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Dear Confreres in Christ,

Pease and joy in the Lord! The month of September is a truly grace-filled time for our Guanellian Family. We rejoice in the Nativity of the Blessed Mother, our model of faith, humility, and loving surrender to God's will. Soon after, we are drawn into the mystery of salvation through the Exaltation of the Holy Cross, which reminds us that suffering, when embraced with Christ, becomes the source of redemption and renewal. ***"The cross is the way to paradise, but only when it is borne willingly."***
St. John Vianney

In these days, we also gratefully recall the spiritual legacy of Fr. Armando Budino, our 5th Superior General, a man of profound faith, simplicity, and fidelity to the Charism of our Founder. His memory invites us to live our vocation with the same zeal and generosity.

Beloved confreres, the life and spiritual testament of Don Armando remind us that earthly existence is brief, like a passing breath, yet holds eternal value when rooted in God. His vocation, nourished by a deep love for Christ, the Eucharist, the Church, and the Blessed Virgin Mary, was marked by sacrifice, joy, and faithful service to the Congregation and the poor. With unwavering conviction, he taught us optimism and serenity, encouraging us to spread peace where there is conflict, and to hasten in doing good, for



sufferings pass but the good accomplished endures forever. In his final words, he asked that his passing be marked not with mourning but with joy, urging us to remain faithful, to pray for one another, and to witness to God's justice and mercy. His last invitation echoes in our hearts: "Celebrate, rejoice! Glory to the Trinity and salvation to all."

Our Congregation has been further blessed by the "Scuola Sul Chrisma", the Charism Formation gathering of the Guanellian Family in Rome, from 1st to 21st September 2025, and a sign of our shared identity and mission. This moment of deepening formation renews our commitment to walk together fostering communion and missionary creativity in fidelity to the 21st General Chapter. At the same time, the meeting of the Provincials and the Delegates of the Servants of Charity in Rome strengthens the bonds of fraternity across the world ensuring that the richness of our Charism continues to bear fruit for the Church and the poor.

Truly, this month reminds us that the Spirit is at work in our Province and in the whole Congregation. Let us, therefore, be renewed in our passion for Christ and for the poor finding strength in the Cross and inspiration in the maternal presence of Mary. May the intercession of our Founder, St. Louis Guanella, accompany us in our mission of charity. With gratitude for your fraternal dedication, I assure you of my prayers and closeness. Let us continue to walk together, guided by Divine Providence, for the glory of God and the good of our brothers and sisters.

FR. GNANARAJ SDC

Provincial Superior

PROVINCIAL CALLENDER

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"The cross is the suffering love of God bearing the guilt of man's sin, which alone is able to melt the sinner's heart and bring him to repentance for salvation."



A JOYOUS DAY OF PRIESTLY ORDINATION

On August 22, 2025, the Divine Providence Province was filled with joy, prayer, and thanksgiving as five of our deacons of the Servants of Charity were ordained to the sacred priesthood.

Fr. A. Antonysamay SdC

Fr. M. Jayaseelan SdC

Fr. M. John Peter SdC

Fr. R. Pandian SdC

Fr. Runa Nayak SdC

The solemn ceremony began at 10:00 am with a spirit of reverence and devotion. The deacons were ordained by Most Rev. George Antony Samy, in the gracious presence of Rev. Fr. Soosai Rathinam SdC, Vice General, Rev. Fr. Gnanaraj SdC, Provincial, and several other confreres and surrounded by their families, friends, benefactors, GC, GLM, and the faithful. The deacons offered themselves fully to the service of God and His people. The rite of ordination, marked by the laying on of hands and the prayer of consecration, was a profound moment of grace for the entire community. The ordination was not only a blessing for the Servants of Charity but also for the entire Church. Following the Eucharistic celebration, expressions of gratitude were offered to all those who journeyed with the newly ordained in their formation. The day concluded with fellowship, joy, and renewed dedication to the mission of charity.



As these five young priests begin their ministry, let us accompany them with our prayers, asking God to strengthen them with zeal, humility, and compassion so that they may remain faithful shepherds in the Lord's vineyard.

GUANELLIANS IN SRI LANKA

With hearts overflowing in gratitude to Divine Providence, the Servants of Charity give praise and glory to God for the grace filled and historical beginning of a new mission presence in Kilinochchi, Sri Lanka. This memorable foundation, inaugurated on the Solemnity of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary, stands as a testament to God's loving designs that call us, like Mary, to **“Go forth in Haste”** and bring Christ to the most forgotten and abandoned of His children.

