

NEWSLETTER



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DIVINE PROVIDENCE PROVINCE



“Do a Bit of Good Every Day”

- St. Louis Guanella

Dear Confreres,

The month of October, dedicated to the Holy Rosary, is for us a privileged time of prayer, contemplation, and renewal. With Mary, the Mother of Divine Providence, we learn to wage battle against the enemy of our souls, to be builders of peace and reconciliation, and to rediscover the beauty of contemplating God in the simplest realities of daily life.

This month also offers us the grace to celebrate our beloved Founder, Saint Luigi Guanella, whose feast on October 24th invites us to return to the roots of our vocation. His life was a Rosary lived simple beads of and humble acts of goodness, strung together in faith, love, and perseverance, forming a crown for Christ and His poor.

1. “Do a Bit of Good Every Day”

In his *Maxims of Spirit and Method of Action* (1888–1889), Don Guanella gave the first sisters and confreres of the Little House a simple yet demanding principle: “To do some good—for both your soul and your body—there are a few solid principles to keep in mind.” This “bit of good” is not about extraordinary achievements or grand projects. It is about fidelity

in the little things: a patient word, a hidden sacrifice, a calm perseverance in duty, a quiet prayer offered for the suffering. Guanella's teaching reminds us that holiness is not built in a day, nor through noise and spectacle, but through love lived consistently in the ordinary realities.

2. The Path of Guanellian Simplicity

Start with Peace: No work of God grows in agitation. Goodness flourishes only in hearts rooted in peace.

Guard Your Imagination: Resist distractions and discouragements; stay anchored in the present moment.

Lead the Heart with Reason: Let faith-enlightened reason guide emotions, so that charity remains steady and wise.

Do Small Things with Great Care: The Kingdom is built on ordinary acts done with extraordinary love.

Work Calmly, with Perseverance: God Himself works patiently—let us imitate His rhythm of life.

Examine Yourself Honestly: Each evening, ask: “Have I been faithful in the little things?” This is not merely a method, but a way of sanctity: to walk humbly, to love tenderly, and to act justly in the simple flow of daily life.

3. The Rosary and Guanella

The Holy Rosary, prayed bead by bead, mystery by mystery, reflects this same spirit. Each Hail Mary is a “small thing” simple words whispered in faith. Yet, together, they form a chain of love that unites heaven and earth. Don Guanella understood that fidelity in the little things both in prayer and in action makes a soul strong against temptation, open to peace, and ready for service. Just as the Rosary is a crown offered to Mary, so too our “daily bit of good” becomes a crown for Christ in the poor and suffering.

4. A Call to Our Communities

Dear Confreres, as we celebrate St. Luigi Guanella's feast, I invite every community to mark this time with:

A renewed devotion to the Rosary: offering it daily for peace in the world, reconciliation in the Church, and fidelity in our vocation. Kindly join with the Church on October 11 along with Pope Leo the XIV and recite the Holy Rosary for world peace.

Community reflection on Guanella's maxims: choose one each day and practice it together.

A concrete act of charity: visit the poor, the sick, or the lonely in your local area; do a “bit of good” together as a sign of our charism.

Celebrate simplicity: organize your feast in a humble but joyful way, emphasizing prayer, fraternity, and service over external demonstration.

5. In Everything Love

Our Founder reminds us that *“God does not ask for perfection—He asks for love, patience, and a sincere effort to do good, wherever we are, with whatever we have.”* let us walk with Mary, hand in hand with Saint Luigi Guanella, learning anew the art of fidelity in little things. May each of our communities be a living Rosary—where every confrere is a bead of prayer, charity, and goodness—forming together a crown of love for the Lord and His people.

FR. GNANARAJ SDC

Provincial Superior

PROVINCIAL CALENDER

11/10/2025 – Silver Jubilee Celebration of Fr. Peter Sebastian

14/10/2025 – Kumbakonam Community

15/10/ 2025 – Thanjavur Trinity Hospice

17/10/2025 – Thalavadi Community

19/10/2025 – Bangalore community

21/10/2025 – Council Meeting

24/10/2025 – DGMS Community

26/10/2025 – Kopaka Community

28/10/2025 – Vatluru Community





GUANELLIAN SCHOOL ON THE CHARISM

Gualdera, North Italy, September 1–21, 2025

From September 1 to 21, 2025, twenty-three participants from diverse countries and cultures gathered in Gualdera, North Italy, for the Guanellian formation course titled *Strong Purposes of Good*. This unique experience provided an opportunity to reconnect with the spiritual and charismatic roots of the Guanellian Family. We express our deepest gratitude to the General Councils for inviting all three branches of the Guanellian Family to participate, and to our Provincial Superior, Council, communities, and families who, through sacrifice and support, made this journey possible.

