, filling every heart with renewed hope, happiness, and togetherness.

CELEBRATING THE SPIRIT OF ST. GUANELLA



SIVAGANGAI: On October 24, the Feast of St. Guanella was celebrated with great fervor and devotion at our institution. The special children, Guanellian Cooperators, members of the Guanellian Lay Movement, and staff came together to honor the life and legacy of our beloved founder, St. Luigi Guanella. The celebration beautifully reflected God's love and providence at work in our lives. Through prayers, songs, and reflections, participants paid tribute to the saint's deep compassion for the poor and his tireless dedication to serving those in need. The presence of our special children added warmth and joy to the occasion, while the staff and cooperators worked diligently to make the event meaningful and successful.

FOUNDER'S FEAST CELEBRATION

CUDDALORE, DGBH: The Feast of St. Luigi Guanella was celebrated on October 24, 2025, with devotion and gratitude. The celebration began with



the flag hoisting ceremony, led by Rev. Fr. Mathias, SdC, who also celebrated the first day of the Novena Mass and delivered an inspiring homily on the holiness and life of the Founder. The second day of the Novena was celebrated by Rev. Fr. Sachin Son, SdC, with the liturgy animated by the Guanellian Cooperators (GC). On the feast day, the Holy Eucharist was presided over by Rev. Fr. John Dass, SdC, and the homily was preached by Rev. Fr. Vanathiyen, SdC. The liturgy was beautifully animated by the Boys' Home students, parishioners, GLM, GC members, and seminarians. At the conclusion, Rev. Fr. Vincent expressed heartfelt gratitude to all through the vote of thanks. The celebration ended with a fellowship meal, shared in a joyful spirit of unity and love.

JUBILEE YEAR PILGRIMAGE

CUDDALORE, DGBH: As part of the Jubilee Year celebrations, the Sagaya Madha Parishioners undertook a pilgrimage to Vatloru on September 29, 2025, reaching their destination the following morning. The journey began with the Holy Mass at Sacred Heart Church, Vatloru, offering thanks to God for His protection and blessings. During the pilgrimage, participants visited several holy sites, including Nirmalagiri Shrine, the Holy Land, Guanadala Matha, Joseph Thambi, Rajahmundry,



and the Krishna Bridge. The pilgrims experienced warm hospitality and spiritual joy at Vatluru Church and the Minor Seminary. Heartfelt gratitude was expressed to Fr. Assisi for his excellent organization and to Fr. Praveen for his guidance and support. The pilgrimage was a grace-filled experience of faith, fellowship, and renewal.

MISSION SUNDAY CELEBRATION



CUDDALORE, DGBH: Mission Sunday was joyfully celebrated in the Sagaya MadhaParish on October 26. The Holy Mass was presided over by Fr. Mathias, with the seminary brothers animating the liturgy beautifully. After the Mass, parishioners gathered for a time of fellowship and fun. A food stall served a delicious variety of dishes including *puri*, *idli*, *Chicken 65*, *biryani*, *gulab jamun*, and *coffee*. Exciting games and a lucky draw added to the joy of the day. The celebration brought together parishioners, Boys' Home students, and seminarians, fostering a warm spirit of community and mission. The event was well organized by the Pious Association, youth, and volunteers of the parish.

CP DAY CELEBRATION



CHENNAI, DGSS: CP Day (Cerebral Palsy Day) was celebrated with great enthusiasm at Don Guanella Special School. Rev. Fr. Inigo, SSS Superior, and Rev. Fr. Periyannayagam, SdC, Superior, graced the occasion as special guests. The children presented an inspiring awareness program on the benefits of physical exercise for children with cerebral palsy. Students from Saveetha OT shared valuable insights on how occupational therapy benefits children with CP. Rev. Fr. Inigo appreciated the children for their wonderful performances and active participation.

SPECIAL OLYMPICS BHARAT



CHENNAI, DGSS: We are proud to announce that Amit, a student of Don Guanella Special School, was part of the Tamil Nadu team that won the Gold Medal in the All India Basketball Championship held in Odisha. His outstanding performance brought great pride and honor to our school. Congratulations to Amit and the entire Tamil Nadu team!

DISTRICT SPORTS COMPETITION

CHENNAI, DGSS: On October 8, in celebration of World Disabled Day, a District Sports Competition was held at Nazareth College, Avadi, organized



by the District Disabled Welfare Office. The event was chaired by Thiruvallur District Collector Mr. M. Pratap and attended by MLA Mr. Nassar and District Differently Abled Welfare Officer Mr. Srinivasan. We are delighted to share that Mohammed Thameem M, a student of Don Guanella Special School, won Second Place in the Running Competition. Congratulations, Thameem, for bringing joy and pride to our school!