Following the footsteps of our holy Founder, St. Louis Guanella, who reminded us that “The whole world is our homeland,” this mission marks an expansion of the borders of charity, inspired by the vision of the 21st General Chapter. The Servants of Charity are now sent to sow seeds of hope, mercy, and fraternity in a land that still carries wounds of displacement, abandonment, and silent suffering. The celebration was graced by the presence of Monsignor Rev. Fr. Jebarathinam, Vicar General of the Diocese of Jaffna, Rev. Fr. Soosairathinam SdC, Vice General, Rev. Fr. Gnanaraj SdC Provincial, Rev. Fr. Amal Raj SdC, Vice Provincial, and along with many religious brothers, sisters, and the faithful parishioners of Kilinochchi. A special word of heartfelt gratitude goes to the Montfort Brothers, whose steadfast support and fraternal accompaniment have been a tangible sign of God's providential care and the unity of consecrated life in the service of the poor. We joyfully commend to the Heart of God our confreres Fr. John Paul, Fr. David, and Fr. Philominraj, entrusting their missionary zeal to the maternal intercession of our Blessed Mother and the unfailing guidance of

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St. Louis Guanella. May this new mission presence of the Servants of Charity in Sri Lanka stand as a prophetic sign of a Church that journeys to the peripheries, so that no one may be left behind in the embrace of God's infinite love.

INAUGURATION OF TRINITY HOSPICE



On August 13, 2025, the Servants of Charity celebrated the official inauguration of Trinity Hospice in Marungulam, in the Diocese of Thanjavur, Tamil Nadu, India. This new institution was made possible entirely through the generous support of two local benefactors, Mr. Martin and Ms. Philomena, whose presence at the event was warmly acknowledged with gratitude.

The celebration began with the Holy Mass presided over by His Excellency Monsignor T. Sagayaraj, Bishop of Thanjavur, in the presence of Rev. Fr. Soosai Rathinam SdC, Vicar General, Rev. Fr. Gnanaraj SdC, Provincial of the Divine Providence Province, numerous confreres, GC, GLM and many lay faithful who joined in thanksgiving and prayer.

Trinity Hospice has been established to serve the dying and indigent, bearing witness to the compassion of Christ and the charism of St. Louis Guanella. It stands as a sign of hope that this mission will make





Christ's charity fruitful and contribute “to developing the nature and purposes of the Congregation” (Const. 108).

We entrust this new work of charity to the loving intercession of our holy Founder, St. Louis Guanella, and invoke the Lord's blessing that this house may remain a living witness to the Gospel. May it help build, in the words of Pope Leo XIV, “a synodal Church, a Church that journeys, a Church that always seeks peace, that always seeks charity, and that always seeks to be close, especially to those who suffer.” The Servants of Charity express heartfelt thanks to Mr. Martin and Ms. Philomena, whose generosity and support made the dream of Trinity Hospice a reality. Their faith-filled commitment is a true sign of Divine Providence at work in our mission. We express our gratitude to Rev. Fr. Visuvasam SdC, Rev. Fr. Adaikalam SdC, and Rev. Fr. Stalin SdC, who have been entrusted with the sacred mission of spreading the love of charity. Through their dedication, guidance, and pastoral zeal, the mission continues to flourish, touching lives with compassion and bringing hope to many.

SUPERIORS' MEET 2025

The Superiors and Residence In-Charges of the 13 communities of the Divine Providence Province gathered at Don Guanella Major Seminary, Chennai, from 20th to 21st August 2025 for a fruitful two day meeting. The event was organised in the presence of Rev. Fr. Vicar General, Rev. Fr. Provincial Superior, confreres, and representatives from across the Province.

The gathering began in prayerful joy with a song and dance by the Franciscan Sisters of St. Joseph, followed by the traditional lighting of the

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lamp. The Vice Provincial welcomed all and served as the presenter of the sessions.

Charismatic Leadership and Governance

In his keynote address, Rev. Fr. Vicar General spoke on "The Charismatic Foundations of the Spirituality of the Guanellian Superior," highlighting the Superior as a father, builder of family spirit, seeker of God's will, and a guide who leads with humility and mercy. He further invited the superiors to live faithfully the mandates of the 21st General Chapter and the 6th Provincial Chapter, reminding them that we are called to be "faithful and creative in the charism, co-responsible in the mission."

