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DIVINE PROVIDENCE PROVINCE

Revealed to Relieve



The Feast of the Transfiguration (Mt 17:1-9) stands as one of the most profound moments in the Gospel. On Mount Tabor, Jesus allows Peter, James, and John to behold, if only for a brief moment, the splendour of His divine glory. His face shines like the sun, His garments become dazzling white, and the Father's voice proclaims, ***"This is my beloved Son; listen to Him."*** The Transfiguration is not merely a miracle meant to inspire wonder; it is a revelation of Christ's true identity and a preparation for His Passion. The disciples are given a glimpse of the glory that lies beyond the Cross.

This mystery speaks with renewed urgency to the Church today. We live in a world whose face has become deeply disfigured. Nations are torn apart by war and violence. Families suffer from division and loneliness. Countless people experience poverty, forced migration, unemployment, addiction, mental anguish, and the loss of hope. Although technological progress has brought many benefits, it has not healed the human heart. Behind the impressive achievements of our age, many continue to search for meaning, peace, and authentic communion. The world longs for light while often walking in shadows.



In this context, the Transfiguration becomes more than a feast to celebrate; it becomes a mission to embrace. Christ did not reveal His glory so that His disciples would remain on the mountain. Instead, He led them down the mountain, toward Jerusalem and ultimately to Calvary. Christian contemplation is never an escape from reality. The vision of God's glory always sends us back into the world as witnesses of hope. This is the heart of our Christian vocation.

This August also brings us the joy of having some confreres participate in the Charism School in Italy. As they deepen their understanding of the life and spirituality of St. Luigi Guanella, we pray that their experience may become a true **"Tabor moment"** an encounter with the living Charism that will renew their hearts and enrich our Province upon their return.

At the same time, we continue to accompany our Reverend Father Superior General with our prayers as he recovers his health. May the radiant face of the Transfigured Christ strengthen him, restore him to full health, and inspire all of us to reflect Christ's light in a world that longs for hope, healing, and compassion.



FR. GNANARAJ SDC

Servant of God's Love

PROVINCIAL CALENDAR

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05/08/26 - DPP meeting

10/08/26 - Superiors Meeting Online

16/08/26 - Bangalore

17/08/26 - Society Meeting online

18/08/26 - Council meeting





Treasurer's Meet

The Divine Providence Province organized a two-day workshop on “Financial Management, FCRA Updates, and the New Labour Code” for Treasurers and Accountants on 8–9 July 2026, at Don Guanella Major Seminary, Chennai. Coordinated by, Rev. Fr. Francis, SdC, Treasurer of the Societies and Trusts, with the assistance of Rev. Fr. Arun David, SdC. The programme aimed to strengthen financial governance, statutory compliance, and responsible stewardship of the temporal goods entrusted to the Province. The workshop offered practical guidance on ecclesiastical administration, labour law, financial management, statutory compliance, and audit preparedness for communities, institutions, societies, and trusts.

Highlights of the Sessions

The inaugural session was led by Rev. Fr. R. Gnanaraj, SdC, Provincial Superior, who presented the revised Regulations on the “*Administration of Temporal Goods*” (Nos. 365–395). He emphasized that the administration of temporal goods is a ministry of stewardship rooted in the Guanellian Charism, the vow of poverty, and service to the poor. He highlighted the importance of transparency, accountability, annual budgeting, proper documentation, safeguarding the Congregation's patrimony, and faithful observance of Canon Law, civil legislation, and Congregational regulations.

Mr. G. Jeeva, Labour Law Advisor, explained the key provisions of the “Code on Social Security, 2020”, including the revised definition of wages, EPF and ESI changes, the 50% wage rule, and payroll compliance. Participants were encouraged to review salary structures carefully to ensure compliance with the new statutory requirements.

Based on a pre-workshop survey, Mr. M. Kandasamy, Chartered Accountant, addressed the practical financial challenges faced by the

participants. His sessions covered FCRA compliance, Income Tax, GST, TDS, statutory documentation, maintenance of accounts, internal financial controls, budgeting, procurement procedures, bank reconciliation, asset verification, and common audit observations. Practical solutions and best practices were shared to strengthen financial administration across the Province.

On the second day, Mr. Charles, Accountant of the Divine Providence Province, conducted a practical session on maintaining financial records and responding effectively to common annual audit queries.

Outcome of the Workshop

The workshop enabled participants to deepen their understanding of the revised Regulations on temporal goods, the Code on Social Security, and statutory compliance relating to FCRA, Income Tax, GST, and TDS. It strengthened their skills in financial record-keeping, budgeting, internal controls, and audit preparedness while promoting transparency, accountability, responsible stewardship, and long-term financial sustainability in the administration of the Province's communities, institutions, societies, and trusts.

At the end of the program Rev. Fr. Francis Treasurer of the Societies and Trusts, sincerely thanked Rev. Fr. R. Gnanaraj, SdC, Mr. G. Jeeva, Mr. M. Kandasamy, and Mr. Charles for their valuable presentations and practical guidance. Appreciation was also extended to all the participants for their active involvement and commitment to strengthening good governance and financial accountability.

The workshop concluded with a renewed commitment to uphold the highest standards of integrity, transparency, and faithful stewardship so that the temporal goods of the Congregation may continue to support its mission of charity and service to the poor in the spirit of St. Luigi Guanella.





