NEWSLETTER

DIVINE PROVIDENCE PROVINCE

November - 2026



Dear Confreres,

Fraternal greetings and prayerful wishes!

As we journey together in the spirit of our Founder, St. Luigi Guanella, I am happy to address you through this Sixth Circular Letter. We are living a significant moment in the journey of our Divine Providence Province, marked by gratitude for the blessings received, important celebrations, renewed missionary commitments, and new opportunities to strengthen our Guanellian identity. Our journey invites us to return to the source of our vocation, rediscover the beauty of fraternity, and renew our commitment to serve the poor with the heart of Don Guanella. “LET US GO TO OUR MOTHER HOUSE” St. Joseph's Seminary, Cuddalore and return to our spiritual home, to the heart of our existence, to the source of our Spiritual evolution and to the family spirit that unites us as brothers in the service of charity and dignity.

1. COMMUNITY LIFE IN THE SERVICE OF OUR CHARITY

I invite all the confreres to reflect prayerfully on the recent letter of our Rev. Fr. Superior General concerning community life in the service of charity. Community life is not simply the sharing of a residence or the coordination of apostolic activities. It is an essential dimension of our consecrated vocation and an indispensable foundation for our mission. We are called to build communities in which prayer, mutual acceptance, dialogue, forgiveness, shared responsibility, and fraternal correction become concrete expressions of our Guanellian spirit.

Our Founder desired that his religious communities be true families, united by faith and animated by the love of the Father. The quality of our charity depends greatly on the quality of our fraternity. When we listen to one another, respect differences, communicate honestly, and share responsibilities, our

communities become places of communion and signs of hope. "I give you a new commandment, that you love one another. Just as I have loved you, you also should love one another. By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another." John 13:34–35

2. NOVEMBER: A MONTH OF GRACE, GRATITUDE AND NEW

November is a month rich in celebrations, remembrance and spiritual significance. We begin with the Solemnity of All Saints, remembering those who have gone before us in holiness, and the Commemoration of All the Faithful Departed, renewing our hope in eternal life. As we celebrate the Feast of Our Lady, Mother of Divine Providence, let us place ourselves under her loving mantle, like chicks resting safely beneath their mother's wings. May she shelter us with her maternal protection, guide us with her wisdom, and strengthen our trust in God's providence. In moments of uncertainty, may we remain confident that God never abandons those who place their hope in Him. We celebrate the Solemnity of Christ the King, acknowledging Christ as the centre of our lives and the Lord of history. We also share in the joy of Diwali, the festival of lights in India and Thanksgiving Day with our confreres and friends in the United States. This month also marks the closing of Ordinary Time and the beginning of the new liturgical year with the First Sunday of Advent, inviting us to renew our hope, prepare our hearts and welcome Christ into our lives.

For our Divine Providence Province, November is especially meaningful as we celebrate the Ruby Jubilee of the Guanellian Presence in India, giving thanks for forty years of God's faithfulness, the dedication of our confreres and the generous service of so many people. We also rejoice in the Perpetual Profession and Diaconate Ordination of our confrere, a beautiful sign of total commitment to God and renewed hope for the future of our Congregation. Furthermore, the welcoming of our new Constitutions and Regulations invites us to embrace afresh our Guanellian identity, deepen our fidelity to the charism and renew our commitment to fraternal life and mission.

3. RUBY JUBILEE OF THE GUANELLIAN PRESENCE IN INDIA: 1986–2026

With profound gratitude to Divine Providence, we are preparing to celebrate the Ruby Jubilee—forty years of the Guanellian presence in India. The journey began in 1986, when Fr. Tito Credaro, accompanied by Bro. John Bosco, the first priest of the servants of Charity in India arrived in India on 3 July, the feast of St. Thomas the Apostle. This historic beginning was the fruit of the missionary dream of St. Luigi Guanella and the generous collaboration of pioneers, benefactors, clergy, and many friends who helped the Congregation to establish its roots in Indian soil. From those humble beginnings, the Lord has blessed us with vocations, formation houses, communities, pastoral commitments, charitable institutions, and opportunities to serve the poor and

abandoned. We gratefully remember the pioneers who opened the way, the confreres who laboured generously, and all those who continue to offer their lives for the growth of the mission.