The course was divided into three thematic weeks designed to deepen our understanding of who we are as Guanellians today, why and how we serve, and with whom we collaborate. The first week, *Being Guanellians Today: Why and How?*, invited us to reflect on our identity and mission. The second week, *Serving in Today's World: For Whom and Where?*, challenged us to consider the realities and needs of the people we serve. The final week, *With Whom?*, emphasized collaboration among the branches of the Guanellian Family and beyond. Throughout these weeks, the speakers shared their insights with competence, professionalism, and passion, offering not only valuable knowledge but also deep reflections and practical tools for growth. Visits to the places where Don Luigi Guanella lived and worked were particularly inspiring. They allowed us to walk in his footsteps and better understand the social and spiritual context that shaped his life.

and charism. These moments helped us rediscover the concrete gestures of God's Fatherhood as lived by Don Guanella—a model for our own daily lives. Reading and reflecting on the Founder's writings during the course led us to view reality through the eyes and heart of the Founder, awakening in us a renewed desire to further explore the lives and teachings of Don Guanella, Sister Chiara, and other Guanellian saints.

This formation experience was rich not only in knowledge but also in life itself. Being together in Gualdera fostered a palpable spirit of family among confreres, sisters, and cooperators from different parts of the world. Sharing testimonies and daily experiences highlighted the vibrancy and diversity of the Guanellian charism in various missions, leaving all participants inspired and deeply connected. These encounters have become a treasure we are eager to share with our local communities and missions.

At the heart of the course was the theme *Strong Purposes of Good*, which we have embraced as a call to live our vocation with renewed commitment. We are joyful to be Guanellians because this charism helps us fully embody our Christian vocation, transforming faith into concrete acts of charity. We are committed to keeping the flame of the charism alive with the certainty that God is a provident and merciful Father. We desire to influence others more by our actions than our words, reflecting God's Fatherhood in patience, compassion, tenderness, humility, kindness, and generosity—especially toward the poorest and most abandoned. With courage, determination, and a prophetic spirit, we follow Don Guanella's invitation to “*never stop while there are poor people to help.*”





Being Guanellians today means living rooted in the charism, practicing charity with open hearts, and collaborating with all to manifest God's Providence in every corner of the world. To live this commitment, we pledge to study the charism to form ourselves and others, engage deeply with the Founder's works, and transmit the Guanellian style—educational and charitable principles inspired by Don Guanella and modeled after Mary's tenderness. We recognize the religious community as a privileged place for the charism's growth, and we strive to live with simplicity and joy wherever we are sent.

We also commit to creating spaces that promote genuine and deep listening, offering our service daily with special attention to those who are most vulnerable. We understand the call to discern new forms of poverty and to serve not only in traditional contexts but wherever we find ourselves—at home, in the community, in the Church, and in the world. Collaboration among the three branches of the Guanellian Family—confreres, sisters, and cooperators—is vital, and we are called to work synodally with the Guanellian Youth Movement, lay members, religious institutions, parishes, public entities, and people of goodwill to maximize the effectiveness of our charitable mission.

Looking ahead, we offer several proposals for the growth and strengthening of our Family. To our local communities, we encourage ongoing formation on the charism, the writings and life of Don Guanella, a rediscovery of communal prayer and Eucharistic adoration, and the fostering of mutual relationships among all branches of the Guanellian Family and collaborators. We also encourage sharing the richness of



formation experiences such as this one. To our major superiors, we propose promoting participation in formation experiences like the one in Gualdera, deepening knowledge of our Guanellian saints as living models, and guiding young people interested in the charism toward nearby communities. For members and superiors of the three branches, it is essential to establish local study centers responsible for organizing formation moments and translating Guanellian texts, to hold regular community meetings for study and planning, and to ensure that Gualdera is not a one-time event but a model for ongoing formation. We also urge outreach to those no longer active through spiritual initiatives such as prayer networks, and we invite all to collaborate in building a charity network that unites the diverse faces of the Guanellian Family, in the spirit of Don Guanella's teaching that *"charity never closes its heart."*

In summary, this formation course has been a profound and lasting experience for all who participated. We return to our missions with greater knowledge, a deeper love for the charism, and a renewed responsibility to live and share the spirit of Saint Luigi Guanella. We thank Divine Providence for this gift and trust it will continue to guide and sustain us as we journey forward together.





SPIRITUAL & CULTURAL PILGRIMAGE

Thalavadi: On 7th September 2025, the staff and residents of *Nazareth Illam, Home for the Mentally Ill, Thalavadi*, took part in a spiritual and cultural pilgrimage. The day began with the Holy Eucharist at *Pudhu Vadavelli Vellankanni Church*, celebrated by Most Rev. Amalraj, Bishop of Ooty, offering all a moment of prayer, thanksgiving, and renewal of faith. The group then visited the *Bannari Amman Temple*, where they experienced the richness of tradition and the serenity of the sacred space.

On the return journey, the pilgrims enjoyed the scenic beauty of the *Sathyamangalam Reserve Forest*. The lush greenery and glimpses of elephants, deer, and other wildlife provided both delight and a reminder of the harmony of God's creation. The pilgrimage was a meaningful blend of faith, culture, and nature, strengthening bonds of charity and filling hearts with peace and inspiration.