WORLD FOOD DAY CELEBRATION



CHENNAI, DGSS: World Food Day was celebrated on October 17. Rev. Fr. Periyannayagam, SdC, Superior, was the special guest for the event. Students brought nutritious home-cooked food, neatly displayed class-wise. After a blessing of the food, the children shared and enjoyed the dishes together. In his address, Fr. Periyannayagam spoke about the importance of food and encouraged everyone not to waste it. The day was filled with learning, sharing, and joy for all.

DIWALI CELEBRATION



CHENNAI, DGSS: Diwali was celebrated beautifully on October 17 at Don Guanella Special School. The celebration was graced by Rev. Fr. Periyamayagam, Superior, and Rev. Fr. Arputharaj, Director, under the theme “Lighting the Lamp and Dispelling the Darkness.” The event began with the lighting of lamps, symbolizing the victory of light over darkness, followed by distribution of sweets and bursting of colorful crackers. The celebration concluded with joy, unity, and festive cheer shared by all.

AYUDHA POOJA CELEBRATION



CHENNAI, DGMS: The Don Guanella Major Seminary community, together with the resident fathers and children from the Don Guanella Residential Home, joyfully celebrated Ayudha Pooja on October 1st. The celebration included the blessing of all tools, machinery, vehicles, and instruments, expressing gratitude and seeking God's protection for their safe and fruitful use. The active participation of the children added joy and liveliness to the occasion, making it a true expression of faith, unity, and gratitude for work. The day beautifully reflected the spirit of togetherness and reverence that marks the Guanellian family.

DO WHATEVER HE TELLS YOU

CHENNAI, DGMS: On October 7th, the Don Guanella Major Seminary (DGMS) community, together with the children of Don Guanella Residential Home (DGRH), came together to celebrate the Feast of Our Lady of the Rosary with deep devotion and faith. The Rosary devotion was a heartfelt expression of love for the Blessed Mother, as the participants meditated on the mysteries of Christ through Mary's eyes. The atmosphere was filled with prayer, reflection, and unity as the brothers and children joined their voices in praise and petition. This spiritual gathering not only strengthened their devotion to Mother Mary but also deepened the bond of fraternity and faith within the Guanellian family.



SEMINAR ON THE EUCHARIST

CHENNAI, DGMS: A seminar on the Eucharist was organized on October 18th for the brothers of Don Guanella Major Seminary (DGMS) and members of the participating congregations. The session was conducted by the Blessed Sacrament Fathers, who led the participants to a deeper understanding of the mystery of the Real Presence of Christ in the Eucharist. The reflection beautifully echoed the devotion of Saint Carlo Acutis, the newly canonized young saint, known as the *Patron Saint of the Cyberworld*. He regarded the Eucharist as his “highway to heaven” and used his technological skills to create a remarkable exhibition on Eucharistic miracles around the world. Through this seminar, participants were inspired by St. Carlo's example to renew their faith and devotion to the Holy Eucharist and to use modern means and technology to share this message of divine love with others.



PHONETICS CLASS

CUDDALORE, SJS: The newly initiated brothers from Odisha,



Telangana, Tamil Nadu, and Karnataka were given a valuable opportunity to enhance their language and communication skills under the guidance of Rev. Fr. Ronald, former Provincial Superior and an expert in phonetics. The phonetics classes aimed to improve pronunciation and clarity of speech, focusing on key areas such as regional accent neutralization, standard pronunciation techniques, articulation exercises, and intonation and stress patterns. These sessions proved especially beneficial for the newly initiated brothers, helping them adapt to the seminary environment and communicate effectively in their formation journey. Fr. Ronald's expertise added immense value to the program, which will undoubtedly assist the brothers in their future pastoral and academic endeavors.

FEAST OF OUR LADY OF THE HOLY ROSARY

CUDDALORE, SJS: The Feast of Our Lady of the Holy Rosary was celebrated with great solemnity and devotion at St. Joseph's Seminary. The celebration began with the blessing of the beautifully decorated chariot of Mother Mary by Rev. Fr. Sachin. With deep faith, the seminarians participated in a devout procession around the seminary campus, holding



their rosaries and invoking the intercession of the Blessed Virgin Mary. The chariot, adorned with flowers and lights, symbolized the glory and maternal presence of Mary among her children. At the conclusion of the procession, Rev. Fr. Mathias, Rector of the Seminary, imparted the final blessing, invoking God's grace and Our Lady's protection upon the entire seminary community. The celebration was a moment of spiritual renewal, inspiring the seminarians to grow in prayer, faith, and filial love for the Blessed Mother.