We shall celebrate this important milestone at St. Joesph's Seminary Cuddalore on 20-21 November 2026 a significant place in the history of our Indian mission. The celebration will be an occasion to remember our origins, honour our pioneers, thank our benefactors and collaborators, and renew our commitment to the Guanellian charism.
I warmly invite all the confreres and members of the Guanellian Family to prepare spiritually for this celebration and to participate with grateful hearts and a renewed missionary spirit.

4. VISIT OF THE VICAR GENERAL TO INDIA

We are pleased to welcome Fr. Soosai Rathinam, SdC, Vice General, who is expected to visit India from 9 November to 31 December 2026. His presence will be an expression of the communion that unites our Province with the Congregation. During this period, we shall have the opportunity to celebrate the Presentation of the New Constitutions and regulations, Ruby Jubilee, the Perpetual Profession and Diaconate Ordination of Bro. Arockiasamy, SdC, an important moment of grace for the Province.

5. A FRUITFUL VISIT TO OUR GUANELLIAN COMMUNITIES IN THE USA

I wish to express my sincere gratitude to Rev. Fr. Amalraj, SdC, Vice Provincial, who organised every detail of the visit with great care, precision, and thoughtful planning. I also extend my heartfelt thanks to all the Superiors and confreres, Sisters, Cooperators, collaborators, benefactors, and friends who warmly welcomed and accompanied the recent visit of the Provincial and Council to our Guanellian communities in the United States.

A particularly significant moment was the presentation of the revised Constitutions and Regulations of the Servants of Charity by Rev. Fr. Soosai Rathinam, SdC, Vice General. We also joyfully celebrated the Golden Jubilee of the priestly ordination of Rev. Fr. Enzo Addari SdC, giving thanks to God for his fifty years of priestly ministry and dedicated service.

6. NEW ASSIGNMENTS OF CONFRERES:

As part of our ongoing journey of renewal and co-responsibility, I wish to announce the following new assignments of our confreres. These assignments are entrusted to us in a spirit of faith, obedience, fraternity, and availability for the mission of the Congregation.

1. **Fr. Sahaya Rajesh Xavier, SdC** — *Superior of the Nazareth Illam Community, Thalavadi.*

2. **Fr. Kuriakose Arockiasamy, SdC** — *Councillor and the assistant Parish Priest, Kumbakonam Community, Our lady of Divine Providence Church.*

3. **Fr. David Jayaraj Joseph, SdC** — *Councillor and the Director of the Trinity Hospice, Trinity Hospice Community, Thanjavur.*

4. **Fr. Paul Dinagaran Christopher, SdC** — *Councillor and treasurer of the Nazareth Illam Community, Thalavadi.*

5. **Fr. Philomin Raja Sesuraj, SdC** — *School Development and Property in charge, St. Joseph's Seminary Community, Cuddalore.*

I express my sincere gratitude to these confreres for their generosity and willingness to serve the Province and the Congregation. I encourage each of them to embrace their new responsibilities with generosity, humility, dedication, and a profound sense of belonging to the Guanellian Family, remaining faithful to our charism and committed to the mission entrusted to us. I kindly invite everyone to continue praying for our Rev.Fr. Superior General. May the Lord bless him with good health, renewed strength, and a speedy recovery. May Our Lady, Mother of Divine Providence, protect and accompany him.