INAUGURATION OF GUANELLA EVENING SCHOOL

DINDIGUL : The 2026–2027 academic year of Guanella Evening School was inaugurated on Saturday, 4 July 2026, with a vibrant cultural programme. The event was graced by Rev. Dr. Sr. Ranjitha Pushpam, CIC, Secretary of St. Antony's College for Women, as the Chief Guest. An inspiring message on the importance of education was delivered, and the students were encouraged to pursue their studies with dedication. The value of investing in education at an early age was emphasised by Rev. Fr. Johndass, SdC, Parish Priest. A colourful cultural programme was organised by the teachers, featuring dances, speeches, and educational presentations. Devotional songs were beautifully rendered by two students under the guidance of Rev. Fr. Benson, SdC. A heartfelt rendition of "*Naan Aanaiyittal*" was presented by Ramesh, a specially abled student, and was warmly appreciated by the audience. Prizes were awarded to students and teachers in recognition of their dedication and achievements. A delicious meal was generously arranged by Rev. Fr. Edal Vinoth, SdC, Community Administrator. The celebration was concluded with a joyful fellowship meal. A spirit of unity, gratitude, and togetherness was experienced by all. The inauguration was marked by enthusiasm, inspiration, and hope for a successful academic year.

TENT OF GATHERING

DINDIGUL : A Tent of Gathering was inaugurated on 28 July 2026, fulfilling a long-standing need of the community. The project was made possible through the generous support of Rev. Fr. Sahaya Suresh, VF, the Parish Priest of Marampadi, and the dedicated contribution of the Guanellian Cooperators (GC) Team from Chennai. The newly erected tent was established to serve as a



space for vocation formation, community gatherings, prayer, and recreation. It is expected to strengthen the spiritual and community life of the mission by providing a welcoming environment for various pastoral and formation activities. The Tent of Gathering stands as a lasting symbol of generosity, unity, and commitment to the continued growth of the Guanellian mission.

HYGIENE, AND HEARTFELT CONNECTION



DINDIGUL : On 23rd July 2026 an awareness program was conducted with the gracious presence of Mrs. Esther, Staff Nurse, along with Nurses Mrs. Iruthayamary and Mrs. Tamil, and Teachers Mrs. Clara, Mrs. Kavitha, and Mrs. Vinitha from the Annai Prayer Group, Muthamil Nagar, Dindigul. A meaningful half-day programme was conducted for the residents. Spiritual nourishment was provided through heartfelt prayers, while joyful games and interactive activities were organised to foster friendship and happiness. Valuable

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awareness on personal cleanliness and hygiene was also imparted. The importance of regular handwashing, bathing, and maintaining good hygiene was clearly explained as an effective means of preventing illness and promoting good health. The residents were encouraged to regard self-care as an expression of dignity, self-respect, and responsible living. The informative session was received with great interest and appreciation by all. Sincere gratitude was expressed to Mrs. Esther, her team, and the members of the Annai Prayer Group for their generous service and compassionate presence. Founder Guanella Day was made truly memorable through their dedicated care and loving support.

REKINDLING THE SPIRIT OF SERVICE & RESPONSIBILITY



DINDIGUL : A formation and fellowship meeting for the Guanellian Lay Movement (GLM) members of Dindigul and Kallathupatti was conducted at Guanella Karunai Illam, Dindigul, on 27 July 2026. The programme was animated by the Guanellian Cooperators (GC) team from Chennai, comprising Mr. Rajendran, Mr. Jeya Paul, Mr. Benjamin Ebenezer, and Mr. Vincent Paul. The life and charism of St. Luigi Guanella, together with the mission, responsibilities, and commitment of the GLM, were clearly explained. The importance of prayer, unity, and collaboration with the wider Guanellian family was emphasised, encouraging the members to live the founder's spirit with dedication. The gathering concluded with a fellowship dinner that strengthened the bonds of fraternity and unity. During their three-day stay, the GC team also spent time with the residents receiving mental health care, offering companionship, compassionate support, and a caring presence, thereby reflecting the true spirit of Guanellian charity.



PERIODIC VISIT

WARANGAL: A periodic visit to the Don Guanella Evening School tuition centres was conducted at Yesu Gutta and Mahabubabad as part of the academic year 2026–2027. Such visits are considered essential for encouraging students in their academic and personal growth. The visit was made by Rev. Fr. Paul Raj, SdC, who interacted warmly with the students. The importance of regular study and continuous learning from the beginning of the academic year was emphasised. The students were encouraged to strengthen their knowledge and work diligently towards their future careers. Words of motivation and guidance were shared to inspire confidence and perseverance. The students responded with great enthusiasm and gratitude. Snacks were distributed to all the students at the end of the visit. The visit was greatly appreciated by the students and staff. The programme concluded on a joyful note with renewed enthusiasm for learning. All glory and thanksgiving were offered to God.

REOPENING OF GUANELLA DAY CARE CENTRE

WARANGAL: The Guanella Daycare Centre, Mahabubabad, was reopened on





16 June 2026 after a long break, bringing great joy and happiness to the children as they returned to their second home. The reopening was celebrated in a spirit of gratitude under the theme, "It is God Who Does." The children were warmly welcomed back to the centre, where they joyfully resumed their learning and daily activities. Rev. Fr. Paul Raj, SdC, Residence In-charge and Director of the Guanella Daycare Centre, blessed the children and the classrooms, invoking God's blessings upon the new academic year. Rev. Fr. Christu, SdC, Rev. Fr. Solomon, SdC, and Rev. Fr. Saimon, SdC, were also present for the occasion. The reopening marked a joyful new beginning, renewing hope and reaffirming the centre's commitment to the care, education, and holistic development of the children.

GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS' VISIT



WARANGAL: A general inspection was conducted by the officials of the District Legal Services Authority, Mahabubabad, at the Don Guanella Daycare Centre, Mahabubabad, Warangal. The institutional records and documents were thoroughly examined during the visit. Appreciation was expressed by the officials for the services rendered and the activities carried out for children with special needs. The various programmes and services of the institution were explained by Rev. Fr. Paul Raj, SdC. The commitment of the staff towards the holistic development of the children was highly appreciated. Rev. Fr. Christu, SdC, and Rev. Fr. Solomon, SdC, were also present during the visit. The interaction was marked by mutual appreciation and encouragement. The visit concluded on a positive note with words of appreciation for the institution's dedicated service to society.

FIRST ENGLISH ACADEMY

KOPPKKA: The First English Academy for the academic year was inaugurated at Guanella Bhavan Minor Seminary on 19 July 2026, providing the



seminarians with a valuable platform to enhance their English communication skills. A variety of programmes, including speeches, music, dance, and drama, were presented to promote confidence and language proficiency. Inspiring talks on communication, education, and language skills were delivered by Bro. Manas, Bro. Raju, and Bro. Karan. The programme was enriched through group songs, a cultural dance, and a meaningful skit. The gathering was presided over by Rev. Fr. Pandian, SdC, who emphasised the importance of making English an integral part of daily formation and future pastoral ministry. The seminarians were encouraged to develop effective communication skills with confidence and dedication. A vote of thanks was delivered by Bro. Babula, and the programme was concluded with the Marian Anthem. The English Academy continues to be recognised as an important initiative in the holistic formation of the seminarians, fostering confidence, communication, and leadership in the spirit of the Guanellian mission.

INAUGURATION OF THE EVENING TUITION CENTRES

KOPPKKA: The Evening Tuition Centres of Guanella Bhavan Minor Seminary were inaugurated with the joyful participation of children, parents, guests, and





the seminary community. The programme was coordinated by Mr. Rajesh and commenced with a prayer song rendered by the seminarians. A warm welcome was extended through the welcome address delivered by Br. Praveen. Colourful cultural performances were presented by the children from Ankannagudem, Koppakagudem, Koppaka A, Koppaka B, and Singavaram, while songs and dances were performed by the seminarians. An inspiring session on "Personal Hygiene and Its Importance" was delivered by Ms. Marteena, a registered nurse, encouraging the children to develop healthy habits. Gifts were distributed to the children by the Chief Guest, the priests, and the invited guests. The celebration concluded with refreshments and joyful fellowship. The inauguration marked the beginning of another academic year dedicated to the Guanellian mission of providing quality education, care, and support to children.

A MILESTONE OF FAITH



VATLURU: A joyful milestone in the growth of the Guanellian mission in Andhra Pradesh was witnessed on 11 July 2026 at the Guanella Karunalaya Community, Vatluru. Six members of the Guanellian Lay Movement (GLM) expressed their willingness to become Guanellian Cooperators (GC) and were welcomed with great joy. Their commitment was received as a significant step in their spiritual journey and service to the Church. A one-year aspirant formation programme was initiated to prepare them for their new vocation. A meaningful recollection was animated by Rev. Fr. Shantham, guiding the participants to reflect on their call and commitment. Their promise was formally received by Rev. Fr. Peter Joseph, DPP Councillor, who encouraged them in their journey of faith. The occasion was celebrated with gratitude and hope by the entire community. Their dedication was recognised as a powerful witness to faith, service, and the continuing mission of the Guanellian family.



YOUNG MINDS, BRAVE HEARTS, BOLD FAITH

VATLURU :A faith-filled Youth Conference was conducted at Sacred Heart Church, Vatluru, bringing together 120 young participants. The programme was organised in honour of the Silver Jubilee Tower of Vatluru and the Golden Jubilee of the RCM Diocese of Eluru. The theme, "Young Minds, Brave Hearts, Bold Faith," inspired the youth to grow in courage, faith, and Christian values. Insightful sessions on the role of youth in society, basic legal awareness, and self-awakening through motivation were delivered by the resource persons. The participants were encouraged to think responsibly, act wisely, and remain steadfast in their faith. The Holy Eucharist was celebrated by Rev. Fr. Thota Gabriel, creating a prayerful and spiritually enriching atmosphere. Active participation by the youth reflected their enthusiasm for learning and faith formation. The conference concluded as a memorable occasion of spiritual renewal, fellowship, and inspiration, encouraging the youth to move forward with faith and purpose.

A JOYFUL BEGINNING

VATLURU: The Don Guanella Evening Schools were inaugurated with great joy and hope on 25 July 2026. A total of 130 children from five nearby villages participated in the inaugural celebration. Colourful cultural performances, including vibrant dances, were presented by each evening school, filling the occasion with enthusiasm and joy. The talents and lively spirit of the children were beautifully showcased through their performances. Blessings were



invoked upon the children for a successful academic journey, and thoughtful gifts were distributed to encourage their learning. The children received the gifts with great happiness and gratitude. The inauguration was marked by a spirit of hope, encouragement, and unity. The celebration concluded with the children returning home inspired and eager to begin the new academic year with renewed enthusiasm. The event stood as a promise of growth, learning, and a brighter future for all the participants.