Reflections from the Provincial Superior

On the second day, Rev. Fr. Provincial Superior shared his reflections on "Reflections and Inspirations from the 21st General chapter and the 6th Provincial Chapter: Shaping Our Common Path toward the Province Project." He emphasized consecrated life as a self-gift to God, Authentic fraternal living, Vocation promotion, charism-centered formation, transparent governance, and financial sustainability.

Community projects were also presented by the superiors, encouraging accountability and collaboration. Important reminders were given



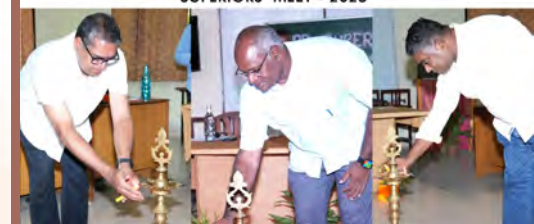
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regarding the role of superiors in promoting vocations, ensuring presence in communities, supporting younger confreres, financial prudence, and proper documentation.

A Spirit of Communion

The meeting concluded with words of thanks from the Vice Provincial. Participants left renewed in their commitment to live the Guanellian charism with zeal, creativity, and fidelity, ready to strengthen their communities and mission.

VISITE TO KUNNAMALAI

In a spirit of fraternal support, Rev. Fr. Soosai Rathinam, Vicar General, and Rev. Fr. Gnanaraj, Provincial of the Divine Providence Province, visited the new mission station at Kunnamalai and shared their reflections on the pastoral and social challenges of the region. They offered words of encouragement and guidance to Rev. Fr. George Vinsula, SdC, who has been entrusted as the newly appointed Parish Priest of Kunnamalai. Their visit emphasized the importance of embracing this mission with zeal, dedication, and complete trust in God's plan. As our holy Founder, St. Louis



Guanella, often reminded us, “The whole world is our homeland.” This new mission station now becomes a fertile ground where the seeds of faith, charity, and fraternity can take root and bear fruit. The faithful of Kunnamalai received this moment with deep gratitude and hope, recognizing in the presence of the Servants of Charity a visible sign of God's closeness and love. With prayerful hearts, we entrust this mission to the intercession of our holy Founder and the maternal protection of the Blessed Virgin Mary, so that the parish may continue to grow as a vibrant community of faith, service, and charity.

INAUGURATION OF THE NEW DINING HALL



MADURAI: On August 11, 2025, the community of Soosaithottam, Madurai, gathered with joy and gratitude for the inauguration of the new Dining Hall, a providential gift that will serve as a center of fraternity and communion for years to come. The event was graced by the presence of Rev. Fr. Soosai Rathinam, SdC, Vicar General, Rev. Fr. Gnanaraj, SdC, Provincial, and Rev. Fr. Amalraj, SdC, Vice Provincial, together with Fr. S. A. Lourdhuraj, SdC, Community Superior, and Rev. Fr. Kumar, Administrator. Confreres, benefactors, and friends of the mission were also present in large numbers.

The celebration began with a solemn blessing of the new hall by Rev. Fr. Soosai Rathinam SdC, invoking God's grace upon all who gathered and Rev. Fr. Gnanaraj SdC inaugurated the hall for the community. A lively cultural program was then presented by the residents and children, adding joy and festivity to the occasion. In a heartfelt gesture of gratitude, Fr. S. A. Lourdhuraj personally thanked all the sponsors and benefactors whose

generosity made the construction of the dining hall possible. The event concluded with a shared festive meal, reminding everyone of the hall's true purpose—bringing people together in unity, joy, and fellowship.

The inauguration was not only a structural achievement but also a sign of God's providence and the living spirit of St. Louis Guanella, who always encouraged works that promote fraternity and charity. The community now looks forward to this hall serving as a daily reminder of God's blessings and the power of shared life.

ELECTION OF THE NEW COUNCIL



BANGALORE, GC: The term of the outgoing Council of Cooperators came to a close on 9th August 2025. With deep gratitude, we acknowledged their faithful service and support: Mr. Hubert (President), Mrs. Stelle (Secretary), and Mr. Xavier (Treasurer). Their commitment and dedication have been a source of inspiration and strength for the community.

The day began with a solemn moment of prayer before the Blessed Sacrament, invoking the guidance of the Holy Spirit for the important task ahead. The election was presided over by Fr. Kulandai, Delegate for Cooperators, together with Mr. Domnic, member of the World Council of Guanellian Cooperators. Out of 22 members, 19 actively participated in this significant event, reflecting their sense of responsibility and unity.

