



News and Views

Divine Providence Province

MISSION: ~~IMPOSSIBLE~~

Month of July is historically important to the Christians in India and particularly to the Guanellians in India. Month of July marks the arrival of Christianity in the person of St. Thomas, Apostle and it marks also in the history of Guanellians the arrival of the first Italian Guanellian Fathers (Don Tito Credaro and Don Domenico Saginario) to our Indian land before 37 years ago. I wrote about this elaborately in our news and views edition in July, 2021 and recommend all of you to read it on our website (guanelliansindia.in) to know in detail how the Guanellian Charism, spirituality, and mission has been implanted, nourished and grown up to this level. We are grateful to our forefathers who kept their faith and passed on their heritage and legacy to the next generation.

Jesus called his disciples to be with him (Community life) and to be sent out for (Mission). Therefore, the life of every disciple of Jesus Christ and most particularly the life of a religious is comprised of these two sides such as community life and the mission. In your communities and residences, there may be new set of confreres or the former ones continuing the Guanellian legacy in the particular assigned communities/residences for this academic year 2022-23. Therefore, I wish that the community spirit and teamwork is much needed to carry on this Guanellian Charism, Spirit, and Mission in our ministry places. If you could attentively read the constitutions and regulations, it exemplifies clearly that we are brought together and consecrated for the mission and the fraternal communion constitutes one of the most precious values of our vocation (Cons.17) to the Congregation of the Servants of Charity. I had elaborately written about the team work and community life in our news and views edition in July, 2022. Therefore, I wish to communicate to you about the importance of mission in this newsletter.

The word 'mission' means 'sent.' It comes from the Latin 'mittere' used to translate the Greek apostelein. It gives us the word 'apostle: the ones who are sent.' We must understand that mission does not belong to us but is done as we participate in the very

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mission of God. Mission is the witness and proclamation of God's love and action revealed in the concrete history of Jesus of Nazareth, and is an invitation to relationship and partnership with God through relationship with him, in the power of his Holy Spirit. Mission in the words of Pope St. John Paul II is a single but complex reality and develops in a variety of ways. Prior to Vatican II, Mission was considered only as the salvation of the souls which was questioned by the Vatican II fathers. After Vatican II, it received the concept of Proclamation of Christ and the Kingdom of God which created crisis in the Church and resulted in the exodus of many religious congregations. After the crisis, there is an emerging shift in the understanding of the mission from *Missio ecclesiae* to *Missio Dei* as Mission is the mission of God's love and so missionaries must be prepared and sent and they must be lovers of other cultures, inclusive and pluralistic and be persons of and for dialogue. They must have in mind that the 'Other' is important and know the history of people and place. The attitude towards others must be as openness, friendly, hospitable and respectful. It is stated that mission is not our mission. Mission does not belong to anybody but to God alone because only He can save us. There is only one mission because there is only one God. Vatican II also stated the fundamental directions of Mission such as proclamation especially through the witness of life, dialogue, inculturation and liberation. There is a special focus emphasized on *Missio Spiritus* in the paradigm shift of mission. Holy Spirit is the main agent of the mission and evangelization which is mentioned in the *Evangelii Nuntiandi* (Pope Paul VI) and in the *Redemptoris Missio* (Pope John Paul II).

Christopher J.H. Wright wrote, "It is not so much the case that God has a mission for his church in the world, as that God has a church for his mission in the world. Mission was not made for the church; the church was made for mission – God's mission." It's a paradigm shift, when we realize that this is not about us, but about God's mission.

Therefore, in order to God's mission in the footsteps of Don Guanella in our respective communities and residences, our community life is to be strengthened to ensure the quality of the mission for the People of God.

FR. RONALD. J SDC

Provincial Superior

PROVINCIAL CALENDER JULY 2023

3 - Silver Jubilee of Cuddalore Boys Hostel

5-9 Visit to Sri Lanka

12 Council Meeting

17-22 Visit to Andra & Telengana

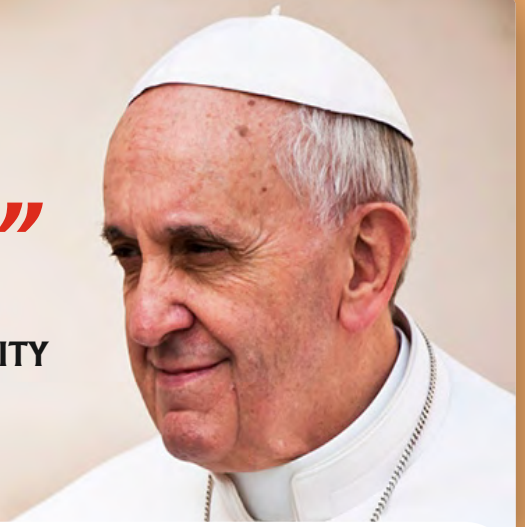
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“NOT ALONE”