STRENGTHENS REGIONAL MINISTRIES

BANGALORE: Guanella Preethi Nivas, Bangalore, under the leadership of Rev. Fr. Kulandai Samy, SdC, Community Superior, together with Rev. Fr. Jesu Doss, SdC, and Rev. Fr. Antony Samy, SdC, strengthened four Guanellian ministries in South India through the donation of vehicles. The initiative was undertaken to address the transportation needs of missionaries serving in remote and underserved areas, enabling pastoral and social outreach to be carried out more effectively. A Mahindra Xylo was handed over to the Provincialate to support the Congregation's pastoral and apostolic mission. A Mahindra Bolero was donated to Don Guanella Illam, Dindigul, to assist in the care of poor children and abandoned elderly persons. A Maruti Eeco was provided to the Kunnamalai Community, Salem, to strengthen its Tribal Ministry, while a motorbike was donated to support the Village Ministry in Andhra Pradesh. During the handover ceremony, heartfelt gratitude was expressed by the recipient communities, acknowledging that reliable transportation is





essential for reaching people in distant and inaccessible areas. This generous initiative reflected the Guanellian spirit of fraternity, collaboration, and compassionate service, ensuring that the mission of St. Luigi Guanella continues to bring hope, care, and God's love to the poor, the vulnerable, and the forgotten.

TRANSFORMING LIVES WITH LOVE & DIGNITY



BANGALORE: A remarkable journey of hope and transformation was witnessed at Guanella Preethi Nivas Trust, Bangalore, through the life of Mr. Shanthakumar. Six months ago, he was welcomed into the Home after arriving lonely, frail, and abandoned. Compassionate care, including nutritious meals, safe shelter, medical assistance, emotional support, and daily prayer, was provided by the priests, staff, and residents. Through this loving environment, his health, confidence, and sense of belonging were gradually restored. Today, he is actively engaged in assisting fellow residents and encouraging newcomers with kindness and compassion. His transformation stands as a living witness to the charism of St. Luigi Guanella, where dignity is restored through love and lives are renewed through service. His inspiring journey reflects the mission of Guanella Preethi Nivas, where every person is welcomed as a member of one family and empowered to live with renewed faith, dignity, and joy.

DRUG ADDICTION AWARENESS PROGRAMME

CUDDALORE, DGBH: A Drug Addiction Awareness Programme was conducted on 18 July 2026 for the students of Don Guanella Boys Home and the Seminary Brothers to promote healthy, responsible, and value-based living. The programme was organised to create awareness about the dangers of substance abuse and the importance of making wise and informed life choices.

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Informative sessions were conducted by Mr. Balu and Mr. Ambrose, who shared their knowledge through engaging presentations, practical examples, and interactive discussions. The physical, psychological, social, and spiritual consequences of drug addiction were clearly explained, and the harmful effects of substance abuse on individuals, families, and society were emphasised. The programme was successfully organised under the guidance of Rev. Fr. James, ensuring its smooth and effective conduct. The awareness programme proved to be a meaningful and enriching experience, reaffirming the commitment of Don Guanella Boys Home to the holistic formation and well-being of its students and Seminary Brothers.

REST IN PEACE – M. AMALA KEVIN

MADURAI : A profound loss was experienced by St. Joseph's Special School with the passing of M. Amala Kevin on 15 July 2026. Kevin had been a resident of the Home since the beginning of the mission at Soosai Thottam and was known for his deep faith, kindness, and cheerful spirit. Despite physical





challenges, he was recognised as a dedicated student who cared for his fellow residents and warmly welcomed every visitor with a memorable smile. His funeral was held on 16 July at Risen Christ Church, Nemilicherry, where family members, friends, the DGMS Community, the Provincial Community, and people from Soosai Thottam gathered to offer prayers for the repose of his soul. His life will be remembered with gratitude, and his loving witness will continue to inspire the Guanellian mission.

A DAY TO ENTERTAIN OTHERS



MADURAI : The students of St. Joseph's School participated in a special educational welfare programme organised by Gnanaolivapuram Seva Sangam on 18 July 2026. Cultural performances, including a lively dance, were presented by the students and were warmly appreciated by the audience. The dedicated efforts of the teachers in preparing the children were also recognised. Shawls, prizes, and financial assistance for the children's education were presented by the organisers. The programme concluded with a fellowship meal, and the students returned home with joyful hearts after a memorable and enriching experience.

A CELEBRATION OF TALENT

MADURAI: The students of St. Joseph's School participated in the "Thangame Thangam" programme organised by the Rotary Club on 25 July 2026 at EMG Yadava Women's College, Madurai. The participants were warmly welcomed and were engaged in games, entertainment activities, and creative experiences throughout the day. Dance and fancy-dress performances prepared by the teachers were presented by the students and received enthusiastic appreciation. A memento, participation certificate, gifts, and activity kits were presented to the school and the students in recognition of their participation.



The celebration concluded with lunch and joyful fellowship, leaving the children with unforgettable memories and renewed confidence.

EDUCATIONAL VISIT

CHENNAI, DGSS: An educational visit to Heritage Foods Limited – Dairy Processing Unit was organised for the students of Don Guanella Special School and Home on 6 July 2025 as part of the experiential learning programme. The various stages of dairy processing, including milk collection, quality testing, pasteurisation, packaging, cold storage, and distribution, were explained to the students. Valuable knowledge on food safety, hygiene, and quality control was imparted by the factory staff through interactive demonstrations. The visit enriched the students' practical knowledge and enhanced their understanding of modern dairy processing technology.



EDUCATIONAL VISIT TO SHS

CHENNAI, DGSS: An educational visit to Sacred Heart Seminary was



conducted on 17 July 2025 for the students of Don Guanella Special School and Home. The seminary campus and academic facilities were visited, and the students were introduced to the life and formation of seminarians. The cattle farm and animal-rearing units were also explored, where basic farming practices and animal care were explained. The visit provided an enriching learning experience, fostering an appreciation for discipline, community life, agriculture, and nature.