SUNS OUT AND SNACKS OUT



SIVAGASI: The children of Don Guanella Evening School, Meenampatti, and students from St. Paul's Boys Hostel, Krishnapuri, enjoyed a joyful one-day picnic to Kanyakumari on 27th September. The trip began early with a prayer and was filled with excitement as the children visited Vivekananda Rock, the Thiruvalluvar Statue, Gandhi Mandapam, and other attractions. They relished a delicious lunch at Vattakottai and later had fun swimming at Manapad Beach before returning home with happy hearts. The community expressed heartfelt thanks to all donors and friends who supported the event, especially Fr. John Kennedy, Coordinator of the Evening School for making the day a memorable and joyful experience.

1000 BEADS ROSARY

SIVAGASI: For nearly five centuries, the month of October has been devoted to honoring Mother Mary through the recitation of the Holy Rosary across the Catholic world. Continuing this cherished tradition, the Vadapatti Mission Parish, known for its strong Catholic heritage of over 50 years, organized a special 1000 Beads Rosary on 26th October. The faithful gathered in prayer for nearly five hours, meditating deeply on the mysteries



of the Rosary and seeking the intercession of the Blessed Virgin Mary. The event was prayerfully organized and led by Fr. John Kennedy, who guided the parishioners throughout this spiritual exercise.

HAPPY FEAST OF OUR FOUNDER

SIVAGASI: The feast of the beloved Founder, St. Louis Guanella, was celebrated after a three-day Triduum of preparation. The celebration was observed in a simple yet meaningful manner, with the Eucharistic Celebration held at the Vadapatti Parish as its center and followed by a festive dinner in the community. Local friends were invited and joined for the dinner. During the Triduum, reflections were made on charity as the core of the Founder's life and mission. The students and hostellers were also introduced to various episodes from his life, helping them to grow in the Guanellian spirit of love and service.



EVENING SCHOOL PARENTS' MEETING

SIVAGASI: Evening School Parents' Meeting was organized for the parents of the Don Guanella Evening School children on 26th September in the evening at St. Mother Teresa Church campus, Meenampatti. The purpose of the meeting was to understand the parents' family situations



and their opinions about the functioning of the evening school. During the session, the parents shared about their daily wage work in the fireworks industry and expressed their happiness in sending their children to school. It was acknowledged that the children's academic performance had improved through the evening classes. The meeting was animated by Fr. A. John Kennedy, the coordinator of the evening school.

AYUDHA POOJA CELEBRATION

THALAVADI: The Thalavadi community celebrated the Ayudha Pooja with devotion and gratitude on October 2, 2025. The residents, staff, and beneficiaries gathered to take part in the meaningful celebration. The ceremony was presided over by Rev. Fr. Lawrence, who led the blessing of the tools, vehicles, and instruments used for daily work and service. Prayers were offered, invoking God's blessings for safety, efficiency, and harmony in all activities. Following the blessing, the beneficiaries took part in a prayerful walk to the Bannari Temple, expressing their faith and seeking divine protection. The peaceful journey, filled with joy and reverence, highlighted the cultural and spiritual importance of the occasion. The celebration concluded with a time of fellowship and thanksgiving, fostering a shared spirit of unity and gratitude among all who participated.





DEEPAWALI CELEBRATION

THALAVADI: The Nazareth Illam community at Thalavadi joyfully celebrated the Festival of Deepawali with great enthusiasm and togetherness on October 20, 2025. The day began with prayers of thanksgiving, expressing gratitude for the gifts of light, peace, and harmony. The residents, staff, and beneficiaries participated in the celebration, sharing joy and festive cheer. Traditional sweets were distributed among everyone, creating a warm and joyful atmosphere.

In the evening, the community gathered once again to celebrate Deepawali vibrantly and cheerfully. The night came alive with excitement as residents and beneficiaries joyfully burst crackers, illuminating the sky with dazzling lights and colors. Laughter, smiles, and a spirit of unity filled the celebration.

MENTAL HEALTH PROGRAM

THALAVADI: As part of the holistic care provided to the beneficiaries, a psychological awareness and emotional support session was conducted by Rev. Fr. David on October 20, 2025. During the session, he spent time personally with the beneficiaries, listening to their experiences and offering compassionate guidance on managing emotional difficulties and mental stress. Rev. Fr. David emphasized the importance of emotional balance, self-acceptance, positive thinking, and trust in God. He also introduced simple relaxation techniques and encouraged open communication and mutual support within the community. The session enabled the staff to gain a deeper understanding of the mental health needs of the beneficiaries and to respond with greater patience, empathy, and care. The program concluded with a prayer and blessing, bringing comfort, encouragement, and hope to all participants.