We are delighted to welcome the newly elected Council:

Mr. Hubert Praveen – President

Ms. Stella John – Secretary

Mr. Daniel Deepak – Treasurer

The installation of the new Council took place during the Holy Mass, celebrated by Fr. Soosai Rathinam (General Counsellor), Fr. Gnanraj (Provincial Superior), and his Council. The liturgical celebration added grace and solemnity to this moment of transition, reminding all of the divine guidance that accompanies their mission. On 22nd August 2025, the newly elected Council gathered for their first official meeting with Fr. Gnanraj, Provincial Superior, in Chennai. During the session, they presented their plan of action and engaged in dialogue to better understand the expectations of the Congregation. This initial step marked the beginning of a renewed journey of collaboration, service, and commitment to the Guanellian mission.

PARTICIPATION IN ORDINATION & FIRST MASSES



BANGALORE, GC: The Ordination of our deacons on 2nd August 2025 was truly a family celebration, filled with joy, prayer, and thanksgiving. The Guanellian Cooperators from Bangalore actively took part in this sacred occasion at Chennai, witnessing with devotion the grace-filled moment of priestly ordination.

Continuing their cherished tradition, the members lovingly contributed and adorned the altar with flowers, making the celebration more meaningful and beautiful. Their presence and support were a heartfelt expression of faith and gratitude to God for the gift of new priests to the Church and to our Congregation. In the same spirit of unity and communion, several Cooperators also joined the First Masses of the newly ordained priests. By their participation, they shared in the joy of their priestly beginnings and assured them of their prayers, encouragement, and

fraternal support as they embark on this sacred mission of service. The involvement of the Cooperators in both the Ordination and the First Masses highlighted their deep bond with the Guanellian family, bearing witness to their commitment to walk together in faith and charity.

INDEPENDENCE DAY CELEBRATION



CUDDALORE: On 15th August, our parish came together in a spirit of unity and patriotism to joyfully celebrate Independence Day. The day began with a solemn Holy Mass celebrated by Fr. James, who also delivered a meaningful homily reflecting on the values of freedom, sacrifice, and national pride. He reminded us, “We, the people of India, celebrate and honour the achievements of our nation, pay tribute to those who sacrificed their lives for our country, and remember the rich history of India's freedom struggle. A thousand salutes to this great nation of ours. May it become even more prosperous and great. Let us remember the golden heritage of our country and feel proud to be a part of India.”

Following the Mass, Fr. James hoisted the national flag, as the congregation joined in singing the national anthem with reverence and enthusiasm. The Independence Day message was then delivered by Mr. Johnson James, who spoke passionately about the significance of the occasion. The celebration was thoughtfully organized by Mr. Bosco, ensuring that everything went smoothly. The event concluded on a joyful note with the distribution of sweets to all participants, marking the end of a memorable and meaningful celebration.

PILGRIMAGE TO ST. ANNE'S CHURCH

CUDDALORE: On 9th August, members of the Legion of Mary from Sagayamatha Parish, Cuddalore, undertook a spiritual pilgrimage to St.



Anne's Church, Korukumedu, Pondicherry. The pilgrimage began at 9:00 AM, and the group reached the church by 10:00 AM. As an expression of gratitude, a traditional pongal offering was made in front of the church, symbolizing thanksgiving for the blessings received. The pilgrims then gathered in prayer, reciting the Holy Rosary and lifting up various intentions for the Church, families, the sick, and the nation. This time of intercession prepared the hearts of all for the Holy Mass, celebrated by Rev. Fr. Vincent, Parish Priest of Sagayamatha Church. In his thoughtful homily, he encouraged the faithful to remain rooted in prayer and to place their trust in God through all seasons of life.

The day concluded with a fellowship meal, joyfully shared among all participants. This simple yet meaningful time together strengthened the spirit of community, deepened bonds of friendship, and enriched the pilgrims' shared journey of faith. The pilgrimage was a grace-filled experience, leaving hearts renewed and spirits uplifted.

79TH INDEPENDENCE DAY CELEBRATION

KOPPAKKA: Independence Day marks the dawn of a new era for every Indian, a life free from bondage and oppression. It is a day of immense



national pride, celebrated across the country with great enthusiasm and patriotic fervor.