TRIPLE CELEBRATION

MADURAI: On the Feast Day of Our Lady, *St. Joseph's Special School* celebrated three occasions: Teachers' Day, the birthday of the Blessed Virgin Mary, and the warm welcome of Fr. Maria Antony Rajan as the new assistant director. The day began with a prayer song by Fr. Kumar and a welcome by Bro. Susai. Director Fr. S.A. Lourdu Raj honored the teachers with gifts and shawls and welcomed Fr. Rajan. The children expressed their gratitude through dances and songs, while the teachers devotionally sang a Marian hymn. Fr. Rajan, in turn, congratulated the teachers with poetic words. The celebration concluded with a fellowship meal shared by

priests and teachers. It was truly a triple blessing in the history of the school.

A DAY OF JOY AND HOPE



MADURAI: On 22nd September, the residents of *St. Joseph's Residential School, Nagamalai* went on a joyful outing following a medical check-up at Usilampatti Government Hospital. Their destination was the majestic Vaigai Dam, a symbol of human ingenuity and natural beauty. They eagerly climbed the dam, enjoyed the breathtaking view of the reservoir, and marvelled at the powerful water flow. Time spent in the park, sharing snacks fraternally, added warmth to the day. A delicious meal in Theni capped the outing, and the boys returned home singing and dancing, their hearts filled with joy and hope.

ZONAL RECOLLECTION

MADURAI: On 19th September, the Guanellian confreres of Madurai Zone gathered at *Soosai Thootam* for a day of recollection and fraternal union. Communities from Madurai, Dindigul, Yesuvanam, Sivakasi,



and Kunnamalai took part in the program. Fr. Martin, parish priest of Samanallyur, preached on community life, ecological concerns, and personal conversion. After personal prayer and confession, the confreres celebrated Holy Mass, presided over by Fr. George Venisula SdC, with Fr. A.P. Samy SdC delivering the homily. Before the Mass, new statues were blessed for Soosai Thootam. The gathering concluded with a heartfelt vote of thanks by Fr. Chandra Nevis SdC and a fraternal meal. The day was a true experience of unity, renewal, and brotherhood.

TEACHERS' DAY CELEBRATION



KOPPAKA: On 5th September, the Guanella Bhavan community celebrated Teachers' Day with prayer, culture, and gratitude. The evening began with a creative rosary, bringing confreres and seminarians together in prayerful unity. A vibrant cultural program followed, featuring dances, songs, and speeches through which the seminarians expressed their appreciation. Rector Fr. Praveen delivered an inspiring message, highlighting the dedication, patience, and service of teachers, especially toward the needy children of the evening school. The highlight of the celebration was the felicitation ceremony, during which teachers were honored with thoughtful gifts in recognition of their commitment and compassion. Their joyful smiles reflected the appreciation felt by all. The event concluded with heartfelt words of thanks from the seminarians and a fellowship dinner, strengthening the bonds of unity and gratitude. The day was a true tribute to teachers the builders of minds and hearts—leaving the community enriched and inspired.

MEDICAL CAMP

SIVAGANGAI: On 20th September 2025, a special medical camp was organized at *St. Guanella Anbagam Special School & Home* to ensure the



good health and well-being of all its members. A dedicated team of doctors and health professionals conducted thorough check-ups for the children and staff, assessing their basic health conditions and providing useful medical advice. The camp not only focused on immediate health needs but also emphasized the importance of preventive care and healthy living. By identifying potential issues at an early stage, it created greater awareness about personal well-being and encouraged regular health monitoring. This initiative was deeply appreciated by the children and staff, as it reflected the school's sincere commitment to safeguarding both the physical and emotional welfare of those under its care. More than a routine medical check-up, the camp became a reminder that true education and formation also include care for the body, mind, and spirit. The day's program strengthened the bond between caregivers and the children, promoting a culture of care, compassion, and holistic development within the institution.

TEACHERS' DAY IN YESUVANAM



SIVAGANGAI: On 3rd September, *St. Guanella Anbagam Special School and Home*, together with the Yesuvanam Community staff celebrated Teachers' Day, honoring the dedication and service of both teaching and non-teaching staff. The celebration began with a warm welcome and a series of special activities that expressed gratitude for the staff's invaluable contributions. Joyful events, filled with fun and appreciation, created a vibrant and cheerful atmosphere. As a token of love, each staff member received a cooker and a water bottle, symbolizing the community's deep gratitude for their selfless service. Their radiant smiles reflected the honor and happiness they felt throughout the day. A festive meal further enriched the celebration, adding warmth and togetherness. The day was not only a joyful celebration but also a reminder of the tireless efforts of the staff who nurture and guide the children of *St. Guanella Anbagam*. The event concluded with heartfelt thanks and a renewed spirit of unity and commitment, making it a memorable and meaningful Teachers' Day.

A DAY OF FUN AND JOY



SIVAGANGAI: On 17th September, the Computer Science students of Idhaya College of Arts and Science visited *St. Guanella Anbagam Special School & Home* and gifted our children a day filled with fun, laughter, and joy. The visitors organized a variety of activities, including games, entertainment programs, and interactive sessions that created a lively and cheerful atmosphere. The energy and enthusiasm of the college students beautifully blended with the innocence and happiness of our children, making the entire day vibrant and memorable. Both the students and our children shared smiles, laughter, and unforgettable moments of togetherness. This heartwarming initiative not only entertained but also

built bridges of friendship, compassion, and understanding. It was a touching reminder that even small acts of love and kindness can leave lasting impressions and cherished memories.

