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Remembering Our Departed Loved Ones



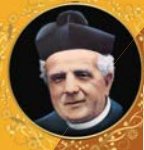
In the gentle embrace of November, we find solace in the sacred tradition of All Souls' Day. This cherished Catholic observance invites us to reflect on the profound significance of this day throughout this month, dedicated to the remembrance and prayers for the souls of our departed loved ones.

All Souls' Day, marked on November 2nd, is a solemn occasion to honor the memory of those who have completed their earthly journey. It encourages us to contemplate the transitory nature of life and the enduring promise of God's boundless mercy.

The Church is composed of the faithful living upon the earth and those who have gone before us. The latter includes the Saints in Heaven and the faithful Souls being purified in Purgatory. Just as on 1st November, we honor those who are with God, on 2nd November Catholics celebrate a Commemoration of All the Faithful Departed. Also known as All Souls Day, on this day we honor them for their fidelity in life, as well as pray for them, since they are being purified before entering the All Holy Presence of God, as Revelation 21:27 says of the Heavenly Jerusalem, "... nothing unclean shall enter in".

To understand the origins of All Souls' Day, we should probably start with All Saints' Day. During the Middle Ages, most Christian communities held a yearly feast to honor the Church's saints and martyrs who had died and gone to heaven. In time, this day came to be known as All Saints' Day, and the Catholic Church made it a holy day of obligation.

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Sometime in the 10th century, the Catholic priest St. Odilo of Cluny instituted All Souls' Day, a day to pray for the souls of deceased family members- ordinary men and women who had lived good lives and were waiting in purgatory until they were worthy to enter heaven.

All Souls' Day serves as a poignant reminder of our own mortality and the importance of living in accordance with our faith. It is a time to examine our lives, seek forgiveness, and renew our commitment to God. In conclusion, it is a day of profound significance in our faith. It is a day of remembrance, a day of prayer, a day of unity and a reminder to endure connection that transcends life and death.

We, in our communities, often remember those deceased confreres and cooperators, by reading from the Guanelian necrology. We also intentionally celebrate the Mass for the deceased and add frequent intercessions on their behalf. Let us continue to do the same in our communities and wherever we may be, remembering our deceased loved ones in prayer and giving thanks to God for so many who have loved us and influenced us to be better men and more meaningful signs to the young of God's love for them. "Eternal Rest grant unto them, O Lord! And, Let perpetual light shine upon them."

A gentle reminder to the regents to actively partake in the regents meet without fail to be held from November 19-21, 2024.

PROVINCIAL CALENDER

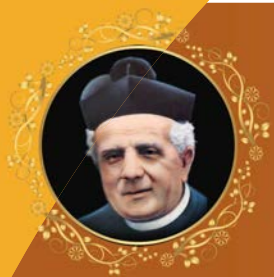
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| 07 | - | Marriage in Erukur |
| 08 | - | Meeting with the Chennai DGSS Confreres |
| 09 | - | Vocation Coordinators Meet |
| 10 | - | Mother of Divine Providence Feast with the DSMP in Chennai |
| 11 -12 | - | First Religious Profession of the DSMP Bangalore |
| 14- 15 | - | TNCRI Legal Cell Meeting |
| 16 -18 | - | Visit to Sivagangai Community |
| 19- 21 | - | Regents Meet in Chennai |
| 25 - 26 | - | Classes in DGMS Chennai |

FR. RONALD. J SDC

Provincial Superior

*"Let us not hesitate to help those who have died
and to offer our prayers for them."*

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THE PRESENCE AND ACTION OF THE HOLY SPIRIT

Dear brothers and sisters,

Today we will continue our reflection on the presence and action of the Holy Spirit in the life of the Church through the Sacraments. The sanctifying action of the Holy Spirit reaches us primarily through two channels: the Word of God and the Sacraments. And among all the Sacraments, there is one that is quintessentially the Sacrament of the Holy Spirit, and it is on this that I would like to focus today. It is the Sacrament of Confirmation.