WORLD MEETING ON HUMAN FRATERNITY



Dear brothers and sisters,

Even though I am unable to greet you in person, I would like to welcome and thank you wholeheartedly for coming. I am happy to affirm together with you the desire for fraternity and peace in the world. An author placed the following words on the lips of Francis of Assisi: “The Lord is where his brothers are” (E. Leclerc, *La Sapienza di un povero*). Indeed, the heavens above invite us to walk together, to rediscover each other as brothers and sisters and to believe in fraternity as the foundation of our pilgrimage.

In the Encyclical *Fratelli tutti*, I wrote: “Fraternity necessarily calls for something greater, which in turn enhances freedom and equality” (n. 103), since the one who sees the other as a brother or sister sees in him or her a face, not a number. The other is always “someone” who has dignity and merits respect, and not “something” to be used, exploited or thrown away. In our world torn apart by violence and war, tweaks and adjustments are not enough. Only a great spiritual and social covenant born from the heart and centered on fraternity can restore the sacredness and inviolability of human dignity as the core of relationships.

This does not require theories on fraternity but concrete gestures and shared decisions that make it a culture of peace. The question to ask ourselves is not what society and the world can give me, but what can I give to my brothers and sisters. When we return home, let us think of some concrete gesture of fraternity that we can make: reconciling with family members, friends and neighbours, praying for those who hurt us, recognizing and helping those in need, speaking words of peace at school, university or in society, “anointing” with closeness those who feel alone...

We should feel ourselves called to apply the balm of tenderness within relationships between persons and peoples that have become gangrenous. Let us not tire of crying out “no to war”, in the name of God and in the name of every man and woman who aspires for peace. I am reminded of some verses written by Giuseppe Ungaretti. In the midst of war, he felt the need to speak of brothers as “Trembling word/in the night/Leaf just born”. Fraternity is fragile and precious. Brothers and sisters are the anchor of truth in the stormy sea of conflicts that spread falsehood. To evoke



brothers and sisters is to remind those who are fighting, and all of us, that the feeling of fraternity uniting us is stronger than hatred and violence. In fact, it unites everyone through the same pain. We start and start again from here, from the sense of “feeling together”, a spark that can rekindle the light that stops the night of conflicts.

To believe that the other is our brother or sister and to greet him or her as such is not meaningless. The most concrete thing each of us can do. Indeed, it means freeing myself from the poverty of believing that I am the only child in the world. It means, at the same time, choosing to overcome the mindset of partners or associates, who stay together only for the sake of personal advantage. It also means knowing how to go beyond the limits of blood or ethnic ties, which only recognise similarities and reject differences. Here, I think of the parable of the Samaritan (cf. Lk 10:25-37), who stops with compassion before the Jewish man in need of help. Their cultures were at odds, their histories different, their regions hostile to each other; but for that man, the person in the street and his needs came first.

When people and societies choose fraternity, policies also change: The person once again takes precedence over profit and the home we all inhabit over the environment to be exploited for one's own interests. A just wage is paid for work, welcome becomes wealth, life becomes hope, justice opens up to reparation, and the memory of evil done is healed in the encounter between victims and perpetrators.

Dear brothers and sisters, I thank you for organizing this meeting and for bringing to life the “Declaration on Human Fraternity”, drafted this morning by the distinguished Nobel Laureates present. I believe that it offers us a grammar of fraternity and is an effective guide for living it and witnessing to it every day in a concrete way. You have worked well together, and I thank you very much! Let us ensure that what we have experienced today is the first step on a journey and can begin a process of fraternity. I greet with gratitude and affection those gathered in plazas in various cities around the world, which, linked together, testify both to the richness of diversity and to the possibility of being brothers and sisters even when we are not close, as has happened to me. Go forward!