124TH BIRTH ANNIVERSARY

CHENNAI, DGSS: The 124th Birth Anniversary of Bharat Ratna K. Kamarajar was celebrated on 15 July 2025 at Don Guanella Special School and Home. Tributes were paid through role-plays and cultural presentations performed by the students, portraying the life, leadership, and educational reforms of the great leader. His dedication to public welfare, simplicity, and commitment to education were highlighted throughout the programme. The celebration inspired the students to embrace the values of honesty, humility, leadership, and selfless service.





RENOVATED BASKETBALL COURT

CHENNAI, DGMS: The newly renovated basketball court at Don Guanella Major Seminary (DGMS) was inaugurated on 15 July 2026 in the presence of Rev. Fr. Provincial Superior, Rev. Fr. Treasurer, Rev. Fr. Periyannayagam, Rector, the community Fathers, Brothers, and children. The ceremony commenced with a prayer led by Rev. Fr. Provincial Superior, during which God's blessings were invoked upon the new facility and prayers were offered for the safety, teamwork, and sportsmanship of all who would use it. The ribbon-cutting ceremony was performed by Mr. Martin and Miss Philomena Amma, marking the formal inauguration of the court. The basketball court was then solemnly blessed with holy water by Rev. Fr. Francis. A ceremonial first basketball match was played by the Brothers to commemorate the occasion and to mark the beginning of healthy recreation and fraternity. The programme concluded with a vote of thanks delivered by Rev. Fr. Periyannayagam, who expressed sincere gratitude to the Provincial Superior, the Treasurer, the benefactors, the workers, and all those whose generous support made the renovation possible.

EDUCATIONAL VISIT

CHENNAI, DGSS: An educational visit to the Government Health Department was organised on 20 July 2026 for the students and teachers of Don Guanella Special School. Awareness sessions on personal hygiene, nutrition, disease prevention, and healthy living were conducted by the department officials. An interactive programme on child health and developmental care was also organised for the teachers. The laboratory and various public health service units were visited, providing valuable practical knowledge on healthcare services. The informative visit enhanced awareness of health and hygiene and



concluded with heartfelt gratitude to the Government Health Department for its valuable support.

SILVER JUBILEE CELEBRATION



CHENNAI, DGMS: The birthday of Rev. Fr. Arul Raj and the Silver Jubilee of his entrance into religious life were celebrated with great joy in an atmosphere of thanksgiving, fraternity, and prayer. The celebration commenced with the Holy Eucharist, which was presided over by Rev. Fr. Arul Raj. During the Eucharistic celebration, gratitude was offered to God for the gift of his life and for twenty-five years of faithful religious service, and the community was encouraged to renew its commitment with generosity, fidelity, and hope. A joyful fellowship gathering was later held in the refectory, where a cake-cutting ceremony marked both celebrations. Rev. Fr. Arul Raj was felicitated by the community Fathers and was honoured with a ceremonial shawl as a token of love, gratitude, and appreciation. Heartfelt greetings and best wishes were extended by the confreres. The celebration concluded with a vote of thanks delivered by the Rector, who expressed sincere gratitude to all who contributed to the successful organisation of the liturgy and fellowship, making the occasion a memorable and grace-filled celebration for the entire community.

FEAST OF OUR LADY OF MOUNT CARMEL

SALEM: The Feast of Our Lady of Mount Carmel was celebrated with great devotion and joy at Kunamalai Parish, bringing together parishioners, clergy, religious, and well-wishers in a spirit of faith and unity. The celebrations commenced with the Flag Hoisting Ceremony, which was presided over by Rev. Fr. Arputharaj, Director of the Guanella Rehabilitation Centre, Poonamallee, followed by the celebration of the Holy Eucharist. Special transportation



arrangements were made to enable the faithful from all the substations to participate in the parish feast. The celebration was enriched by the presence of priests and religious sisters from the Vicariate, reflecting the spirit of ecclesial communion. The Solemn Feast Day Holy Mass was presided over by Rev. Fr. Gnanaraj, Provincial Superior of the Guanellian Fathers, while the homily was delivered by Rev. Fr. Francis, Provincial Administrator, who encouraged the faithful to remain steadfast in faith and devotion to Our Lady of Mount Carmel. The celebration concluded with a fellowship meal generously sponsored for all the faithful, leaving the parish community strengthened in faith, gratitude, and unity.

LEARNING MENTAL HEALTH CARE



THALAVADI: An educational visit was undertaken by the faculty members and III Year B.Sc. Nursing students of Annai JKK Sampoorani Ammal College of Nursing to Nazareth Illam – Home for the Mentally Ill on 27 July 2026. A Mental Health Awareness Programme was conducted through psychodrama and mime, while skill training was provided for the staff and recreational therapy was organised for the residents. During the interaction session, Rev. Fr. Arun, Director, explained the history, infrastructure, administration, staffing pattern, admission and discharge procedures, treatment methods, and documentation practices of the Home. The students were also taken on a guided tour of the refectory, dormitories, and other facilities, where they interacted with the residents and gained first-hand experience in psychosocial rehabilitation. The visit provided valuable practical exposure, strengthening the students' academic knowledge, professional competence, and commitment to serving vulnerable and neglected members of society.