RESTORING DIGNITY WITH LOVE



THANJAVUR: The community at Trinity Hospice, Marungulam has begun their mission to provide a safe and caring home for those in need of support, comfort, and dignity. They currently care for seven residents, each with unique challenges and needs, ensuring that no one feels forgotten or alone. They provide nutritious meals to promote health, medical care to maintain comfort, and a peaceful living environment where residents are supported and valued. Through their work, they aim to make every resident feel seen, cared for, and respected. The community at Trinity Hospice sees this as just the beginning of their mission, and they hope to continue growing their care and services with God's guidance.

FEAST CELEBRATION OF VINCENT DE PAUL



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CUDDALORE: On 27th September, the Vincent de Paul Association, Cuddalore, celebrated the feast of their patron with a heartfelt and meaningful liturgy. The event brought the community together through prayer, music, and acts of service. The celebration included a vibrant choir, a visit to children in need, and the distribution of groceries to the less fortunate demonstrating the association's commitment to charity and service. Members also took a solemn oath after Communion, reaffirming their dedication to helping others. The parish priest supported and encouraged the celebration, making it a truly moving and inspiring day for all participants.

GLM & GC PILGRIMAGE



CUDDALORE: In celebration of the Jubilee Year, the GLM and GC members of Cuddalore undertook a meaningful pilgrimage to the Shrine of Our Lady of Periyannayagi, Konankuppam, on 27th September. The day began with the recitation of the Holy Rosary, bringing all pilgrims together in prayer and reflection. Thereafter the community participated in the Holy Mass, celebrated by Rev. Fr. Vincent, Parish Priest, who also delivered a spiritually enriching homily. During the Mass, pilgrims offered personal and collective intentions, praying for the welfare of all parishioners and the continued growth of the parish community. Following the spiritual celebrations, participants shared a fraternal meal, thoughtfully arranged by Mr. Rosario Martha and family, fostering a sense of unity and fellowship. The dedication and contributions of the GC and GLM animators and members made this pilgrimage a truly grace-filled and spiritually uplifting experience for all.

KANPOM KARBOM

CHENNAI, DGSS: On 25th September, Don Guanella Special School



children were taken to Virali Hospital in Malayambakkam, Poonamallee, to participate in the Kanpom Karbom event. The day became even more special as Mr. Arunraj IAS celebrated his birthday with the children, adding joy and excitement to the occasion. The children visited the hospital, interacted warmly with the staff and well-wishers, and took part in the celebrations with great enthusiasm. The event was marked by kind hospitality, delicious food, and joyful moments of togetherness, creating lasting memories for everyone involved. It was a wonderful day that brought happiness to the children and strengthened the bonds of community, care, and shared celebration.

QUARTERLY EXAMINATIONS AND PARENT CONSULTATION

CHENNAI, DGSS: The quarterly examinations at *Don Guanella Special School* were successfully conducted, with all children participating enthusiastically. Following the exams, a detailed parent consultation was organized to review each child's academic progress and developmental activities over the past three months. The consultation was presided over



by Rev. Fr. Periyannayagam, Superior, along with Rev. Fr. Arputharaj, Director; Rev. Fr. William, Assistant Director; Rev. Fr. Gabriel, Administrator; class teachers; and the school Physiotherapist. During the meeting, children's progress, achievements, and future goals were carefully discussed. Collaborative decisions were made with the administration to ensure a clear roadmap for the continued growth and development of each child.

CHIEF MINISTER'S CUP



CHENNAI, DGSS: Students from *Don Guanella Special School* proudly participated in the Chief Minister's Cup Sports Competition and achieved remarkable success. Their hard work, dedication, and teamwork were evident in their outstanding performance, which earned them a cash prize of Rs. 3,000. This recognition is a testament to their talent, perseverance, and the support they receive from the school. The school expresses heartfelt gratitude to the Government of Tamil Nadu, the District Collector, and the District Welfare Officer for the Differently-Abled for their consistent encouragement and guidance. Their support has played a significant role in motivating the students to showcase their skills and pursue excellence in sports. The achievement not only brought pride to the school but also inspired other students to participate actively in extracurricular activities, fostering a spirit of confidence, determination, and healthy competition among all.

TEACHERS' DAY CELEBRATION

CHENNAI, DGSS: On 4th September, Teachers' Day celebration was organized for our dedicated teachers and staff in Don Guanella Special



Scholl. The event began with a warm welcome and the lighting of the lamp by Rev. Fr. Arputharaj, symbolizing knowledge and guidance. Mrs. Aloysia and Mrs. Diana sang a beautiful hymn, adding a devotional touch to the ceremony. Gifts were presented to the priests, teachers, and staff as tokens of love and appreciation for their tireless dedication. The celebration was further enlivened by lively dances performed by the students, filling the atmosphere with joy, energy, and gratitude. The day was a wonderful expression of respect, love, and appreciation, making it a memorable occasion for all involved.