I would like to leave you with an image, that of an embrace. As a fruit of this afternoon spent together, I wish you to keep in your hearts and memories the desire to embrace the women and men of the world in order to build together a culture of peace. Indeed, peace needs fraternity and fraternity needs encounter. May the embrace given and received today, symbolized by the square in which you are meeting, become a commitment of life and a prophecy of hope. I myself embrace you and, as I repeat my thanks, I say to you from my heart: I am with you!

Franciscus

Pope Francis

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SAGAYAMATHA PARISH ANNUAL FEAST



Cuddalore: On the 27th of May, Sagaya Madha Parish celebrated the Annual Feast in Cuddalore. The parishioners offered the Komba Arathi and lit the kuthuvilakku as a symbol of welcome. Most Rev. Singarayan DD, Emeritus Bishop of Salem, presided over the Holy Mass and preached the sermon. In his homily, Rev. Singarayan spoke of the Mercy of Mother Mary, which is always with us. Our parishioners animated the Liturgy. After the Mass, Rev. Singarayan blessed the car procession, which proceeded through the streets of the Samupillai Nagar. We had Adoration in thanksgiving for God's blessings, and the ceremony concluded with the final blessing by the parish priest. Closing out the day, the Feast Cake was distributed to all the pilgrims. All the parishioners returned home grace-filled and joyous. "Continue to intercede for us, Our Lady of Perpetual Succour."

CELEBRATION OF FEAST OF CORPUS CHRISTI

Cuddalore: On the 11th of June, the Feast of Corpus Christi was celebrated in our parish. The day began with the celebration of morning Mass. A procession on the grounds of St. Joseph's Minor Seminary commenced at 5:30 pm, concluding at the seminary's chapel. In the evening, three locations of Eucharistic Adoration featured a talk by a priest. Fr. James animated the adoration and gave the speech at the Seminary Chapel. The second site was the Don Guanella Boy's Home, animated by Fr. Lourduraj. The third location was in the parish church and was animated by Fr. Adaikalam. The three fathers gave interesting speeches, very informative and useful to our parishioners. The celebration came to an end with the final blessing. Then Fr. Vincent, the Parish Priest, thanked everyone for preparing and implementing the feast day celebration. At last, we had tea and snacks sponsored by the parishioners.





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SOCIAL OUTREACH PROGRAM



BANGALORE: A social outreach-internship program was organized and held during the month of June by students from various colleges and schools, Such as : Kristu Jayanti, Mount Carmel, VVIT (Vijaya Vittala Institute of Technology), St Joseph's, Clarence, and CMR University. The students did some occupational therapy and socialized with the elderly grandfathers. Their creativity was boundless and exemplary in portraying the welcome notice boards, safety audits, and more. They successfully carried out the promotion of appropriate technologies and food preservation techniques. Nightingale Medical Trust has deployed trained specialists in elderly and dementia care. The teams promised to visit and help out in our home for the elderly during their vacations.

CELEBRATION OF THE WORLD ENVIRONMENT DAY

THALAVADI: As Mohith Agadi would say, “Environment is no one's property to destroy; it's everyone's responsibility to protect.” In this present age, many of us forget our responsibility to safeguard mother earth. We destroy nature to suit our own purposes. With this in mind, Nazareth Illam joined the Sathyamangalam Wildlife Sanctuary to show the importance of nature and the environment. Thus, on June 5th, Nazareth Illam, with the help of the Sathyamangalam Wildlife Sanctuary Department together with the Staff, residents, and some volunteers, planted 50 trees and organized a rally from Nazareth Illam to Soosaipuram promoting the protection of the environment. The Thalavadi Range Officer, Mr. Sathees (Ranger), Fr. Lourduraj (Director), Fr. Gnanaraj (Administrator), and some Forest Department Officers took part in the rally with our residents and the nearby village people. Our





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residents joined the people of Soosaipuram Village and their youth and cleaned the surrounding areas by clearing all the discarded plastics. The residents of the Nazareth Illam were happy to participate in this social awareness program of protecting our environment for our livelihood.

FORMATORS AND BROTHERS

Chennai: On June 13th, the Formators and Brothers of Don Guanella Major Seminary met with the Fr. Provincial Superior to discuss the annual plan for the academic year of 2023-2024. The Year's theme, "To Root Our Identity with Christ: Growing in Faith and Love," was discussed and



explained by the Brothers of DGMS. Fr. Rector developed the schedule for the year's program and the yearly plan for the benefit of the community with the Provincial Superior's approval. In conclusion, he wished everyone a fruitful academic year with the blessings of our founder, St. Louis Guanella.