In the New Testament, beyond baptism with water, another rite is mentioned, that of the imposition of hands, which has the purpose of communicating the Holy Spirit visibly and in a charismatic way, with effects analogous to those produced by the Apostles at Pentecost. The Acts of the Apostles refer to a significant episode in this regard. Having heard that some in Samaria had received the word of God, they sent Peter and John there from Jerusalem. They “went down and prayed for them, that they might receive the Holy Spirit, for it had not yet fallen upon any of them; they had only been baptized in the name of the Lord Jesus. Then they laid hands on them and they received the Holy Spirit” (8:14-17).

Added to this is what Saint Paul writes in the Second Letter to the Corinthians: “The one who gives us security with you in Christ and who anointed us is God; He has also put His seal upon us and given the Spirit in our hearts as a first instalment” (1:21-22). The guarantee of the Spirit. The theme of the Holy Spirit as a “royal seal” with which Christ marks his sheep is at the basis of the doctrine of the “indelible character” conferred by this rite.

With the passing of time, the rite of anointing took shape as a Sacrament in itself, assuming diverse forms and content in the various

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ages and different rites of the Church. This is not the place to retrace this very complex history. What the Sacrament of Confirmation is in the understanding of the Church seems to me to be described in a very simple and clear way by the Catechism of adults of the Italian Episcopal Conference. It says: "Confirmation is for all the faithful what Pentecost was for the entire Church. ... It reinforces the baptismal incorporation into Christ and the Church and the consecration to the prophetic, royal and priestly mission. It communicates the abundance of the gifts of the Spirit. ... If, therefore, Baptism is the Sacrament of birth, Confirmation is the Sacrament of growth. For this very reason it is also the Sacrament of witness, because this is closely linked to the maturity of Christian existence". [1] The Catechism up to this point.

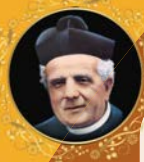
The problem is how to ensure that the Sacrament of Confirmation is not reduced, in practice, to "last rites", that is the Sacrament of "departure" from the Church. It is said that it is the farewell Sacrament, because once young people do it they go away and then return for marriage. This is what people say... but we must ensure that it is rather the Sacrament of participation, of active participation in the life of the Church. It is a milestone that can seem impossible, given the current situation throughout the Church, but this does not mean that we should stop pursuing it. It will not be so for all Confirmands, children or adults, but it is important that it is at least for some who will then go on to be the animators of the community.

It can be useful, for this purpose, to be helped in preparing for the Sacrament by lay faithful who have had a personal encounter with Christ and have had a true experience of the Spirit. Some people say that they have experienced it as a blossoming of the Sacrament of Confirmation received as children.

But this does not relate only to future Confirmands; it relates to all of us and at any time. Together with Confirmation and anointing, we have received, the Apostle assures us, also the bond of the Spirit, which elsewhere he calls "the first fruits of the Spirit" (Rm 8:23). We must "spend" this bond, savour these first fruits, not bury underground the charisms and talents received.

Saint Paul exhorted the disciple Timothy to "stir into flame the gift of God* that you have through the imposition of my hands" (2 Tim 1:6), and the verb used suggests the image of one who breathes on the fire to revive the flame. Here is a good goal for the Jubilee year! To remove the ashes of habit and disengagement, to become, like the torchbearers at the Olympics, bearers of the flame of the Spirit. May the Spirit help us to take a few steps in this direction!

Pope Francis



FITNESS TRAINER RETURNS



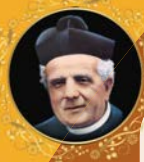
CHELSEA – Caitlin Blomquist has returned to SLC to continue her work empowering residents and staff to take care of themselves, and, in doing so, prevent injuries and long-term health conditions. She does this seamlessly by promoting “functional fitness,” exercise that prepares the body for real-life movements and activities that involve squatting, reaching, pushing, pulling, bending, twisting, lifting and more, all of which promote strength, balance, coordination, range of motion and greater mobility.