FEAST OF ST. LOUIS GUANELLA



THALAVADI: The Feast of St. Louis Guanella was celebrated on October 23, 2025, at the Thalavadi community. The Eucharistic celebration, presided over by Rev. Fr. Solomon, Vicar Forane of Thalavadi Vicariate, brought together priests, religious sisters, staff, their families, and beneficiaries in a spirit of faith and thanksgiving. Prizes were distributed to beneficiaries who had participated in the feast day competitions. Rev. Fr. Lawrence expressed heartfelt gratitude to all who contributed to the success of the event. The celebration concluded with a festive meal, shared in joy, unity, and gratitude.

SEMINAR ON MENTAL HEALTHCARE ACT, 2017

THALAVADI: A seminar for the staff of Nazareth Illam, Home for the Mentally Ill, Thalavadi, was held on October 28, 2025, animated by Sr. Helen. The session focused on integrating teambuilding strategies with insights from the Mental Healthcare Act (MHCA), 2017. Sr. Helen emphasized the importance of teamwork, communication, and mutual support to ensure compassionate and legally compliant care. She



highlighted that a united and well-informed staff can better uphold the MHCA's principles, especially in safeguarding the dignity and rights of residents. The seminar strengthened the team's commitment to providing ethical and patient-centered mental health care, fostering a spirit of cooperation and compassion at Nazareth Illam.

FESTIVELY READY FOR FALL



CHELSEA: A bit of fall décor makes the St. Louis Center look a bit more friendly and festive. Brad Angelocci is the Grand Knight of the St. Louis Guanella Council in Chelsea. He and his wife Roxanne have adopted the task of setting up the fall display near the main entrance of the Center. On Sunday, October 12th, they were lucky enough to get a helping hand from Stanley, a St. Louis Center resident.

POWERED BY GOOD

CHELSEA: Members of the Trunk or Treat committee were overjoyed to welcome volunteers from Lake Trust Credit Union to the Center on October 13th, Powered by Good Day. 7 Lake Trust team members spent the day helping prepare the haunted house to be the spookiest it has ever been.



Each volunteer expressed their excitement at being a part of creating joy for the St. Louis Center residents. In addition to the time they spent helping, the Lake Trust Foundation donated \$1,000 to seal their commitment to people with special needs.

CHILDREN HONOR MONTH OF THE ROSARY



GRASS LAKE: The Shrine of St. Joseph was abuzz with the faithful eager to delve into the Rosary during the month dedicated to this important devotion. A group of almost 70 children from Queen of the Miraculous Medal School in Jackson, MI visited the Shrine on October 20th. The children attended Mass and prayed the Glorious Mysteries of Rosary on the new Holy Rosary Walk.

FIRST TIME PILGRIMS

GRASS LAKE: A bus of Chaldean pilgrims visited the Pious Union and Shrine of St. Joseph on October 22nd. Hailing from Detroit, it was their first time at the Shrine. They ate breakfast in the Pastoral Center before visiting the gift shop and celebrating Mass. All the Chaldeans said they greatly enjoyed their trip, strengthening their devotion to St. Joseph.





BUILDING BONDS, ONE TREAT AT A TIME

CHELSEA: On Wednesday, October 22nd St. Louis Center held its annual Trunk or Treat event. Although the weather was a bit chilly and wet, the event was an amazing success! We had a ton of trunks come out from the community, fully decorated to hand out candy. Despite the inclement weather an estimated 400 people came out to have fun this year!

While not a huge fundraising event for the Center, this event is extremely important for another reason: connection. Trunk or Treat is unique because at no cost to them, families from the community come visit the Center and get to see the work we do here. Not only does it raise awareness, it allows for a time when anyone from the community, especially kids, can interact with our residents with I/DD. This event acts as a reminder that when we spend time getting to know our neighbors, we become a little closer, learning to love one another as God intended.

TEACHER RETREAT



GRASS LAKE: After visiting the Shrine with their students, a group of teachers from St. Mary Star of the Sea School in Jackson, MI, returned for a retreat October 23rd. After a talk on "Cultivating Spiritual Fruit in Difficult Seasons," the teachers prayed the Luminous Mysteries on the Holy Rosary Walk, spent time in adoration, and attended the 11:30 am Mass.