MOST SACRED HEART SOLEMNITY



Chennai: On the occasion of the Solemnity of the Most Sacred Heart, the DGMS community was blessed to witness an inspiring Mass celebrated by Rev. Fr. Ronald, the Provincial Superior. His sermon was a powerful reminder of the importance of cultivating community

spirit, emphasizing the need to foster unity, harmony and progress with others. The message was a poignant reminder of the spiritual need to look beyond our own wants and needs and come together with those around us to collectively strive for a better congregation.

THE GREAT GIFT OF FEAST IS ABUNDANT BLESSINGS

Anthonyarpuram: To prepare for the upcoming Feast, we painted the church, renovated the grotto of St. Antony, and built a new stage to celebrate Mass and to use for other multipurpose functions. On June 13th, we celebrated the great Feast of St. Antony of Padua, and the sacrament of First Holy Communion was administered by Rev. Fr. Ronald SdC, Provincial Superior. Around 650 people participated in this Holy Mass, and ten children received their First Holy Communion. From noon to 1 o'clock, we organized Annadhanam for the people in the church campus. Around 1850, people came and participated in this Annadanam. Around 9:30 pm, we had a car procession for St. Gabriel, Mary Our Mother, and St. Anthony of Padua. The procession extended throughout the night and concluded at 6:00 am, followed by the lowering of the flag. At the conclusion, Fr. Parish Priest thanked the Lord and the faithful for the successful event.



IMITATE THE HEART OF CHRIST IN LOVE FOR THE POOR

Koppakka: St. Louis Guanella held a deep devotion to the Sacred Heart of Jesus. In 1884 he wrote 30 meditations for the month of June, which the Church recognizes as the month of the Sacred Heart and Father Guanella as the "Month of Fervour." Father Guanella wrote



for June 10 on Matthew 11:20, "Learn from me, for I am meek and humble of heart, and you will find rest for yourselves." Father Guanella exhorts us to "be meek, bear with patience all the evils of life, be humble, strengthen yourself in suffering" and "spend your life doing good to many, healing the wounded heart of others" and to pray to Jesus by saying: "Sweet Heart of my Jesus, make me love you more and more." With these filial sentiments, along with Vatluru community confreres, altogether, eight of us renewed our religious vows around the Altar of the Lord on the eve of the Solemnity of the Sacred Heart of Jesus. Fr. Assisi presided over the Holy Eucharist, and Fr. Praveen preached the sermon. With a fraternal meal, the solemnity reached its culmination.

CORPUS CHRISTI



VATLURU: In the Eucharist, the Pope said, "Everyone can experience this loving and concrete attention of the Lord." "Those who receive the Body and Blood of Christ with faith not only 'eat', but are 'satisfied'. To eat and to be satisfied: these are two basic necessities that are satisfied in the Eucharist." "In the Body and Blood of Christ, we find his presence, his life given for



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each of us.”The Solemnity of CORPUS CHRISTI was celebrated in a grand manner in Sacred Heart Church, Vatluru. There was solemn procession with Eucharist around the church. The procession was conducted by Rev. Frs. Harish & Chaithaniya. Faithful of the parish participated devotedly and enjoyed the richness of the Holy Eucharist.

SACRED HEART FEAST



East Providence: Sacred Heart Church celebrated the Sacred Heart Feast from June 9 to 11 for three days with different delicious foods like Portuguese, American and Indian. Children and family participated in this great event playing different Games and winning prizes. On Sunday the procession was held around the neighborhood with the Blessed Sacrament, Statue of Sacred Heart and Mother Mary. There was a great participation from the First Communicants and the school band. The feast was a great success with all the generous donations and by the volunteers.

SPECIAL OLYMPICS

Chelsea – Each summer the St. Louis Center residents make the journey to Central Michigan University to participate in the Special Olympics Summer Games. This year 16 athletes represented the Center, competing in bowling and volleyball. Staff members Haylie and Carlie, and retired





Program Director Rick Visel accompanied the residents on the 4-day event. Mike Dunbar was a gold medalist in Singles Bowling. St. Louis Center athletes brought home 8 medals and more than a dozen ribbons. There was plenty of time for fellowship and fun when the competitions were over.