“It feels so nice to be back and working with the residents,” said Caitlin. “Movement is a big part of my life and personal health journey. Movement benefits everyone. My goal at SLC is to provide the residents more ease with every day activities as they age and with functional movement that benefits them mentally, physically and spiritually.” The energy Caitlin creates is felt across the campus.

RESIDENTS RECYCLE

CHELSEA – One of the many tasks the St. Louis Center residents assist with each week is recycling. Brad Crosier, a direct care worker, guides the residents through the main building to gather up materials before driving around campus to pick up items from the other homes. They drive to the recycling station in Chelsea to deposit all of the recyclables into the dumpsters. Brad has a unique way of turning this chore into a fun activity.





AKTION CLUB CONVENTION

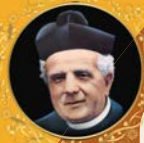


CHELSEA – In appreciation for their dedication to the Center, an All-Staff Day was held September 19th. Breakfast was served before enrichment workshops began. Staff could choose Introduction to American Sign Language, Money Management, or Dementia in Persons with IDD. After the am workshops, there was a time of games and fellowship before lunch. After lunch, there were more games to play and another chance to participate in one of the enrichment workshops. Staff members had fun getting to know one another better, win prizes, and even meet family members of the residents.

TAI CHI AND CHINESE CULTURE



CHELSEA – Continuing the Cultural Diversity Awareness Series funded through grants by The Chelsea Community Foundation and St. Joseph Mercy Hospital, an opportunity to learn about Tai chi, which is a gentle, low-impact form of exercise in



which practitioners perform a series of deliberate, flowing motions while focusing on deep, slow breaths. The Tai Chi activity held at the Chelsea Wellness Center, Tuesday, October 22nd. Fourteen residents, 3 staff members and 2 community members attended the class. The instructor offered the training as 'chair exercises' to accommodate persons with different skill levels. It was a great way for residents and others to learn a different meditative form of exercise.

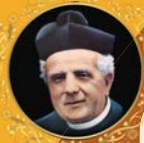
TRUNK OR TREAT



CHELSEA – For at least the past 6 weeks St. Louis Center staff members have been working on details for the annual Trunk or Treat Halloween event Wednesday, October 23rd. This year the haunted house was just as terrifying as it has been in the past, but the difference was the inclusion of some of the residents as actors. Staff, volunteers, family members, and people from the community alike were chilled to the bone by the spooky atmosphere that was created on the campus. Aside from the haunted house, over 30 volunteers decorated their cars and passed out candy from their trunks in the main parking lot. A DJ kept people dancing, dinner was served for everyone in the gym, and sno-cone treats were served outside. For the more fearful guests, non-scary activities were offered. Over 300 people attended the event enlivening the campus for hours.

A TIME TO PRAY

GRASS LAKE - The first Eucharistic Rosary Congress took place at the Pious Union on October 10th-13th. A consecrated virgin from the Diocese of Lansing gave talks on the Sorrows of St. Joseph, the Sorrows of the Blessed Virgin Mary, and the Sorrows of Jesus. Rosary, Holy Mass, and Confessions completed the Congress each day. On the last day of the Congress, Feast of the Holy Rosary, many faithful gathered after Mass for a Marian procession.



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PILGRIMS VISIT

GRASS LAKE - Several Chaldean pilgrim groups visited the shrine during October for Mass. They also lit candles, perused the Gift Shop, and enjoyed lunch in the Pastoral Center.

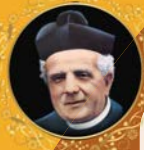
PROMISES RENEWED



GRASS LAKE - On October 24th, the Feast of St. Louis Guanella, fifteen Guanellian Cooperators renewed their promises during Mass at the Pious Union. Fr. Amal, who celebrated the Mass, reminded us that just like St. Louis Guanella, we are called to serve the least of Christ's brethren and we are called to promote the dignity of each human person. They gathered for lunch in the Pastoral Center for a time of fellowship.