WORLD PHYSIOTHERAPY DAY

CHENNAI, DGSS: On 10th September, Don Guanella Special School celebrated World Physiotherapy Day, focusing on raising awareness about the importance of physiotherapy and its positive impact on the lives of children with special needs. The event was graced by Rev. Fr. Gnanaraj, Provincial, and Rev. Fr. Periyannayagam, Superior, who honored the occasion as chief guests. The children captivated everyone with engaging dramas and graceful dances, effectively highlighting how physiotherapy improves their quality of life. Their performances were both moving and



inspiring, emphasizing the value of inclusive care and therapy. Rev. Fr. Gnanaraj expressed his deep appreciation for the children's efforts and applauded the dedication of the staff who organized the event. The celebration was a perfect blend of awareness, joy, and inspiration, leaving a lasting impression on all present.

INAUGURATION SEWING MACHINE



CHENNAI, DGSS: On 8th September, Don Guanella Special School inaugurated the sewing machine which was generously donated by Mrs. Mithra Jayaraj. The ceremony began with a short prayer, followed by the ribbon-cutting and blessing of the new machine. Vocational students, who will directly benefit from this donation, demonstrated their skills and expressed heartfelt gratitude. Fr. Arputharaj SdC explained that The sewing machine will further enhance the vocational training program, enabling the children to learn tailoring with confidence and independence. On behalf of the school, Mrs. Mithra Jayaraj was thanked for her thoughtful contribution, which will play a meaningful role in shaping the future skills and opportunities of our students.

ONAM CELEBRATION

CHENNAI, DGSS: On 3rd September, Don Guanella Special School joyfully celebrated Onam, bringing together children, teachers, and priests in a day filled with cultural vibrancy and festive spirit. The children dressed in traditional Kerala attire, created beautiful flower arrangements (Pookalam), and enthusiastically participated in all the activities. The festive atmosphere was further enhanced with traditional music and decorations that reflected the rich heritage of Kerala. The celebration was inaugurated by Rev. Fr. Periyamayakam, our Superior, who lit the



ceremonial lamp, marking the start of the joyous occasion. Students and teachers performed traditional dances and cultural programs, showcasing their talents and spreading cheer throughout the school. The festivities concluded with a traditional Onam meal served on banana leaves, complete with vada and other delicacies, allowing everyone to savor the authentic flavors of the festival.

THE GLM PILGRIMAGE

VATLURU: On 5th September 2025, the GLM members of Vatluru made a spiritual pilgrimage to the revered Gunadala Madha Shrine, a significant Marian site in Vijayawada, Andhra Pradesh. Perched atop a serene hill, the shrine gave a peaceful environment for prayer and reflection. The pilgrimage began with prayer, and as the members climbed the mountain, the Holy Rosary was recited in accordance with tradition. The day was filled with divine blessing as participants visited Mother Mary and undertook the Way of the Cross, moving through all 14 stations along the



hill. The pilgrimage honored Mary and strengthened the members' devotion, inspiring unity in faith and love for God and service to the poor.

A SACRED INVOCATION AND RENOVATION



VATLURU: The Calvary Mountain in the Sacred Heart Church was refurbished and blessed in honor of the Marian feast and Vatluru Tower Silver Jubilee. Positioned prominently, the Calvary Mountain draws attention and serves as a spiritual reminder of Jesus' sacrifice and the open gates of heaven. The refurbishment was initiated and overseen by Rev. Fr. Francis Assisi, whose dedication and faith ensured the project's success. The blessing and formal opening of the Calvary Mountain for the faithful was performed by Rev. Fr. Sgar, Rector of PIME Minor Seminary, allowing devotees and visitors to pray, reflect, and worship in a renewed sacred space.

A CELEBRATION OF FAITH AND LOVE

VATLURU: The parishioners of Vatluru enthusiastically celebrated Mother Mary's birthday and feast, a special expression of devotion. Preparations began a week in advance, with the parish youth taking responsibility for organizing and serving food. A beautifully decorated statue of Mother Mary was placed for veneration, and a ceremonial car was prepared and adorned for a procession around the church. The devout participated wholeheartedly throughout the day. The procession car was blessed by Rev. Fr. Sgar, who also presided over the feast day Mass, guiding the faithful in understanding Mary's role and significance in the



Church and daily life. The celebration was a meaningful blend of devotion, community service, and joy, inspiring all who participated.

FUN-FILLED DAY OUT



CUDDALORE, SJS: The recipients of Don Guanella Day Care from St. Joseph's Seminary Community had a fantastic and fun-filled trip to Trinity Hospice, Tanjore, accompanied by Fr. Sachin. They were warmly welcomed by Fr. Adaikalam, whose hospitality brought joy to everyone. The group also visited the Brihadeswara Temple, a UNESCO World Heritage site, and Saraswathi Palace, guided by Fr. Adaikalam. These visits provided a wonderful opportunity to explore Tamil Nadu's rich history and culture. The day was further enriched with a sumptuous lunch at Trinity Hospice and dinner at the Kumbakonam community, adding to the enjoyment. This outing not only brought smiles and laughter to the children's faces but also strengthened the bonds between the communities involved. Special thanks to Fr. Sachin, Fr. Adaikalam, and all who made the day possible—their selflessness and warmth were truly inspiring.