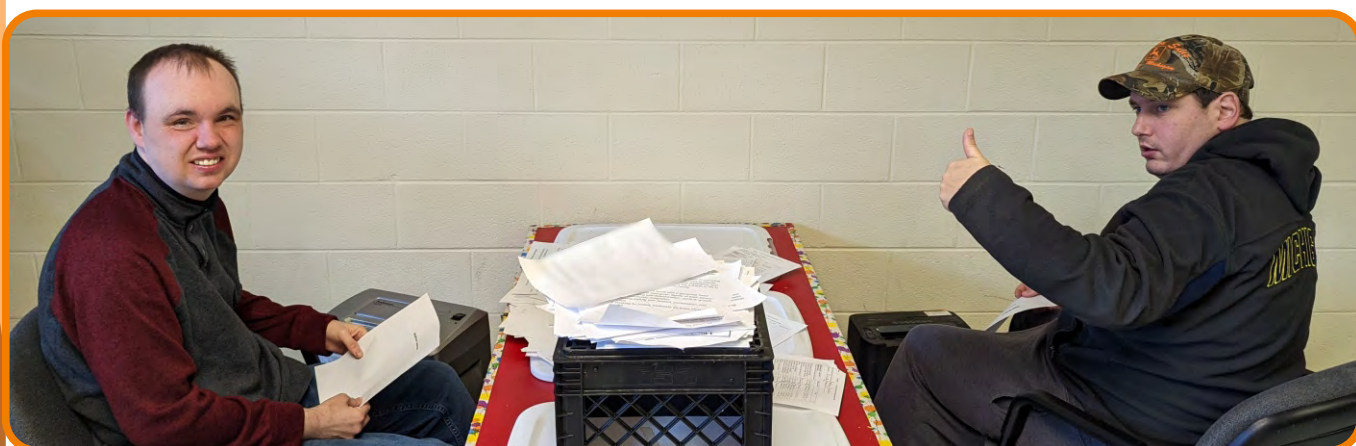
BOY SCOUT PROJECT

Grass Lake – The Pious Union has a very dedicated crew of volunteers to help get set up for outdoor Mass each Sunday. To make things easier on them and to facilitate a faster set-up time, Fr. Leo wanted to have more secure outdoor storage for the equipment. A Markus Grebe from Boy Scout Troop 426 was able to work with Fr. Leo to plan, design and build two storage boxes that have ample space to store everything that is needed for Mass. The boxes were built, delivered, and set-up for use by Markus' Troop in one day.



MICRO-ENTERPRISE LAUNCHED

Chelsea – Haylie Moran, St. Louis Center Day Program Coordinator, has been working hard to help the residents build their own microenterprise. They started planning last fall and engaging in product development throughout the winter and spring. They were more than ready to unveil their products at the Chelsea Farmers' Market on June 7th. The residents collect recycled paper from around the agency, shred it, make it into a pulp, and form 'bricks' that can be used to easily start campfires. The residents seem to really enjoy making the paper bricks and being at the market to meet customers and sell their wares. They will be rolling out their own line of dog biscuits at upcoming markets.



ST. JOSEPH STATUE CLOAKING

Grass Lake – Father's Day is celebrated in June each year in the United States. This year aside from a special blessing to honor all fathers during Mass on June 18th at the Pious Union, Fr. Leo had for the first time ever a 'Cloaking' of the statue of St. Joseph. Stemming from the idea of the May Crowning of the statue of the Blessed Mother, Fr. Leo felt this would bring a special honor to the foster-father of Jesus and raise awareness about the protection we are all afforded under the Holy Cloak of St. Joseph.



YOUTH GROUP SERVICE PROJECT

Chelsea – Our Savior Lutheran Church in Chelsea hosts a mission camp each summer for youth attendees of the congregation. This year instead of traveling out-of-state the organizers decided to concentrate on outreach at home June 19th-22nd. For a whole week students spent the day doing good works. They assisted with Vacation Bible School in the morning, helping to foster the love of Jesus in younger children. Their afternoons were spent at St. Louis Center helping with some landscaping projects around resident homes in the Village. The days were hot, but the youth were cheerful. Some even stated that it wasn't the most difficult work that they have had to do. St. Louis Center staff made sure they had enough water and even brought them ice cream for a cool break. The diligent work of these young people is evident in the beauty of the yards of the houses.