DISCOVERING THE BEAUTY OF FALL



CHELSEA: In Michigan, fall is one of the most beautiful times of the year. Colorful leaves on the trees, pumpkins and apples, and corn mazes to enjoy. The residents of St. Louis Center enjoy exploring orchards and cider mills just like everyone else, especially when the direct care staff plan outings for the whole group. They enjoyed cider, donuts, and playing in the fall leaves. When they returned to the Center, they even baked some pies.

COMMUNITY OF SACRED HEART

PHILADELPHIA : The Installation of Rev. Fr. Dennis Weber, SdC, as the Superior of the Newly Erected 'COMMUNITY OF SACRED HEART' - Philadelphia. On Friday, October 24, 2025, the Feast Day of our Holy Founder, the newly established Community of Sacred Heart in Philadelphia celebrated with great joy the installation of Rev. Fr. Dennis Weber, SdC, as its first Superior. The day began with a solemn Holy Hour in the morning, invoking the grace of the Holy Spirit and the guidance of Divine Providence upon the new community and its mission. The celebration continued with the Installation Mass, presided over by Fr. Dennis. During the Eucharistic celebration, Fr. Amalraj Savarimuthu, SdC, delivered the homily, reflecting on the spiritual legacy of St. Louis Guanella for religious life and pastoral apostolate. Following the homily, Fr. Dennis Weber made his Profession of Faith and took the Oath of Fidelity, publicly



affirming his commitment to serve the community with faithfulness, charity, and obedience to the Church and the Congregation. After the liturgical celebration, a short honoring and felicitation ceremony was held, expressing heartfelt appreciation to Fr. Dennis. Special gratitude to Rev. Fr. Silvio De Nard, SdC, for his many years of dedicated and efficient leadership for Philadelphia mission. Special thanks to the confreres from Rhode Island for their fraternal presence and support, which added joy and communion to the occasion. The celebration concluded with a fellowship breakfast, shared in an atmosphere of gratitude, fraternity, and renewed hope in the providential care of God and the spirit of St. Louis Guanella.

BIRTHDAYS

01-FR. M. PRAVEEN JEBAKUMAR
 04-FR. S. CHARLES PRO
 06-FR. P. PETER JOSEPH
 12-BRO. M. CHARLES
 17-FR. ENZO ADDARI
 19- FR. L. PRAVEEN RAJ
 21-FR. R. SOLOMON RAJA
 23-FR. JOSEPH FERNANDES
 BRO. P. MARIA SUSAI
 26-FR. M. SACHIN SON
 27-FR. A. JOHN PETER
 29-FR. A. ACHARIYAM

ORDINATION

12-FR. M. ARUN DAVID
 FR. S. AROKIA NATHAN
 FR. M. BOSCO YESURAJ
 FR. A. FRANCIS XAVIER
 FR. P. KULANDAI
 FR. L. PRAVEEN RAJ
 FR. M. RAJESH KUMAR
 FR. R. SOLOMON
 FR. V. IRUDAYARAJ
 22-FR. DENNIS M. WEBER



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Come Let's Pray THE ROSARY

*We cordially invite you to join us in praying the Holy Rosary
on the Feast of the Mother of Divine Providence,
organized by the **Daughters of St. Mary of Providence (DSMP)**.
reflecting on the abundant blessings bestowed upon us
in this **Jubilee Year**, followed by the celebration of
the Holy Eucharist, the pinnacle of our faith.*

DATE : 12TH NOVEMBER, 2025

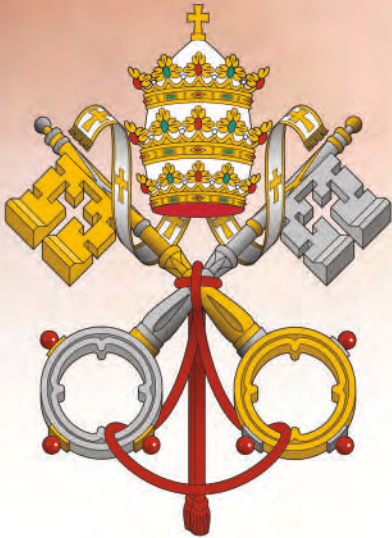
Place : St, Joseph Nivas, Bangalore

Time : 6.00pm

Mass : Rev. Fr. Gnanaraj SdC

(Provincial Superior DPP)

*Please tune in on our official YouTube Channel
on the day of the event:*



*Let us come together in thanksgiving and joy for the blessings received over the years,
and to renew our commitment to a life of love and service.*