In the same spirit, on 15th August, Koppakka community came together to honour the 79th Independence Day. The celebration began with the hoisting of the national flag, as we collectively expressed our deep reverence for the sacrifices made by our freedom fighters. Fr. Jose and Bro. Sundaram, a second-year degree student, addressed the gathering with a brief yet meaningful speech, reflecting on the significance of the day. This was followed by the solemn recitation of the National Pledge and the singing of the National Anthem, uniting everyone in a moment of patriotic pride. The celebration concluded on a joyful note with the distribution of sweets, bringing the event to a sweet and memorable close.

HELPING HANDS AND LIFTING HEARTS

KOPPAKKA: On 14th August, the members of GLM gathered in Jaganathapuram to assist 14 deserving individuals. This charitable service takes place monthly and reflects their ongoing commitment to compassion and community support. Each month, around 35 beneficiaries receive aid through the generous contributions of the local people of Eluru. The GLM members consistently dedicate themselves to serving those in need with humility and love and they consider this mission a part of their synodal journey, walking together in faith and service.

They acknowledge that it is through the Providence of God that they are united and empowered to do good works in His name. They pray that God may continue to bless the hands that give, the hearts that serve, and all who support their mission of love.



SPORTS COMPETITIONS



CHENNAI DGSS: On 5th August, Don Guanella Special School hosted its annual sports competitions, a day eagerly anticipated by all the children. The event was inaugurated by Superior Rev. Fr. Periyamayakam, Director Fr. Arputharaj, and Vice Rector Fr. Yesu Babu, who offered encouraging and inspiring words to motivate the students to give their best.

A total of 21 different sports events were organized to accommodate the varied abilities and class levels of the children. From simple races to fun-filled team activities, each event aimed to foster not only physical fitness but also teamwork, confidence, and a spirit of healthy competition. The entire school community was filled with excitement and enthusiasm as students actively participated, cheered for one another, and celebrated each other's efforts. Teachers and staff also played an important role, providing support and encouragement throughout the day. The event concluded successfully, leaving everyone with cherished memories and a renewed spirit of unity.

CELEBRATED RED DAY



CHENNAI DGSS: On 8th August, the primary school children celebrated Red Day with great enthusiasm. On this special occasion, teachers and students alike came dressed in vibrant red, creating a lively and colorful atmosphere throughout the school.

The day's activities focused on the importance of red-colored fruits and vegetables, emphasizing their role in promoting growth and maintaining good health. Through engaging lessons and fun activities, the children learned about the nutritional benefits of foods like tomatoes, strawberries, and red peppers, making the celebration both educational and enjoyable. Red Day was a wonderful opportunity to combine learning with fun, fostering healthy eating habits among the young learners.

INDEPENDENCE DAY CELEBRATION



CHENNAI DGSS: The 79th Independence Day of India was celebrated in our school with immense pride and joy. The occasion began with the priests and brothers, joined by the children, proudly hoisting the national flag, honoring our great nation and its hard-won freedom.

Adding vibrancy and energy to the celebration, the children showcased their talents through impressive marching band drills, captivating everyone with their coordination and enthusiasm. The event was a beautiful reminder of our country's rich heritage and the spirit of unity that binds us all. The celebration left everyone inspired to continue cherishing and upholding the values of freedom and patriotism.

POOVAI SOCIAL SERVICE ASSOCIATION

CHENNAI DGSS: The Poovai Social Service Association grandly



celebrated its 39th anniversary. This milestone brought together members of the congregation, community supporters, and well-wishers to honor nearly four decades of dedicated social service and community upliftment.

In keeping with the association's rich tradition, the congregation showcased its diverse talents through a vibrant cultural program. Their performances, ranging from devotional songs to traditional dances, captivated the audience and highlighted the artistic spirit within the community. This year's anniversary celebration coincided with the festive occasion of Sugandhara Day, adding an extra layer of significance to the event. Our beloved children were given a special platform to shine, performing an awareness drama that addressed important social themes, followed by a lively and energetic dance performance. Their dedication and heartfelt efforts not only entertained but also educated the audience, inspiring a strong sense of social responsibility and community pride. The event was a beautiful blend of faith, culture, and community spirit, serving as a powerful reminder of the association's enduring commitment to service, compassion, and unity.

As the celebration drew to a close, there was a shared sense of gratitude for the journey so far and renewed hope for the continued growth and impact of the Poovai Social Service Association in the years to come.