A TIME FOR REFLECTION AND RENEWAL





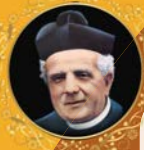
KOPPAKKA: From the 9th to the 12th of this month, the brothers gathered for their Annual Retreat led by Rev. Fr. Visuvasam. This retreat provided a sacred space for reflection, spiritual growth, and renewal to deepen their connection with themselves and their faith. Each day was thoughtfully structured, featuring a blend of guided sessions and personal reflection time. Rev. Fr. Visuvasam, known for his insightful teachings and compassionate approach, facilitated discussions that encouraged brothers to explore their spiritual journeys and the challenges they face in their daily lives.

The retreat emphasized themes of forgiveness, service, and personal growth. Rev. Fr. Visuvasam led thought-provoking exercises that encouraged the brothers to confront their inner struggles and embrace the transformative power of faith. As the retreat came to a close, the men expressed gratitude for the opportunity to step away from their routines and focus on their spiritual well-being—many left feeling rejuvenated and inspired, equipped with new perspectives and tools to navigate their paths ahead.

CELEBRATING THE FOUNDER'S FEAST DAY



KOPPAKKA: The Guanella Bhavan community celebrated the Founder's Feast, honoring the legacy and spirit of our founder in three phases. First, a celebration of love: on the 23rd of this month, we welcomed around 25 special people from in and around Eluru, a day dedicated to prayer and service. The day began with a special prayer service led by our Guanella Lay Movement (GLM) in the presence of Fr. Praveen. This gathering provided a sacred space for all to reflect on St. Louis Guanella's teachings and feel the warmth of community support. Following the prayer service, we organized a grocery distribution for our special people.



Second, a celebration of joy: In a spirit of celebration, we also took time to spread joy to our evening school children. That day, Fr. Praveen, Fr. Packiaraj, Fr. Yesubabu, and two brothers visited various tuition centers to distribute sweets. The excitement on the children's faces as they received these treats was a beautiful sight. So much joy and happiness was evident in their faces.

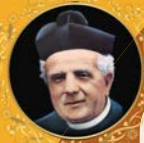
Third, a Celebration of Faith: The festivities continued on the evening of the 24th for the principal celebration of the Founder's Feast. The event was graced by many priests, sisters, our boy's home children, and laypeople who came together to honor St. Louis Guanella's legacy. Rev. Fr. Felix presided over the Mass, leading us in worship and reflecting on the values guiding our lives and work. The Mass was a beautiful expression of faith and community life, culminating in a delicious meal. This gathering celebrated the feast and strengthened the members' bonds, fostering a sense of belonging and love.

THE SECOND ENGLISH ACADEMY



KOPPAKKA: On October 31st, the brothers of our community hosted the Second English Academy, focusing on the central themes of career guidance and personal development. This event aimed to equip participants with essential skills for navigating their future paths. Four insightful talks were delivered by speakers, each bringing a unique perspective on career development. These sessions covered a range of topics, including effective communication.

The event incorporated a few cultural programs interspersed between the talks to keep the energy high and foster a lively atmosphere. These performances included music, dance, and skits that entertained and reinforced the themes of self-expression and creativity. Overall, the Second English Academy will have a lasting impact on all who attended. The combination of informative talks and engaging cultural programs



evaluated by the day's chief guest, Rev. Fr. Praveen, created an enriching learning and personal growth environment. Participants left feeling inspired and motivated, equipped with new skills and insights to navigate their career journeys.

EVENING SCHOOL TOUR

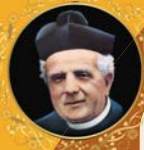


DINDIGUL: On this beautiful day, nearly 30 evening tuition students from the Dindigul community embarked on an exciting one-day tour of Kutralam Waterfalls. Accompanied by five teachers and two community members, the students explored the natural wonders, enjoyed the journey, and bonded with peers.