With fraternal affection and prayer,



Fr. Gnanaraj SdC
Servant of God's Love
Divine Providence Province

PROVINCIAL CALENDAR

NOVEMBER- 2026

03/11/26 – Madurai Community
04/11/26 – Sivagangai Community
05/11/26 – Thanjavur & Kumbakonam Community
10/11/26 – Thalavadi Community
12/11/26 – First Religious Profession DSMP- Bangalore
17/11/26 – Cuddalore Community
20/11/26 – Presentation of the constitutions & regulations @ Cuddalore (Morning)
20/11/26 – Perpetual Profession, St. Joseph's Seminary Cuddalore (Evening)
21/11/26 – Diaconate Ordination and Ruby Jubilee Eucharistic celebration & felicitations @ SJS, Cuddalore



CHENNAI DGSS: The students and staff of Don Guanella Special School (DGSS), Chennai, enjoyed a memorable metro train ride from Karayanchavadi to Porur Junction, sponsored by T.V.K. A total of 74 students and staff members participated in the journey under the leadership of Rev. Fr. Arputharaj, Director of DGSS. Great excitement and enthusiasm were expressed by the students as they travelled on the metro. The comfortable journey was enjoyed, the new metro facilities were explored, and happy moments were shared with friends and teachers. The outing also provided a valuable opportunity for the students to experience public transportation and learn through a real-life activity. The journey was filled with smiles, excitement, and unforgettable memories. It became a special and joyful occasion for the entire Don Guanella Special School family, creating a wonderful experience and lasting memories for all the participants.

WORLD CEREBRAL PALSY DAY

CHENNAI DGSS: World Cerebral Palsy Day was celebrated at Don Guanella Special School on 8 October 2026, under the theme "Different Abilities, Brighter Futures." The programme began with a prayer song by Shynitha, followed by a welcome address by



Mrs. Shanthi and a presentation on the history of Cerebral Palsy Day by Mrs. Diana. The students enthusiastically presented “Kings of CP Gaits” and demonstrated various balance and coordination exercises.An awareness talk on cerebral palsy prevention, early care, and the importance of timely intervention was delivered by Mrs. Anita. The occasion was graced by Fr. Abraham, Provincial Superior Secretary; Fr. Periyanayagam, Superior and Rector; and Fr. Arputharaj, Director of DGSS, who shared their valuable messages. The Cerebral Palsy Pledge was led by Mrs. Lima, encouraging inclusion, equality, and respect for persons with different abilities. The programme concluded with a vote of thanks by Mr. Ezhilarasu. The celebration raised awareness and promoted acceptance, highlighting the importance of building an inclusive society where everyone is valued, respected, and encouraged to reach their full potential.

WORLD FOOD DAY



CHENNAI DGSS: World Food Day was joyfully celebrated at Don Guanella Special School on 16 October 2026, with great enthusiasm and a spirit of sharing. The occasion was graced by Rev. Fr. Periyanayagam, Superior of Don Guanella Major Seminary Society (DGMS), Rev. Fr. J. Arputharaj, SdC, Director of the School, and Mr. Pratheeban Kandan, Joint General Manager of Chennai Metro Rail Limited (CMRL). The programme began with the ceremonial lighting of the lamp, followed by a warm welcome to the distinguished guests and students. A colourful cultural programme was presented by the students, featuring lively dances and dramas that showcased their talents and creativity.The highlight of the celebration was the sharing of food, with a variety of dishes brought by the students and enjoyed by everyone. Fathers, Brothers, teachers, and students gathered together in a joyful atmosphere of friendship and fellowship. Through this activity, the values of sharing, caring, and gratitude for food were highlighted. The celebration reminded everyone that food is a precious gift and that no one should be left hungry. The day concluded with joyful memories and a renewed spirit of love, unity, and togetherness among the Don Guanella Special School family.