12TH ANNUAL SPORTS COMPETITION

CHENNAI DGSS: On 20th August, the 12th Annual Sports Competition was proudly held at Anbalaya Special School, Thiruvotriyur. This much-anticipated event brought together students, teachers, and parents in a joyful celebration of talent, dedication, and sportsmanship. In this program, 12 of our children participated enthusiastically across various events, showcasing their skills and determination. Their hard work and team spirit

were evident as they competed with great energy and focus. Most of our children earned prizes in different competitions, filling everyone with pride and joy. Their achievements not only highlight their individual talents but also the supportive environment fostered by the school to nurture their growth. The day was marked by excitement, encouragement, and camaraderie, making it a truly memorable occasion for the entire Anbalaya community.

VINAYAGAR CHATURTHI



CHENNAI DGSS: On the joyous occasion of Vinayagar Chaturthi, our children, under the careful guidance of their teachers, engaged in a creative and meaningful activity by crafting beautiful Ganesha idols class-wise.

This hands-on experience was more than just a celebration of the festival; it provided the children with valuable opportunities to develop their fine motor skills and enhance hand-eye coordination. Through this artistic expression, the students connected with the cultural significance of Vinayagar Chaturthi while nurturing their creativity and focus. The beautifully crafted idols reflected the children's enthusiasm and dedication, making the celebration both vibrant and educational.

HELPING HAND

CUDDALORE SJS: The Initiation Brothers embarked on a meaningful mission to Thanjore, dedicating their time and energy to assist in preparing the new Trinity Hospice for its upcoming opening ceremony. For an entire week, they worked tirelessly alongside the hospice team, taking on various tasks such as cleaning, organizing, sweeping floors, and arranging furniture.



This experience fostered a strong sense of teamwork and companionship among them, while also deepening their understanding of the profound value of selfless service. The Trinity hospice confreres expressed their sincere appreciation for the Brothers' generous and selfless contribution. The Initiation Brothers left Thanjore with hearts full of joy and a renewed sense of purpose, inspired to continue serving others with love and dedication.

DAY OUT FOR THE BROTHERS

CUDDALORE SJS: After a week of tireless preparation and hard work for the ordination celebration, the Initiation Brothers enjoyed a well-deserved and refreshing day out in Chennai. Their exciting itinerary took them to some of the city's most revered churches and shrines, including St. Thomas Mount, Little Mount, and Santhome Basilica. At each sacred site, the Brothers paused to pray, reflect, and admire the rich history and stunning architecture. These moments deepened their spiritual connection and offered inspiration drawn from the enduring faith and devotion surrounding them. The highlight of the day was a relaxing evening at Marina



Beach, where the Brothers unwound by watching a movie screened right on the shore. Filled with laughter, storytelling, and this joyful experience, cherished memories and strengthened their bonds of friendship.

SPORTIVE SPIRIT AMONG BROTHERS



CUDDALORE SJS: The volleyball tournament, held on 27th August in commemoration of the feast of St. Monica, was a thrilling and joy filled event that brought out the sporting spirit among the brothers. With four teams competing in a best-of-three format to secure a place in the finals, the atmosphere was charged with energy, excitement, and friendly rivalry.

The competition was fierce, but the surprise of the day came when the newly initiated brothers stunned everyone by defeating the seasoned seniors in the final round. The tournament not only showcased the brothers' athletic skills but also fostered a spirit of camaraderie, bonding, and mutual encouragement among them. To mark the joyous occasion, the winners were awarded a cash prize, making their hard-earned victory all the more memorable. The event was a true celebration of sport, brotherhood, and community life, reminding all that formation is not only about study and prayer but also about growing together in spirit and strength.

HOLISTIC MEDICAL CAMPS

BANGALORE: Guanella Preethi Nivas community recently hosted a series of holistic medical camps that renewed hope and improved health for its elderly residents. This innovative initiative offered a unique blend of traditional and modern healthcare, focusing not only on treatment but also



on long-term well-being. The comprehensive program featured Ayurvedic dietetic reversal, hemoglobin checks, and allopathic consultations to manage chronic conditions such as hypertension, diabetes, and joint pain. Additionally, residents underwent dermatological screenings for age-related skin concerns and advanced orthopedic examinations to address arthritis, mobility issues, and bone health.

Beyond immediate treatment, the camps placed strong emphasis on sustenance and lifestyle guidance, empowering residents with knowledge about nutrition, exercise, and preventive care. This holistic approach has already resulted in noticeable improvements in energy levels, mobility, and overall quality of life among the participants. The success of these medical camps sets a new benchmark for holistic elderly care and serves as an inspiring model for future health programs in the region.