1000 BEAD ROSARY RECITATION



DINDIGUL: "The rosary is a powerful tool for spiritual transformation, fostering a deeper relationship with God and Our Lady." In a remarkable display of devotion and



faith, the faithful of Kallathupati Parish came together to recite the 1000 bead rosary, commemorating the Month of the Rosary. This spiritual event was graciously supported by Rev. Fr. Lourdu Raj SdC, the parish priest. He inspired the parishiners with his words on the Blessed Virgin Mary and the powerful prayer of the rosary. Kallathupati parishioners took this opportunity to intensify their spiritual journey, praying collectively for peace, unity, and divine guidance.

FEAST DAY



DINDIGUL: St. Louis Guanella's Feast Day was celebrated as a Day of "Joy and Service" with the people of Kallathupatti and Dindigul. The Congregation of the Servants of Charity in Kallathupatti joyfully celebrated the feast day of its founder, St. Louis Guanella, on October 23rd. This special day was marked with great fervor and enthusiasm as the congregation came together with the people of Kallathupatti and Dindigul to honor the saint's legacy of love, compassion, and service. Rev. Fr. Mari Valan, President of Dindigul CRI, presided over the Holy Mass. Fr. Samson gave a homily on St. Louis Guanella, his life, and his dedication to serving the poor, the elderly, and the marginalized. His selfless work and devotion to God inspired the establishment of the Congregation of the Servants of Charity.

A CELEBRATION OF LIGHT AND LOVE

DINDIGUL: The Guanella Karunai Illam community celebrated Diwali with joy and harmony, great enthusiasm, and community spirit. Residents, staff, and community members gathered together to kindle the spirit of Diwali. The festivities began with the shining lights and sounds of firecrackers. Rev. Fr. Visuuwasam SdC, the Director of Guanella Karunai Illam, made the event significant with words that fostered love, compassion, and unity among all the people.

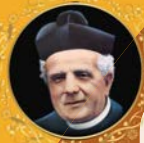


AYUDHA POOJAI CELEBRATION

CHENNAI, DGSS: A joyful Ayudha Poojai celebration was held at Don Guanella Special School. With great enthusiasm and devotion, the school students and staff recently observed this significant festival of Ayudha Poojai. This sacred event, signifying the recognition of tools and instruments of labor as God's gifts, was commemorated with vibrant festivities, reflecting the school's commitment to cultural heritage. Preparations began with eagerness as students and staff gathered mango leaves and procured flowers to adorn the premises. The whole atmosphere of the facility was transformed into a colorful spectacle, radiating joy and spirituality.

The staff meticulously organized an engaging program, ensuring an immersive experience for all participants. The celebration commenced with traditional rituals, thanking God for the gift of tools, instruments, and technology that has advanced our human existence. We acknowledged the importance and usefulness of these instruments and other means of human life and livelihood and thanked God for these instruments and the technology. Students and staff gathered together, fostering a





sense of unity and gratitude. This meaningful celebration resonated deeply and transcended cultural boundaries.

As the festivities concluded, the Don Guanella Special School community extended heartfelt gratitude to all staff, parents, and benefactors for their invaluable support and contributions. The Ayudha Poojai celebration served as a poignant reminder of the significance of gratitude, reverence, and unity, leaving an indelible mark on the hearts of everyone involved.

MAGICAL DIWALI CELEBRATION

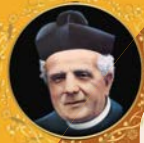


CHENNAI, DGSS: On October 30, 2024, Miss C. Jenifer, a renowned actress and magician, enthralled the students and staff of Don Guanella Special School with a mesmerizing magic show. The event was a resounding success, with everyone enjoying the program thoroughly.