UNDER MARY'S MANTLE

CHENNAI,DGMS: The Feast of Our Lady of the Holy Rosary was celebrated with deep faith and devotion at Don Guanella Major Seminary (DGMS), Chennai, on 7 October 2026, along with the Good Children. The occasion was made special by the thanksgiving for 40 years of God's blessings and the fruitful presence of the Guanellian mission in India. Fathers, Brothers, and children gathered in prayer, seeking the maternal intercession and protection of Mother Mary.During the celebration, special prayers were offered for the continued growth of the Guanellian mission and its commitment to serving the poor and abandoned. The children participated devoutly, reflecting on the importance of the Holy Rosary in drawing closer to Jesus. Mary's virtues of faith, humility, trust in Divine Providence, and loving service were highlighted as an inspiration for all. The celebration strengthened the bonds of unity and the spirit of family within the Guanellian community. The Fathers, Brothers, children, and staff were entrusted to the loving care of Our Lady, with prayers for continued guidance and faithfulness to Christ through dedicated service to those in need.



RENEWED IN GOD'S LOVE

CHENNAI,DGMS: The monthly recollection of the Guanellian Cooperators was held at Don Guanella Major Seminary (DGMS), Chennai, on 10 October 2026, in preparation for the Feast of their Founder, St. Luigi Guanella. The day was devoted to prayer, reflection, and spiritual renewal. The recollection was animated by Rev. Fr. Arputharaj, Vice-Superior, who guided the participants through meaningful spiritual reflections. The life of St. Luigi Guanella, particularly his unwavering trust in Divine Providence and compassionate love for the poor and abandoned, was reflected upon. The importance of living the Guanellian charism through faith, humility, fraternity, and generous service was emphasised. Through prayer and personal meditation, the participants were encouraged to deepen their relationship with God and strengthen their commitment to the Guanellian mission.

The importance of practising charity in families, workplaces, parishes, and apostolic activities, especially in caring for the poor and those requiring special attention, was highlighted. The recollection concluded with renewed faith and missionary enthusiasm, inspiring the Cooperators to carry forward the legacy of St. Luigi Guanella through selfless service and compassionate love.

40 YEARS OF ABUNDANCE WITH THE ABANDONED

CHENNAI,DGMS: On 24 October 2026, the Feast of St. Luigi Guanella was joyfully celebrated at Don Guanella Major Seminary (DGMS), Chennai, as part of the Ruby Jubilee marking 40 years of Guanellian presence in India (1986–2026). Religious Fathers and Sisters, diocesan clergy, Good Children, staff members, DSMP Sisters, Guanellian Cooperators, Lay Movement members, Pious Union of St. Joseph, Guanellian Youth Movement, and well-wishers joined the celebration. The solemn Eucharistic celebration was presided over by Provincial Councillors Rev. Fr. Francis, Rev. Fr. Francis Assisi, and Rev. Fr. Peter Joseph. The Founder's deep trust in Divine Providence and compassionate service to the poor and abandoned were fondly remembered. His motto, "In Omnibus Caritas" (Charity in All Things), was highlighted as an inspiration to practise love through daily acts of service. The Ruby Jubilee offered an opportunity to celebrate the journey of the Guanellian mission in India and renew the commitment to charity and compassion. The bonds of unity and fellowship among



religious and lay members were further strengthened. Commemorative souvenirs were distributed, and the celebration concluded with heartfelt appreciation to all who contributed to the memorable occasion.



TANJORE : World Elders' Day was celebrated at Trinity Hospice, Thanjavur, on 1 October 2026, with great joy and affection, honouring the dignity, wisdom, and contributions of older persons. All 45 residents gathered for a special day dedicated to their happiness and well-being. The celebration began with warm wishes and inspiring messages from the Fathers and staff, recognising the residents' valuable life experiences and contributions. Personal memories and life stories were shared, creating a sense of belonging and togetherness. Songs were performed by staff and visitors, bringing joy and cherished memories. Fun games were organised to encourage active participation and laughter. A special festive lunch featuring traditional dishes, fruits, and other delicacies was lovingly prepared and served. Friends, well-wishers, and family members also spent meaningful time with the residents. The celebration concluded with an evening prayer service, during which prayers were offered for the health and peace of the residents and their families. The occasion beautifully highlighted the importance of love, respect, and companionship in ensuring the dignity and happiness of older persons.