A VISIT OF ENCOURAGEMENT AND INSPIRATION

SIVAGANGAI: On August 12, 2025, Rev. Fr. Amalraj SdC Vice Provincial (DPP) visited *St. Guanella Anbagam Special School and Home*, bringing with him a spirit of encouragement and warmth that filled the entire community with joy.

During his visit, Fr. Amalraj SdC spent quality time with the children, admiring their talents and appreciating their daily efforts to grow in confidence and happiness. His fatherly presence and kind words deeply inspired the children, awakening in them a renewed sense of hope and enthusiasm. He also met with the dedicated staff of the institution, taking time to personally recognize and appreciate their tireless service in educating and caring for the special children. His heartfelt message of



motivation uplifted the staff, strengthening their resolve to continue their mission with love, compassion, and dedication.

The visit concluded with expressions of sincere gratitude to Fr. Amalraj SdC for his valuable encouragement. His presence left behind a lasting spirit of joy, unity, and renewed commitment among both the children and the staff of *St. Guanella Anbagam*.

A JOYFUL EXPRESSION OF TALENTS

SIVAGANGAI : On 13th August 2025, under the guidance of the Third Generation Education Team, a drawing competition was organized for the children of *St. Guanella Anbagam Special School and Home*. The event turned into a delightful celebration of creativity and joy. The children participated wholeheartedly, using colours and drawings to express their unique imagination and hidden talents. Their works of art radiated creativity, cheerfulness, and innocence, bringing smiles to everyone present.



The competition not only nurtured artistic skills but also instilled confidence in the children, giving them the courage to express themselves freely. The day concluded with a sense of joy and fulfillment, reminding all of the importance of creating opportunities to discover and nurture the gifts present in every child.

CELEBRATING THE SPIRIT OF FREEDOM



SIVAGANGAI : On 15th August 2025, St. Guanella Anbagam Special School and Home celebrated Independence Day with pride and enthusiasm, honouring the spirit of freedom that unites the nation.

The occasion was graced by the presence of Mr. Vincent, Head of the Department of Economics, Chennai, who served as the Chief Guest. In his address, he shared motivating and inspiring words, encouraging all to live with hope, courage, and responsibility. The children marked the celebration with colourful dance performances and cultural displays, filling the atmosphere with joy, patriotism, and festivity. Their vibrant participation reflected not only their talents but also their pride in being part of this special day.

The celebration ended on a high note of unity and gratitude, as the entire community cherished the spirit of freedom, appreciating the invaluable presence and contributions of the special children of St. Guanella Anbagam.

78TH INDEPENDENCE DAY

THALAVADI: The 78th Independence Day was celebrated with great patriotic fervour at Nazareth Illam, bringing together community members, beneficiaries, and well-wishers in a spirit of unity and pride. The celebration



nation building. His words motivated the gathering to remain committed to the growth and harmony of our country.

The beneficiaries of *Nazareth Illam* then added colour and life to the celebration through patriotic songs, meaningful speeches, and cultural performances. Their active participation reflected their love for the nation and brought joy and inspiration to all present. The program concluded with a heartfelt vote of thanks by Fr. Arun Kumar, who expressed deep appreciation to the Chief Guest, the performers, and the community members for their contributions and active involvement.

FORMATION THROUGH CAMP EXPERIENCES

CHENNAI, DGMS: The journey of formation is a path of gradual growth, where every stage of experience shapes both the heart and mind for mission. The first-year philosophy brothers, during their youth animation camp in Melrosapuram, discovered the joy of walking with the young. Through games, activities, and moments of sharing, they learned valuable lessons in communication, creativity, and teamwork—skills that form the foundation of pastoral ministry.



The first year theology brothers, spending time in a village near Chengalpet, encountered the daily struggles, simplicity, and deep faith of the poor. Their experience taught them that theology is not only studied but also lived, becoming incarnate in the reality of the people they serve.

The third-year theology brothers, through their Basic Christian Community (BCC) immersion, discovered the vitality of small faith groups rooted in prayer, sharing, and communion. In these simple gatherings, they witnessed how the Gospel takes flesh in the lives of ordinary people. These formative experiences are far more than training; they are seeds of transformation, shaping hearts that are youthful in spirit, grounded in reality, and committed to building communion in Christ.