The celebration was made even more special with the inclusion of Diwali festivities, allowing students and staff to participate in the joyous occasion. Adding to the delight, Jenifer's parents joined the festivities, sharing precious moments with the children. The management, staff, and students of Don Guanella Special School extended their deepest gratitude to Miss C. Jenifer for organizing this unforgettable event and spreading joy and happiness among the children.

A MAN WITH FIERY ZEAL OF CHARITY

VATLURU: "St. Louis Guanella paid caring attention to each one and respected the pace of their development. He cultivated the hope in his heart that every human being, created in the image and likeness of God, by tasting the joy of being loved by him — Father of all — can receive and give to others the best of himself," says Pope



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Benedict XVI. We have commemorated the august celebration of our Blessed Founder, St. Louis Guanella, in Sacred Heart Church Vatluru on the 22nd of October 2024. It was a spectacular celebration with our Guanella Karunalaya Boys, Guanella Bhavan Minor Seminarians, Guanellian Sisters, GLM members, Guanellian youth moment, and parishioners. The agape meal was sponsored and served by the GLM Members.

THE HOLY ROSARY



VATLURU: “The Rosary is the best therapy for these distraught, unhappy, fearful, and frustrated souls, precisely because it involves the simultaneous use of three powers: the physical, the vocal, and the spiritual...” - Archbishop Fulton J. Sheen. The Universal Catholic Church invited all the faithful to recite the Rosary in October. The Holy Rosary's recitation galvanized the people of the Sacred Heart Church, Vatluru, and all substations, as they recited where they were, whether in their homes, the streets, or substation churches. The final Thanksgiving Mass was offered in all substations: Vatluru, Showripuram, Kalaparu, Koppakagudem, Anjelipuram, Ammaplem, and B. Singavaram. People participated devotedly in the recitation of the Holy Rosary.

PAINTING PROGRAM

BANGALORE: On 12th Oct, VTVO (We the Volunteers) group of about 25 visited our home, equipped with paints, brushes, and canvases. The residents warmly welcomed the volunteers, and all eagerly anticipated the creative session. The event aimed to engage residents in a fun and therapeutic activity, promoting social interaction and artistic expression. Under the guidance of Mr. Mervin, the elders explored their artistic side, painting vibrant landscapes, flowers, and abstract designs. Laughter and conversation filled the room as participants shared stories and techniques. The painting program brought numerous benefits to the residents; such as Socialization, encouraged participant interaction; stress relief: provided a calming and relaxing

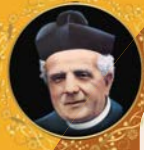


experience; creative expression: fostered self-expression and imagination and confidence boost, empowered residents to explore new skills. VTVO's visit demonstrated their dedication to community service and enhancing the lives of seniors. Their efforts promoted intergenerational connections and showcased the value of creative therapy.

RESIDENT'S INGENUITY SHINES

BANGALORE: Physically Challenged Individual Designs Solution to Simplify Meal Transport. In a heartwarming display of resourcefulness and determination, Mr. Uthaman, our resident, has designed and created a novel food carrier to facilitate meal transport from the kitchen to the refectory. This remarkable achievement is incredibly inspiring to all of us. Carrying food from the kitchen to the refectory had long been a logistical hurdle. Existing solutions were cumbersome, requiring multiple trips or manual labor. Mr. Uthaman, familiar with the struggle, saw an opportunity to make a positive impact. Despite physical challenges, Mr. Uthaman's resilience and creativity have driven him to pursue innovative solutions.





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EXPOSURE PROGRAMME



BANGALORE: St. Joseph's College, Bangalore, Counseling students brought joy and laughter to our elders. On the 5th of October, students from St. Joseph's College Counselling Department visited our home as part of their exposure program. The enthusiastic group brought excitement and energy, engaging residents in a delightful afternoon of music, dance, and entertainment. Under the guidance of the faculty members, the students organized a varied program to cater to diverse interests. 1. Dance Performances: Energetic routines to popular songs got everyone clapping along. 2. Song Sessions: Soulful renditions of classic hits and inspirational tracks lifted spirits. 3. Interactive Games: Fun activities encouraged participation, fostering bonding between students and residents. 4. Emotional Connection, where residents felt seen, heard, and appreciated, forming meaningful connections, and lastly, Stress Relief, in which the program provided a welcome respite from daily routines. The visit had a profound impact on both the students and residents. It broke barriers and helped students gain valuable experience interacting with diverse age groups and abilities.