COOPERATORS VISIT

TANJORE : On 19 October 2026, Trinity Hospice, Thanjavur, welcomed the Guanellian Cooperators from Chennai for a one-day mission exposure visit. they were warmly received by the community Fathers and staff. They spent time with the residents, shared lunch, and participated in the Holy Eucharist and Ayudha Pooja prayers. An overview of the hospice activities was presented by Fr. David, followed by a spiritual



reflection on the charism of St. Louis Guanella by Fr. Adaikalam. A Rosary pilgrimage was also undertaken to Adaikala Matha Church and Sacred Heart Cathedral. As a gesture of support, three sacks of rice were donated to the hospice. Special prayers were offered for the speedy recovery of Mr. Arulsamy, who could not attend due to ill health. The visit strengthened the bonds of faith, charity, and fellowship between the Cooperators and the Trinity Hospice community.

CELEBRATING THE FEAST

TANJORE : The Feast of St. Louis Guanella was joyfully celebrated at Trinity Hospice on the evening of 25 October, with hearts filled with faith and devotion. The occasion was made more special by the commemoration of 40 years of Guanellian service in India (1986–2026). The sacrifices, compassion, and unwavering faith of the Founder were fondly remembered. A solemn Grand High Mass was celebrated with the participation of all residents and staff members. Five priests concelebrated the Holy Eucharist, with Fr. Viswasam, the Superior, presiding as the main celebrant. Through an inspiring homily and soulful hymns, the values of charity, compassion, and service to the abandoned were highlighted. Special prayers were offered for the Major Superiors,



confreres, religious vocations, and the continued growth of the mission. Following the Mass, a festive dinner was shared by the residents, staff, and Fathers in a spirit of joy and fellowship. The celebration concluded with a renewed commitment to continue the legacy of St. Louis Guanella through loving service to the poor and needy.

FAMILY VISIT AND COMMUNITY PICNIC



MADURAI: As part of the school holiday arrangements made by the Superior, the parents and relatives of the confreres visited the Soosai Thottam community on 30 October. The gathering provided a joyful opportunity for families to come together and learn more about the community's mission and activities. The visitors were introduced to the various services carried out at the mission centre. On 1 November, the confreres and their relatives enjoyed a picnic to Munnar, where beautiful scenery and memorable moments were shared. Sincere appreciation was extended to the Superior for organising these meaningful occasions. The family gathering and picnic strengthened family bonds, promoted community fellowship, and renewed the spirit of unity and belonging.

THANKSGIVING AND PRAYER

MADURAI: Ayudha Pooja was observed at Soosai Thottam on 19 October 2026, in keeping with tradition, with devotion and reverence. As part of the customary celebration, the vehicles and various instruments used for daily activities were cleaned and adorned with sandalwood and turmeric powder. The confreres and residents assembled for a special prayer service, during which God was thanked for His abundant blessings and His guidance and protection were sought for all their undertakings. The occasion also served as a reminder of the importance of entrusting every activity to God's providence. Following the prayer service, sundal and poori were distributed to the participants, bringing particular joy to the children. The celebration provided a meaningful opportunity for prayer, thanksgiving, and community fellowship, strengthening the spirit of unity and devotion among all those present.



FEAST OF ST. LUIGI GUANELLA

MADURAI: The Feast of St. Luigi Guanella, the beloved Founder of the Congregation OF Servants of Charity was joyfully celebrated at Soosai Thottam on 23 October 2026 with faith and devotion. The celebration was attended by religious members, sponsors, and well-wishers, reflecting the strong bond between the mission and the local community. The solemn Holy Mass was presided over by Rev. Fr. Martin Joseph, M.F., Parish Priest of Samayanallur. In his inspiring homily, the mission's commitment to serving the poor and vulnerable was appreciated, and everyone was encouraged to follow the compassionate vision of St. Luigi Guanella. Following the Eucharistic celebration, a festive meal was served and shared by all, bringing particular joy to the children of the campus. The mission's dedicated service was warmly appreciated by the participants, and continued support was assured. The celebration became a meaningful occasion of faith, fellowship, and thanksgiving, renewing the community's commitment to carry forward the Founder's legacy through love, charity, and selfless service to those in need.