ENGLISH CLASSICAL ACADEMY

CUDDALORE, SJS: The first English Classical Academy of St. Joseph's



Seminary for the year 2025–2026 was held on 27th September under the theme: “Antiquo et Nova: A Warfare between Human Intelligence (HI) & Artificial Intelligence (AI)”. It began with a welcoming address by Bro. Sham, a 1st-year college student, introducing the chief guest, Rev. Fr. David, Missionary of Sri Lanka, who was honored with a shawl by Fr. James, Administrator. Bro. Francis introduced the theme, Bro. Surrendra highlighted the differences between HI and AI, and Bro. Arul Dass presented the impact and alternative approaches of HI & AI.

The brothers engaged in a lively Q&A session, moderated by Fr. Sachin, raising thoughtful questions and doubts. Rev. Fr. David, the chief guest, shared insights on a new approach called Argument Intelligence (AUI). The academy also featured performances by the brothers, including dance, song, and meaningful mime, showcasing their talents and creativity. The event concluded with a vote of thanks by Bro. Susai and an evaluation by Rev. Fr. Mathias, Rector. The academy sparked engaging discussions on the intersection of human and artificial intelligence, making it a truly enriching experience for all participants.

NATIVITY OF THE BLESSED MOTHER



KUMBAKONAM: On 8th September, the Kumbakonam parish joyfully celebrated the birthday of the Blessed Mother with a special car procession. The celebration particularly focused on female children, who were remembered and prayed for during the feast. The Women's Movement of the parish animated the liturgy, and during the feast day Mass, all female children were honored with small gifts. The children were delighted to receive these gifts personally from the parish priest, making the day memorable for them. More than 150 people participated in the celebration, including parishioners from various substations who gathered to honor and receive blessings from the Blessed Virgin Mary. At the conclusion of the Mass, all were served evening tiffin, bringing the day to a joyful and meaningful close.

PILGRIMAGE OF KUMBAKONAM GLM

KUMBAKONAM: On 27th September, the parish GLM members of Kumbakonam went on a pilgrimage to St. Antony's Shrine, Melnariappanur, as part of the Jubilee Year, seeking the plenary indulgence from St. Antony. They were accompanied by Fr. A. Bernandas, Parish Priest, and Sr. Scholastic, Superior of DSMP. The GLM members spent the day in prayer, participated in Holy Mass, sought God's forgiveness, and received special blessings during this Jubilee Year. The pilgrimage was carefully organized by the parish priest and community members, making it a meaningful and spiritually enriching day for all participants.

BIBLE SUNDAY CELEBRATION



KUMBAKONAM: On 28th September, Our Lady of Divine Providence Church celebrated Bible Sunday, with the liturgy animated by the Legion of Mary. They prepared and conducted the liturgical program in a well-organized manner, including placards featuring biblical quotations that highlighted the richness of Scripture. During the celebration, participants actively engaged in a Bible quiz, answering questions and receiving prizes for their correct responses. The interactive format encouraged everyone to participate enthusiastically, fostering a deeper appreciation for the Word of God. Overall, the celebration inspired the faithful to read the Bible regularly and live according to its teachings, making it a spiritually enriching and motivating event for all.

A CELEBRATION OF COMMUNITY



BANGALORE: GPN community joyfully celebrated the Feast of Our Lady of Good Health with deep devotion and gratitude. The solemn Eucharistic celebration, enriched with prayer and hymns, united the community, in honoring Our Lady and seeking her maternal intercession for health and well-being. It was a moment of faith and togetherness, reminding everyone of the strength that flows from trust in God's providence and Mary's loving care. The festive spirit was marked by active participation, heartfelt prayers, and expressions of gratitude to Our Lady. Truly, the feast renewed the community's commitment to live in faith, wellness, and unity.

MARTIAL ARTS TRAINING FOR ELDERS

BANGALORE: A unique and innovative, initiative, martial arts training was offered to elders of the GPN community. The program was designed to help seniors to improve their health, flexibility, and confidence while



promoting an active lifestyle. The sessions were conducted by experienced instructors. These sessions proved highly beneficial in helping the participants maintain and improve their physical health, promoting overall wellness and mobility among the elderly.

TEACHERS' DAY CELEBRATION

BANGALORE: The GPN Evening School celebrated Teachers' Day with gratitude and admiration for its dedicated educators. Each teacher was honored with a gift, and students showcased their talents through songs, dances, and skits, expressing heartfelt appreciation. The celebration highlighted the important role of teachers in shaping young minds and strengthened the bond of respect, gratitude, and unity within the GPN community. The event also offered a joyful opportunity for students and teachers to come together, share memorable moments, and celebrate the spirit of learning.