RETREAT AT ST. JOHN DE BRITTO CHURCH



SIVAKASI : A two-day retreat was held at *St. John de Britto Church, Vadapatti* on 16th and 17th August, drawing many faithful who came with a spirit of prayer and openness to God's Word. The retreat was animated by Fr. John Kennedy, together with Bro. Edward, a lay preacher from Palakkad, Kerala. With the central theme of repentance, the sessions offered the community a profound opportunity for spiritual renewal. Through inspiring talks, moments of reflection, and heartfelt prayer, the faithful were invited to return to God with sincerity and faith. The retreat proved to be enriching and transformative, helping families to strengthen their spiritual life, experience God's mercy, and receive abundant blessings. It was a true moment of grace for the entire parish community, fostering unity and a deeper commitment to Christian living.

INDEPENDENCE DAY CELEBRATION



SIVAKASI : The 79th Independence Day was celebrated with great pride and patriotic fervor at *Veeramamunivar High School*. The event was presided over by the Lions Club team, whose presence added dignity and joy to the occasion. The celebration began with the hoisting of the National Flag by the Chairman of the Lions Club, followed by the singing of the National Anthem, which filled the atmosphere with a deep sense of unity and reverence. In his address, the Chairman delivered an inspiring message, recalling the sacrifices of the freedom fighters and urging the students to uphold the values of freedom, unity, and responsibility in their daily lives. As a mark of gratitude, the Headmaster of the school honoured the Chairman and the Lions Club members with shawls, appreciating their continued support and encouragement. The program concluded with the distribution of water bottles and sweets to all the children, a thoughtful gesture that added joy to the celebration.

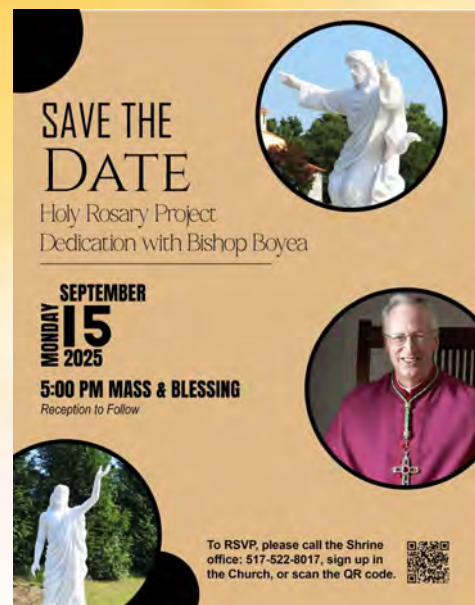
DEDICATION OF THE HOLY ROSARY WALK

GRASS LAKE: The Pious Union of St. Joseph in Grass Lake, MI is a unique Shrine dedicated to St. Joseph, patron of the suffering and dying. It is a place where the faithful gather to request Masses for their beloved deceased, receive the sacraments of reconciliation, anointing of the sick, funeral Masses, and pray for a peaceful death—all in a spirit that honors the dignity of every person.



The Shrine's newest spiritual endeavor is the Holy Rosary Walk, a remarkable project featuring life-sized marble statues representing the twenty Mysteries of the Rosary. Arranged in chronological order, the statues invite pilgrims to journey prayerfully through the life of Our Lord and His Blessed Mother. Each mystery is accompanied by audio reflections and prayers, making the experience deeply personal and spiritually enriching.

The Holy Rosary Walk holds great significance, fostering communal devotion and nurturing the spiritual growth of all who visit. The Shrine itself, designed in the shape of a womb, stands as a powerful symbol of our unwavering support for the pro-life cause. Through this visible expression of the Mysteries of the Rosary, the Shrine seeks to inspire future generations, especially children, to grow in faith, understanding, and devotion. We are blessed to announce that Bishop Earl Boyea, Bishop of the Diocese of Lansing, will dedicate and bless the Holy Rosary Walk on Monday, September 15. The evening will begin with Holy Mass at 5:00 p.m., celebrated by the bishop, followed by the dedication ceremony and dinner.



BIRTHDAYS

- 02-FR. X. JOHN JOSEPH
- 08-FR. A. KANIKKAI RAJ
FR. S. AMAL RAJ
FR. R. LAWRENCE THAMBUSAMY
- 14-FR. DAVID EDWARD STAWASZ
- 16- FR. T. DAVID ANBURAJ
- 18- FR. K. ANIL FRANCIS KUMAR
- 19-FR. K. MARIA PAUL
- 26-FR. M. ARUN DAVID
- 28-FR. X. LEO JOSEPH
- 29-FR. L. IRUDAYARAJ



**“We are often preoccupied with teaching doctrine ...
but we risk forgetting that our first task is to teach
what it means to know Jesus Christ.” - Pope Leo**