AYUDHA POOJA CELEBRATION

BANGALORE: The ancient tradition of Blessing the Vehicles and Tools for a safe and prosperous year was observed with fervor and devotion on 11th October in GPN. The ceremony sought divine blessings for safety, prosperity, and success. Rev. Fr. Mathias, the Superior, blessed our equipment, expressed gratitude to the Almighty God for our livelihood, and prayed for safety and well-being by invoking divine guidance for skillful work. This festival strengthened our connection with the Divine and the whole community.



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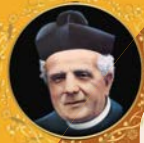


A SPIRIT-FILLED RETREAT

Cuddalore: On October 1 and 2, 2024, the St. Joseph's Seminary community held a transformative two-day retreat led by Sr. Sabeena SJC and Mr. Rajarathinam. This retreat offered a fresh spiritual experience to the seminarians, instilling a renewed sense of faith and devotion through dynamic and interactive Gospel preaching. The retreat featured engaging activities such as role play, singing, action songs, object meditations, and personal faith sharing, designed to deepen the participants' spiritual journey. The retreat facilitators helped foster a deeper connection with God and His message through these creative methods. The retreat covered fundamental themes of the Christian faith, including: God's Love, Sin, Salvation, Faith & Conversion, the Holy Spirit, the Church, and Eternal Life.

The retreat brought about a profound spiritual awakening for the young seminarians. It enriched their understanding of faith and strengthened their commitment to their journey with Christ. Sr. Sabeena and Mr. Rajarathinam's impactful guidance allowed participants to experience God's unconditional love, confront the reality of sin, embrace the gift of salvation, and live in the empowering





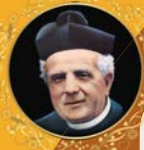
presence of the Holy Spirit. As they departed from the retreat, the seminarians were reminded of the ultimate goal of the Christian life: eternal life in heaven. The retreat left them with renewed hope, conviction, and a more profound devotion to living a life rooted in the Gospel.

MUSIC WORKSHOP BY PIANO MASTER



Cuddalore: From October 7th to 10th, the brothers at St. Joseph's Seminary participated in a 4-day music workshop led by Fr. Benson, the Piano Master. This immersive training introduced them to the fundamentals of music, focusing on the harmonium and instilling a deep respect for the instruments.

The sessions covered various aspects, from reading music notes to practicing chords, scales, and finger exercises. They learned the importance of timing and how to play harmonium pieces using both hands, which raised their curiosity and desire to inculcate the talent. A significant part of the training involved singing English songs and Mass parts, along with an introduction to traditional Indian ragas like Poovaram, which they found particularly fascinating. Group choir performances allowed them to put theory into practice, and by the end of the workshop, they felt more confident in their ability to play and sing. Fr. Benson's encouragement created a vibrant learning atmosphere, inspiring many brothers to perform solo pieces and explore their musical talents. This workshop taught them that music is best learned through consistent practice and active listening, especially when perfecting timing. The experience has sparked a new passion for music among the brothers, with many eager to continue learning and growing in this art.



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CURSIVE HANDWRITING WORKSHOP



CUDDALORE: In a recent initiative to elevate writing proficiency of the minor seminarians St. Joseph's Seminary hosted a transformative cursive handwriting workshop by Mr. Thomas from Oxford Academy, Cuddalore. The sessions, which took place from October 17th to 20th, focused on stylish, joint-letter cursive writing. The workshop empowered students to present their work in a more neat, legible, and visually appealing format. Participants learned valuable cursive techniques that replaced traditional handwriting styles with a flowing, connected approach. "The workshop has completely changed my writing style," shared one enthusiastic participant, noting the newfound ease of writing in a continuous, stylish manner. These improvements, however, were not immediate; a structured 30-day follow-up program was established to help students practice and master their new skills over time, resulting in notable progress.