REHABILITATION THROUGH NATURE



THALAVADI: An environmental conservation programme was conducted at Nazareth Illam – Home for the Mentally Ill, Thalavadi, on 16 July 2026, during which 100 saplings were planted by the residents. Active participation in the tree-planting initiative was encouraged to promote responsibility, environmental awareness, and a sense of belonging. A greener and healthier campus environment was created through the collective efforts of the residents. The activity also served as a therapeutic and rehabilitative experience by fostering teamwork, confidence, and care for nature. The programme reflected the commitment of Nazareth Illam to holistic rehabilitation, where personal well-being and environmental sustainability are nurtured together.

PLANTING TODAY, FRUIT FOR TOMORROW

TANJORE: An eco-friendly tree-planting programme was organised at Trinity, Tanjore, on 23 July 2026, promoting environmental conservation and active participation among the elderly residents. Fruit tree saplings, including





jackfruit, star fruit, berries, rambutan, fig, avocado, custard apple, and guava, were planted by the residents under the guidance of the Fathers and staff. Each resident was entrusted with the responsibility of nurturing a personally assigned sapling through regular watering and care. The initiative encouraged a sense of responsibility, purpose, and companionship while fostering a deeper appreciation for nature. The tree-planting activity also served as a therapeutic experience, bringing joy, confidence, and renewed enthusiasm to the elderly residents. Through this meaningful programme, hope for a greener future and a lasting legacy of environmental stewardship were planted alongside the young trees. The initiative reflected Trinity's commitment to promoting holistic well-being, ecological awareness, and sustainable living.

OFFICIAL VISIT

TANJORE: An official inspection visit was conducted at Trinity Hospice, Thanjavur, on 11 June 2026 by Mrs. R. T. Latha, District Social Welfare Officer (DSWO). During the visit, the residents were warmly interacted with, and their well-being and living conditions were reviewed. The institution's infrastructure, including the residential facilities, sanitation, safety measures, and other amenities, was thoroughly inspected. Relevant administrative records and statutory documents were also examined to ensure compliance with institutional regulations and welfare standards. The premises were appreciated for being clean, well-maintained, and efficiently managed. Before concluding the visit, the Director, Rev. Fr. Viswasam, and the Administrator, Rev. Fr. Adaikalam, were met, and appreciation was expressed for the quality of care provided. Valuable suggestions were also offered for the continued growth and effective functioning of the institution.

CANONICAL INSTALLATION OF THE SUPERIOR

TANJORE: The Canonical Installation of Rev. Fr. Viswasam, SdC, as the First Superior of Trinity Hospice, Marungulam, Thanjavur, was solemnly celebrated on 16 June 2026 during the Holy Eucharist. During the ceremony, the oath of office and the profession of promises were made by Rev. Fr. Viswasam, who entrusted his leadership ministry to the Lord. The Eucharistic celebration was presided over by Rev. Fr. Gnanaraj, SdC, Provincial Superior, with Rev. Fr. Adaikalam, SdC, and Rev. Fr. Stalin, SdC, as concelebrants. Rev. Fr. Adaikalam, SdC, was appointed as Administrator and Vice Superior, while Rev. Fr. Achariam, SdC, assumed office as Assistant Director and was formally welcomed by the community on 18 June 2026. Following the House Council meeting held on 23 June 2026, the responsibilities of the community were



formally entrusted, and the new leadership officially commenced its ministry. Prayers and best wishes were offered for God's abundant blessings upon the new Superior and his council as they began their mission of service to the Trinity Hospice community.

EDUCATIONAL DEVELOPMENT DAY



SIVAGANGAI: Educational Development Day, commemorating the birth anniversary of Perunthalaivar K. Kamaraj, was celebrated with great enthusiasm at St. Guanella Anbagam Special School and Home on 15 July 2026. The programme commenced with a prayer, followed by poems, essays, and cultural performances presented by the students, highlighting the importance of education and the remarkable contributions of Kamaraj. The celebration was graced by Mr. Joseph Adikalaraja, Retired Headmaster and Former Assistant Educational Officer, and Mr. Albert Michael as Chief Guests. An inspiring address on the life, educational vision, and public service of Kamaraj was delivered by Mr. Joseph Adikalaraja, who also appreciated the dedicated service rendered by the institution to children with special needs. As a token of appreciation, all 17 staff members were honoured for their committed service. The programme concluded with a vote of thanks, and heartfelt gratitude was expressed to the Chief Guests for their valuable presence, encouragement, and support.

INDIVIDUAL PARENTS' MEETINGS

SIVAGANGAI: The second round of Individual Parents' Meetings was conducted at St. Guanella Special Home from 20 to 24 July 2026. Unlike the first meeting, which was held collectively, separate meetings were organised for each class to provide greater personal interaction. Parents were given the opportunity to discuss their children's progress, set developmental goals, and



share their suggestions and concerns. The students' academic progress, behaviour, and overall development were reviewed by the teachers during the discussions. The meetings were found to be meaningful and productive by both parents and teachers. The programme strengthened the partnership between families and the school, reaffirming the shared commitment to the holistic growth and well-being of every child.

SMART CLASSROOM INAUGURATED

SIVAGANGAI: A Smart Classroom was inaugurated at St. Guanella Anbagam Special School & Home, Yesuvanam, on 2 July 2026 through the generous sponsorship of Share the Cheer, USA. The inauguration was graced by Rev. Fr. Gnanaraj, SdC, Provincial Superior, along with the Servants of Charity Fathers, benefactors, staff, and students. The Smart Classroom, equipped with an Interactive Smart TV Panel, a Safety White Board, and an Air Conditioner, was established to provide an engaging and technology-enabled learning environment for children with special needs. This milestone marked St. Guanella Anbagam as the first Special School in Sivagangai District to introduce a Smart Classroom, promoting quality digital education and equal learning opportunities. Heartfelt gratitude was expressed to Share the Cheer, USA, Mr. Leo, Mr. Sudhakar, and their families for their generous support.