SENIORS SHINE ON SENIOR CITIZENS' DAY

BANGALORE: The elders of Don Guanella Home for the Aged recently participated in the vibrant Senior Citizens' Day celebration organized by the Directorate of Senior Citizens Welfare. The event was a lively and



heartwarming showcase of their talents, featuring music, dance, drama, and storytelling that captivated the audience and highlighted the creativity, enthusiasm, and energy of our seniors.

The celebration provided an excellent opportunity for our elders to connect with peers, share their experiences, and feel recognized and appreciated. It was also a moment to celebrate their spirit, resilience, and zest for life, reminding everyone of the valuable role seniors play in society. The Directorate's efforts to promote senior citizens' welfare and engagement are truly commendable, offering platforms that foster a sense of belonging, purpose, and joy among older adults. Our seniors' energetic performances were a testament to their talent, dedication, and the vibrant community at Don Guanella Home for the Aged.

VALUES ADDED CLASS

CUDDALORE, SJS: St. Josephs' seminary brothers recently participated in a four-day personality development and counselling program led by Fr. David. The sessions provided a supportive space for self-reflection, personal growth, and meaningful dialogue. Through these sessions, the brothers explored their thoughts, emotions, and behaviours,



gaining valuable insights into themselves. Key benefits included enhanced self-awareness, improved emotional intelligence, better communication skills, increased self-confidence, and clarity on personal values and goals. The program also encouraged sharing experiences and learning from one another in a safe and constructive environment. Fr. David's guidance helped the brothers navigate their thoughts and emotions effectively.

JUBILEE INDULGENCE PILGRIMAGE



BANGALORE: On September 27, 2025, the Guanellian Family in Bangalore joyfully undertook a Jubilee Indulgence Pilgrimage, a grace-filled opportunity to draw closer to Jesus, humbly seek His mercy, and journey together as witnesses of hope and reconciliation. Guided by our Founder's vision of communal pilgrimage, the event brought together Fathers, Brothers, Sisters, Cooperators, GLM members, GYM, the Pious Union, and our beloved children for a moving Eucharistic Celebration at Infant Jesus Church. Following the solemn Mass, participants united in prayer through the Rosary and the Litany of Infant Jesus, filling the shrine with a spirit of Guanellian unity. The spiritual journey continued at the Infant Jesus Children's Home in Narayanapura, where the group joyfully shared a meal and meaningful moments with the children, extending love and care to them. To complete this sacred endeavor, all participants will receive the Sacrament of Confession within eight days. This blessed pilgrimage was organized by GPN Bangalore, under the guidance of Superior Fr. Kulandai and the Council (GC & GLM), marking a memorable day of faith, fellowship, and service.

REMEMBERING FRIENDS

CHELSEA: On 31st July, the Social Services Department of St. Louis Center organized a memorial service to honor the lives of Linda and

Susannah, two residents who had recently passed away. Family, friends, residents, staff, and priests gathered in the St. Louis Center chapel to pray the Rosary and reflect on cherished memories. Following the prayer service, attendees moved to the gym for a slideshow tribute celebrating their lives. A grief support worker from Arbor Hospice provided guidance and support, helping those grieving navigate their emotions. The event offered a meaningful opportunity for the community to come together, remember their friends, and find comfort in shared remembrance.

GARDEN CARE



CHELSEA: Residents at Chelsea have enjoyed a hands on summer in the raised bed gardens, growing a variety of flowers, vegetables, and fruits including sunflowers, strawberries, and tomatoes. During the week of 7th August, Carlie Hartwick, Assistant Program Director, assisted residents in planting fall flowers and creating decorative garden signs, adding a splash of color and personalization to the garden boxes. This activity not only beautified the campus but also encouraged responsibility, creativity, and joy, allowing residents to take pride in their work and enjoy the rewards of nurturing nature.

HONORING STAFF

CHELSEA: On 15th August, Robin Smith, Training Coordinator and Supervisor at St. Louis Center, was awarded the 2025 Will Johnson Scholarship. Will Johnson personally presented the award, sharing a lunch with Robin, her daughter Abrianna, and the priests, taking time to learn about her achievements. Robin is currently a sophomore at Jackson



College and plans to transfer to EMU to pursue a Bachelor of Social Work, with the ultimate goal of earning a Master's degree. Her dedication to professional growth and commitment to serving others is a shining example for the entire community.

GOLFING FOR A CAUSE



CHELSEA: The Memorial Golf Outing on 16th August, chaired by Joe Yekulis, brought together supporters for a day of sport and philanthropy. Twenty-eight foursomes participated, honoring the memory of Paul Frisinger, a longtime supporter of the Center. The event successfully combined recreation, fellowship, and fundraising, helping to support the ongoing programs and services at St. Louis Center.

CHELSEA FAIR-GOERS

CHELSEA: On 20th August, staff escorted residents to the Chelsea Fair, a beloved community event. Residents enjoyed rides, games, and entertainment, including the tractor pulls, and indulged in classic summer



treats like ice cream. The outing provided an opportunity for residents to experience community festivities, socialize, and create joyful summer memories.