CONFERRAL OF MINISTRY OF LECTOR

CHENNAI, DGMS: On October 23, 2024, at 11:30 a.m., a solemn Mass for the Conferral of Ministry of Lector was held in the chapel, which was presided over by Rev. Fr. Kulandai Samy. During the celebration, the Ministry of Lector was conferred upon Bro. Chandra Sekhar, Bro. Charles Xavier M., Bro. Edward Francis, and Bro. Maria Paul Raj. Fr. Kulandai emphasized the significance of this ministry, calling the brothers to deepen their commitment to proclaiming the Word of God with clarity and devotion. The celebration was meaningful as it was the day of the canonization of our founder.



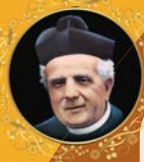
FEAST DAY CELEBRATION

CHENNAI, DGMS: The feast day of St. Louis Guanella was joyfully celebrated on October 24, with the Eucharist celebration at 6:30 p.m., presided over by Fr. Mahesh Benson. The entire Guanellian family gathered for this meaningful occasion, including members of the Guanellian Youth Movement (GYM), Guanellian Co-operators (GC), Guanellian Lay Movement (GLM), Benefactors, Beneficiaries, Sisters, Fathers and Brothers. Fr. Kalai's sermon highlighted Guanella's legacy, charity, and service. The celebration concluded with an agape meal, fostering fellowship and unity among all under the one wing of God's providence.

A DAY OF SACRED JOY



MADURAI: The Soosaitthottam community, Madurai has greatly exalted in celebration Founder's Day on 24.10.2024, which was an extraordinary event filled with joy, and communion. Our founder's mission, giving bread and the lord was well established on that day where our special children with a lot of joy and faith



participated in solemn holy eucharistic mass and subsequently fellowship lunch. The mass was presided over by Rev. Fr. Rishar and con-celebrated by Rev. Fr. Paul Francis. For the entire community it was the day of spiritual enrichment and togetherness. Our special children were adorned with new uniform and identity card to highlight the event. "Today's Eucharistic celebration is a reminder of God's love and grace, and that every child, no matter their abilities, is deeply cherished in His eyes," as per the dictum every child and member of the community became receiver of the God's love and affection through this event. It was a day of all fathers, staff and students to enjoy and experience the sacred joy in celebrating founder's feast day. These children's involvement in such a sacred celebration is a true testament to our founder's vision of inclusion, where he intended everyone in Guanellian family to live together.

BIRTHDAYS

01 - Fr. Praveen Jeba Kumar
 04 - Fr. Charles Promiyo
 06 - Fr. Peter Joseph. P
 12. Bro. Charles Xavier
 17. Fr. Addari Enzo
 19. Fr. Praveenraj. L
 21 - Fr. Solomon Raja
 23 - Fr. Joseph Fernandez. S
 26 - Fr. Sachinson M.
 27 - Fr. John Peter A.
 29 - Fr. Achariyam
 30 - Fr. Adaikalam

FEAST DAYS

04 - Fr. Charles Promiyo
 Bro. Carlos Nayak. N
 10 - Fr. Leo Joseph. X
 21. Fr. Arulraj
 Fr. Badugu Christuraj

ORDINATION ANNIVERSARIES

11. Fr. ArunDavid
 Fr. Arokia Nathan
 Fr. Bosco Yesuraj
 Fr. Francis xavier
 Fr. Kulandai. P
 Fr. Praveen.L
 Fr. Rajesh Kumar
 Fr. Solomon Raja
 Fr. Irudhayaraj

 22 - Fr. Dennis M. Weber



WISH YOU A HAPPY FEAST