GO FLY A KITE



Chelsea – During the summer months Laura Rayer, St. Louis Center Activities Coordinator, plans fun activities outdoors for the residents as much as possible. On June 21st she took them outside to fly kites. There was a lovely breeze that evening. Everyone enjoyed the challenge of keeping the kites in the air as long as possible.

SIGHTS AND SOUNDS





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Chelsea – Downtown Chelsea MI is abuzz with activity each Thursday throughout the summer. Live music, chalk art, dance performances, and an outdoor movie are among the many entertainment choices that can be found at several locations. The Chelsea Chamber of Commerce has a special area set aside for chamber members to raise awareness of their business and services to event goers. Each week Michelle Mikolajczyk, St. Louis Center Events and Volunteer Coordinator, greets passers-by with a smile and information about St. Louis Center. She is often accompanied by a few Center residents, who help spread the word about working, living and volunteering at St. Louis Center. It is a great opportunity for more people to learn about the work of the Servants of Charity at the Center.

KNIGHTS SUPPORT ST. LOUIS CENTER



Chelsea – Knights of Columbus Irish Hills Council #6223 is a constant support to St. Louis Center. The members of this Council give generously not only of their treasure, but their time as well. Each year they have a special dinner event that offers support to the Center. On June 24th at least 400 people attended the event. The main event is a raffle. The winner of the big prize is the person who's number is drawn last. They also conduct a silent auction, 50/50 raffles and other chances for attendees to take home prizes. Fr. Amal and Fr. Enzo were honored guests. Fr. Enzo was presented with a check to help assist with benevolent care needs of the St. Louis Center residents.

HONORING A FRIEND





Chelsea – The Paesano Dinner was established many years ago as a way for the St. Louis Center to honor those who are a blessing to the Center. Honorees over the years have included the Priests of the Center and other dignitaries from the local community.

This year the Center had the chance to celebrate the incredible achievements and contributions of Howdy Holmes June 25th. The Holmes family started Jiffy Mix and Chelsea Milling company business in the early 1900's. Over time, they have become a household name. The company has always been supportive of the City of Chelsea, MI. Howdy has followed in the footsteps of his family by being a supporter of St. Louis Center.

GOLF & GLORY OUTING



Chelsea – The season of golfing fundraisers kicked off to a soggy start on Monday, June 26th. It was a cloudy and rainy day, but despite that 60 of the registered golfers persevered in playing the round. University of Michigan Football Coach Jim Harbaugh and former Basketball Coach John Beilein spoke at the beginning of the outing. They were both gracious enough to greet fans and sign some autographs.

Several teams were able to finish all 18 holes, the winning team coming in at 9 under par to secure them a spot on the tournament trophy. They were honored during dinner along with Russ and Kay Payeur who were given the Bill Wagner Pioneer award for their steadfast support of the Center, and Gloria Miller who was given the John Panelli Award for her generous support of St. Louis Center fundraising endeavors. The culmination of the months long effort to sell Alaskan Cruise Raffle tickets was the drawing of the winning ticket by Center resident Jerome. The volunteers who worked diligently for months to organize this event were pleased with the results despite the poor weather.





BIRTHDAYS

- 1-Fr. Lourduraj. C
- 8 - Fr. Arulraj. A
- 10 - Fr. Mahesh Benson. K | Fr. Arun Kumar A. |
- 11 - Fr. Vellington
- 18. Fr. Bosco Yesuraj M.
- 20 - Dn. Philomin Raja S.
- 23 - Bro. Arockia Jayaseelan. M

FEAST DAYS

- 25 - Fr. James Stanely Babu
- 31 - Fr. Loyola Diraviam

ORDINATION ANNIVERSARIES

- 15 - Fr. Maria Arokiadass. A
- 22 - Fr. Peter Sebastian. M
- 24 - Fr. Satheesh Caniton. A
- 26 - Fr. Chandra Nevis. D
- 29 – Fr. John Joseph

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Prayer of St. Ignatius

“Take, Lord, receive all my liberty, my memory, my understanding, my whole will, all that I have and all that I possess. You gave it all to me, Lord; I give it all back to you. Do with it as you will, according to your good pleasure. Give me your love and your grace; for with this I have all that I need.”
-Amen