STAFFER RETIRES

CHELSEA: Randy Seitz, a dedicated caregiver, retired on 27th August after a remarkable career in direct care. Since 2019, Randy brought expertise, warmth, mentorship, and guidance to individuals with intellectual and developmental disabilities. Even as he transitioned to part-time work in June 2024, his impact on staff and residents remained profound. Randy's mentorship, professionalism, and unwavering dedication have left a lasting legacy at Chelsea, and his retirement marked the end of a significant chapter in the Center's history.



FOSTERING FRIENDSHIPS

CHELSEA: The development office continues to strengthen relationships with supporting organizations. On 9th September, a



representative from the Michigan Health Endowment Fund visited to see the impact of their contributions, particularly in the nursing department. Later, on 14th September, the Weingartz family toured the campus, celebrating the improvements enabled by their generous and ongoing support. These visits highlight the importance of community partnerships in enhancing the quality of care and programs at the Center.

RETREAT FOR GIRLS

CHELSEA: The Little Daughters of St. Joseph Girls' Retreat took place on 13th September at the Grass Lake Pastoral Center. School-aged girls explored the life of Mother Teresa, created refrigerator magnets featuring her inspirational quotes, attended Mass, and enjoyed a pizza lunch together. The retreat provided spiritual enrichment, hands-on creativity, and fellowship, fostering a sense of community and inspiration among the young participants.





FALL HARVEST CELEBRATION

CHELSEA: On 14th September, nearly 200 guests attended the Fall Harvest Celebration, organized by volunteers from the Italian American Club of Livonia. Mass was celebrated in the lower level before the luncheon, with priests and staff bringing eight residents to enjoy the festivities. The event served as both a fundraiser and a celebration, supporting the programs of St. Louis Center while offering residents an opportunity to experience community engagement and hospitality.

ROSARY WALK DEDICATION



GRASS LAKE: The newly completed Holy Rosary Walk at Grass Lake was blessed and dedicated on 15th September by Bishop Boyea. Approximately 400 attendees participated in the outdoor Mass, seated under tents, and witnessed the dedication of the statues. The Knights of

Columbus 4th Degree Honor Guard stood at each mystery, while Bishop Boyea sprinkled holy water on all statues. The day concluded with dinner and ice cream, celebrating the devotion and hard work that went into creating this serene spiritual space.

FRIENDS, FOOTBALL, FOOD, AND FUNDRAISING



CHELSEA: On 18th September, Sonny Randazzo hosted the annual Men's Social at one of the family's Fresh Food Markets. Over 100 men gathered under a tent to enjoy food, fellowship, and Thursday night football, while also helping raise operating funds for St. Louis Center. This event continues a tradition of community engagement, camaraderie, and charitable support.

PILGRIMS FLOCK TO THE SHRINE

CHELSEA: Several groups, including two Chaldean groups and pilgrims from St. Michael Church, Hicksville, Ohio, visited the Grass Lake Shrine in September. They attended Mass, lit candles, and experienced the calm and prayerful atmosphere of the grounds, enjoying a day of spiritual reflection and devotion.



ENJOYING A RIVER CRUISE



CHELSEA: On 21st September, the International Order of Alhambra chartered a boat on the Detroit River, providing a day of fun, friendship, and recreation for individuals with IDD. Fifteen residents from St. Louis Center joined staff members and family, enjoying pizza, music, dancing, and fellowship, creating joyful memories on the water.

REJUVENATION DAY

CHELSEA: On 25th September, staff at St. Louis Center were treated to a day of relaxation, meals, and fellowship. Personal development sessions included training in American Sign Language, mental health awareness, and dementia care for individuals with IDD. Volunteers from the Family Association helped serve breakfast and lunch, while team-building activities with prizes provided both fun and learning opportunities. The day reinforced staff well-being, camaraderie, and professional growth.



BIRTHDAYS

05-FR. A. MARIA AROKIADOSS

06-FR. C. JOHN PAUL BRITTO

07-FR. P. VISUWASAM

08-FR. A. SATHEESH CANITON

10-FR. J. JAMES STANLEY BABU

11-FR. S. ANTONY LOURDURAJ

17-FR. R. ANTONY XAVIOUR

19-FR. S. AROCKIANATHAN

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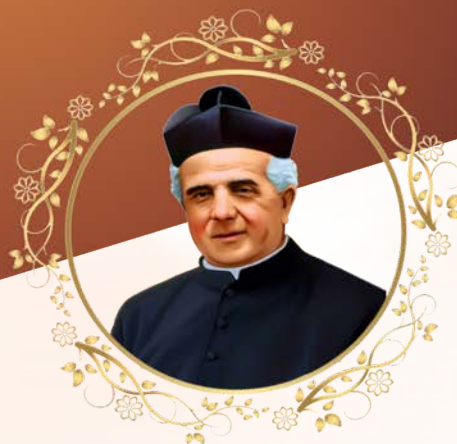
27-FR. S. ARUL

29-FR. T. ANANDHAN



Happy Feast Day

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The fountain of holy love is in Jesus Christ and
we have Jesus with us in the Most Holy Sacrament of the Alter.
From that throne of love, how often He enlightens the minds of His children,
and how many again find their peace of heart.