Stationery kits, school bags, and a special meal were also provided for the children, making the celebration joyful and memorable.

ANNUAL EDUCATIONAL FIELD VISIT

CUDDULORE, SJS: An educational field visit was organised for the ± 1 and ± 2 students as part of the annual experiential learning programme. The students visited Rock Beach, the Gandhi Statue, and the Botanical Garden, where classroom learning was enriched through real-life observation and exploration. Curiosity and critical thinking were encouraged as the students observed nature, interacted with their surroundings, and participated in meaningful discussions. The visit was further enriched through group activities, a picnic lunch, and opportunities for fellowship with classmates and teachers. The programme provided a valuable learning experience by promoting observation, teamwork, and practical knowledge beyond the classroom.

A PEACEFUL JOURNEY OF FAITH





CUDDULORE, SJS: A spiritual pilgrimage to St. Carmel Church was undertaken by the Intermediate and College students during the Novena, providing an opportunity for prayer and spiritual renewal. The pilgrimage was guided by Rev. Fr. Samson, Administrator and Formation Collaborator, under whose leadership the Holy Rosary was prayerfully recited. Reflections on the mysteries of the Rosary were shared, and prayers were offered for personal intentions and the needs of the Congregation. The candidates were encouraged to strengthen their faith and carry the values of peace and prayer into their daily lives. The pilgrimage concluded as a meaningful experience of spiritual growth, unity, and renewed commitment to their vocation.

THE NEW INITIATION BROTHERS



CUDDULORE, SJS: The Inauguration Ceremony of the New Initiation Brothers was celebrated with great joy and thanksgiving to God. The newly initiated brothers were formally entrusted to Rev. Fr. Gnanaraj, SdC, Provincial Superior, by Rev. Fr. Jayaseelan, Vocation Promoter. The brothers were warmly welcomed into the Guanellian family and were encouraged to begin their formation with faith, dedication, and openness to God's call. The Holy Eucharist was celebrated by Rev. Fr. Gnanaraj, SdC, during which prayers were offered for the new brothers and their journey of formation. The Holy Cross and the Prayer Book were presented to the brothers as symbols of their commitment to follow Christ and deepen their life of prayer. They were entrusted to the guidance of Divine Providence and the intercession of St. Luigi Guanella. The celebration concluded with prayers that the brothers may grow in holiness, fraternity, charity, and joyful service to the poor throughout their vocation.

VOCATION PROMOTION

CUDDULORE, SJS: The Divine Providence Province was blessed to welcome 40 young aspirants from different parts of India during the 2026 vocation



promotion programme. The candidates were received from Andhra Pradesh, Karnataka, Odisha, and Tamil Nadu, having generously responded to the call of Jesus. Their willingness to embrace the Guanellian vocation was recognised as a sign of faith, courage, openness, and commitment. Through the dedicated efforts of the vocation promotion ministry, many young hearts were inspired to discern God's call. Their presence has become a source of hope and a promise of a bright future for the Province. Prayers were offered that these young aspirants may grow in faith, holiness, charity, and service to the poor under the inspiration of St. Luigi Guanella. They were entrusted to Divine Providence with the hope that they may become joyful and faithful servants of God's people.

RENOVATION OF DINING HALL

SIVAKASI: The newly renovated dining hall and kitchen block of St. Paul's Boys' Hostel, Sivakasi, were inaugurated in the presence of Rev. Fr. Gnanaraj, SdC, Provincial Superior, Rev. Fr. Francis, SdC, Province Economer, and Guanellian confreres from various communities. The facilities were formally





blessed and inaugurated during a housewarming ceremony held on the hostel premises. The celebration was attended by the families of the Guanellian Fathers and neighbouring families from Krishnaperi. Gratitude was expressed by Rev. Fr. Ronald, SdC, for the generous support received from the Province in making the renovation possible. The programme concluded with fellowship and refreshments.

INAUGURATION OF EVENING SCHOOL



SIVAKASI: The new academic year of Don Guanella Evening School, Vadapatti, was inaugurated on 13 July 2026 at St. John De Britto Church, Vadapatti. The programme was graced by Rev. Fr. Arun, SdC, Director of Nazareth Illam, Thalavadi, as the Chief Guest. The celebration commenced with a prayer song, and the Chief Guest was warmly welcomed and honoured. The students' cultural performances were appreciated, and the importance of education through the Evening School programme was emphasised. The celebration concluded with refreshments for all the participants.

INAUGURATION OF EVENING SCHOOL



SIVAKASI: The new academic year of Don Guanella Evening School, Meenampatti, was inaugurated on 14 July 2026. Rev. Fr. Ilango, Parish Priest of



St. Mother Teresa Church, was invited as the Chief Guest and was warmly welcomed by Rev. Fr. Kennedy, SdC. The inaugural programme was organised by the teachers with the active participation of the children. The students were encouraged to excel in their studies, and continued support for their education was assured by the Chief Guest. The programme concluded with a prayer, followed by tea and refreshments.

SILVER JUBILEE CELEBRATION



SIVAKASI: The Silver Jubilee of the Priestly Ordination of Rev. Fr. Chandra Nevis, SdC, was celebrated on 26 July 2026 at St. Paul's Boys' Hostel, Krishnapuri. A solemn Holy Eucharist was celebrated by the Jubilee celebrant at St. John De Britto Church, Vadapatti, in thanksgiving for twenty-five years of priestly ministry. He was warmly felicitated by the parishioners and confreres and was honoured with a ceremonial shawl. Small gifts were distributed to the faithful as a token of gratitude. The celebration concluded with a cake-cutting ceremony and fellowship, marking the joyful occasion with thanksgiving and fraternity.