WORLD FOOD DAY

SIVAGANGAI: World Food Day was celebrated with great enthusiasm at Yesuvanam Anbagam on 16 October 2026, highlighting the importance of food, nutrition, and



responsible consumption. As part of the celebration, various traditional and delicious dishes prepared at home by the staff members were brought and shared among everyone. Informative talks on the importance of nutritious food, healthy eating habits, and the prevention of food wastage were delivered by the Fathers and staff members. Through these reflections, the children were encouraged to value food, understand its nutritional benefits, and develop responsible habits by avoiding unnecessary wastage. The celebration was further enlivened by the joyful sharing and tasting of the different dishes. The occasion provided a valuable opportunity to promote gratitude, generosity, and a spirit of togetherness among the children and staff. **The celebration concluded with a renewed commitment to respect food, share generously, and care for those in need, reminding everyone that food is not merely a basic necessity but also a precious gift to be valued and shared with love.

JOYFUL VISIT



SIVAGANGAI: On 22 October 2026, the children and staff of Guanella Anbagam were warmly welcomed by the Daughters of Charity Sisters at Shanthi Rani Matriculation School, Kalal. A special programme was organised in their honour, featuring prayers, welcome songs, and colourful cultural performances presented by the school students. During the occasion, the dedicated service of the Anbagam staff was recognised, and gifts and groceries were presented as tokens of love and appreciation. The children were later taken to the park, where they enjoyed joyful moments of recreation and togetherness. A delicious meal was also served to everyone, adding to the happiness of the gathering. Heartfelt appreciation was extended to the Daughters of Charity Sisters and the entire school community for their warm hospitality, generosity, and thoughtful gestures. The visit strengthened the bonds of friendship and fellowship, leaving the children and staff with cherished memories of love, sharing, and togetherness.

AYUDHA POOJA

SIVAGANGAI: Ayudha Pooja was celebrated with great devotion and festive enthusiasm at Yesuvanam, Guanella Anbagam, on 17 October 2026. The entire campus



was beautifully decorated, and the school buses and other vehicles were thoroughly cleaned and adorned with plantain leaves, sandal paste, kumkum, and garlands. A colourful kolam bearing the inscription *“2026 Ayudha Pooja”* was also drawn in front of the assembly area. The entire Anbagam family, including the special children, wheelchair users, Fathers, Brothers, staff members, and their families, participated in the celebration. The programme began with a prayer service, during which the vehicles, tools, and instruments used in daily activities were blessed by Fr. Packiyaraj, Administrator. Special prayers were offered for the safety of the drivers and the smooth functioning of all the mission activities. Following the blessing, a cake was cut and shared with the children and staff. A pledge of dedication and sincerity in work was also taken by the children under the guidance of the staff. Sweets were distributed, and a festive meal was shared by everyone. The celebration beautifully highlighted the dignity of labour, the importance of gratitude, and the spirit of unity, making the occasion a memorable expression of faith and togetherness for the entire Anbagam family.

FEAST OF ST. LOUIS GUANELLA

SIVAGANGAI: The Feast of St. Louis Guanella, the beloved Founder of the Guanellian Family, was celebrated with great joy and devotion. As a spiritual preparation for the feast, a solemn flag-hoisting ceremony was held on 15 October 2026. The flag was hoisted by Rev. Fr. A. Periyanayagasamy, SdC, Superior, in the presence of the special