LANDSCAPING UPDATES





GRASS LAKE: New landscaping work was carried out along the **Holy Rosary Walk** at **Grass Lake** during **July 2026**. Concrete curbs were installed around the statues to enhance the beauty of the Rosary Walk while providing better protection for the surrounding landscape. The improvements are expected to reduce maintenance requirements and simplify the upkeep of the prayer pathway. This initiative reflects the continued commitment to preserving the Shrine's beauty and providing a welcoming environment for pilgrims and visitors.

THE FESTIVITIES BEGIN



CHELSEA : Patriotic celebrations for America's 250th Independence Day were joyfully commenced at St. Louis Center, Chelsea, on 1 July 2026. The residents participated in themed craft activities organised by Laura Rayer, Activities Coordinator. Creative items, including Uncle Sam hats and Statue of Liberty crowns and torches, were made with great enthusiasm and enjoyment. The activity encouraged creativity, fellowship, and festive spirit among the residents. The celebration marked a joyful beginning to the Independence Day festivities, creating happy memories for everyone involved.

FOURTH OF JULY CELEBRATION

GRASS LAKE : America's 250th Independence Day was joyfully celebrated at Grass Lake through participation in the Fourth of July Parade. A festive float representing the Shrine was presented, with a large image of St. Louis Guanella displayed prominently at the front. Volunteers and residents of St. Louis Center participated enthusiastically by distributing candy to the spectators along the parade route. The celebration promoted community spirit, fellowship, and



public awareness of the Guanellian mission. The event concluded with joy and gratitude, making the national celebration a memorable occasion for all who participated.

SUMMER PILGRIMS



GRASS LAKE : A group of Chaldean pilgrims was warmly welcomed to the St. Louis Guanella Shrine, Grass Lake, on 9 July 2026. The pilgrims were served breakfast before being guided on a tour of the Shrine grounds. Candles were lit, personal prayers were offered, and the Holy Mass was celebrated, providing a meaningful opportunity for spiritual renewal and fellowship. The visit strengthened the bonds of faith and pilgrimage, leaving the participants with a memorable and enriching spiritual experience.

MAKING NEW FRIENDS

CHELSEA: Members of the International Order of Alhambra were warmly

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welcomed to St. Louis Center, Chelsea, on 17 July 2026 by Rev. Fr. Satheesh. Following their regional meeting in Grand Rapids, the visitors were invited to tour the facility, interact with the residents, and learn more about the mission and services of the Center. Their presence provided encouragement and support to both the residents and staff, while strengthening the spirit of friendship and collaboration. The visit concluded with heartfelt appreciation for the dedicated work being carried out in the service of persons with special needs.

GOLFING FOR GOOD



CHELSEA: A charity golf tournament was organised by the Italian American Delegates at Pine Knob Golf Club on 13 July 2026, bringing together more than 150 participants in support of St. Louis Center. An enjoyable day of golf and fellowship was experienced by the participants, and the proceeds from the event were dedicated to the Center's mission and services. On 20 July 2026, Rev. Fr. Satheesh also participated in the 4th Annual Sean Brian Ashline Golf Outing, where he met with longtime friends and supporters, Norm Neuman, Joe Neuman, and Fred Ashline. The events reflected the continued generosity



and commitment of the community in supporting the ministry of St. Louis Center.

PROGRESS UPDATE

GREEN LAKES : Planning and development meetings for Providence Hall continued throughout July 2026 at Grass Lake. New ideas and proposals were presented and carefully reviewed as part of the ongoing planning process. Steady progress was made toward the development of the new facility, and a spirit of optimism and enthusiasm was shared by all those involved. The project continues to move forward with hope, reflecting a strong commitment to future growth and service.

STATE ALLOCATION AWARDED



CHELSEA: A state funding allocation was awarded to St. Louis Center, Chelsea, to begin the renovation of its Skill Building and Memory Care facilities. The allocation was secured through the dedicated efforts of State Representative Kathy Schmaltz. Planning for the renovation project is progressing well, and preparations for the work are currently underway. Rev. Fr. Satheesh and Rev. Fr. Franklin expressed their gratitude for this support and their hope that the renovation work will commence soon. This significant development will further enhance the quality of care and services provided to the residents of St. Louis Center.

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AUGUST BIRTHDAYS

- 5** - Fr. Bakthiswalagan. A
6 - Fr. Periyamayagam. M
11 - Fr. Kumar. S
12 - Fr. Shantham R. | Fr. Jose Rambabu V.
13 - Fr. Arockia Doss. J
15 - Fr. David. J | Fr. Deva P.
16 - Fr. Franklin Arokia Doss M.
22 - Fr. Suresh | Bro. Yesu Babu Kota
26 - Fr. Samson Rajasekaran J.
29 - Fr. Gnanaraj / Fr. John paul
31 - Fr. Loyola Diraviam



FEAST DAYS

- 1** - Fr. Alphonse Maria Ligory C.
5 - Fr. Chandra Nevis. D
8 - Fr. Dominic Sebastian Baskar
10 - Fr. Lawrence Thampusamy R.
11 - Fr. Prakash Philemen Raj
15 - Fr. Arputharaj J.
20 - Fr. Bernardes. A | Fr. Bernard L.
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