children, Fathers, Brothers, and staff members. A nine-day novena was organised, featuring daily Holy Mass, prayers, spiritual reflections, and special intercessions. Inspiring talks on the Founder's life, charism, and spirituality, particularly his compassionate love for the poor and abandoned, were delivered by two Guanellian Cooperators. The celebration reached its culmination on 24 October with a solemn Holy Mass at 11.00 a.m., celebrated by Rev. Fr. Mariyadass, SDB. Priests, Sisters, members of neighbouring religious communities, and parishioners joined the celebration, offering thanks to God for the gift of St. Louis Guanella to the Church. Following the Eucharistic celebration, a festive agape meal was shared by the guests, children, and staff members in a spirit of joy and fellowship. The celebration concluded as a meaningful expression of faith, unity, and charity, renewing the community's commitment to carry forward the Founder's mission of loving service to the poor and abandoned.

MONTHLY RECOLLECTION



CUDDALORE, DGBH: A monthly recollection programme was organised by the community of Don Guanella Boys' Home, Cuddalore, on 22 October 2026, for the confreres and Sisters. An inspiring spiritual reflection was delivered by Rev. Fr. Sathiyaseelan, SDB, in view of the 800th anniversary of the death of St. Francis of Assisi. During his talk, the participants were encouraged, as sons and daughters of St. Luigi Guanella, to follow the example of their Founder by embracing the values of charity, compassion, and dedicated service to the poor and needy. His message invited everyone to renew their commitment to religious life and remain faithful to the mission entrusted to them. Following the reflection, the participants spent time in Eucharistic Adoration and received the Sacrament of Reconciliation. The recollection concluded with the final blessing imparted by the priest. As a token of appreciation, Rev. Fr. Sathiyaseelan was honoured with a shawl by the Superior. The day provided a spiritually enriching opportunity for prayer, reflection, and renewal of commitment to the Guanellian charism and mission.





MISSION SUNDAY

CUDDALORE: Mission Sunday was joyfully celebrated in the parish on 11 October 2026, with enthusiastic participation from the parishioners. The celebration was organised by Rev. Fr. Vincent, the Parish Priest, with the active support and cooperation of the various pious associations and volunteers. The day began with the Holy Mass, followed by a variety of breakfast items served to the parishioners. Several games, recreational activities, and colourful stalls were organised, creating a lively atmosphere for people of all ages. A festive lunch was also served, allowing parishioners and their families to enjoy moments of friendship and fellowship. The various activities and shared meals made the occasion both enjoyable and memorable. The celebration served as a beautiful expression of unity, cooperation, and missionary commitment within the parish community. The generous contributions and dedicated service of the associations, volunteers, and parishioners played a significant role in making the event a success. The occasion concluded with prayers for God's blessings upon all and a renewed commitment to proclaim the Gospel through love, charity, and service to others.

A TRANSFORMATIVE ENCOUNTER

CUDDALORE, SJS: A monthly recollection programme, accompanied by healing prayer and Eucharistic Adoration, was organised for the community to deepen its spiritual life and renew its commitment to placing God at the centre of daily living, following the Eucharistic spirituality of the Founder. A charismatic preacher, known for his profound knowledge of Scripture and musical talents, was invited to guide the spiritual programme. Through inspiring reflections, prayer, and devotional singing, the young seminarians were encouraged to strengthen their faith and deepen their relationship with God. The healing prayer and Eucharistic Adoration created an atmosphere of profound spiritual encounter, in which the seminarians and confreres participated actively. The participants experienced moments of inner peace, spiritual renewal, and encouragement. The worship was supported and guided by the confreres in collaboration with the invited preacher. Following the programme, two days were devoted to personal spiritual direction for the seminarians, providing opportunities for



reflection, guidance, and spiritual growth. The entire experience became a meaningful milestone in the community's spiritual journey, strengthening personal faith, fostering unity, and renewing the commitment to live the Guanellian charism.

CELEBRATING AYUDHA POOJA

CUDDALORE – SJS: Ayudha Pooja was celebrated with great joy and devotion by the seminary community, providing an opportunity to thank God for the tools, instruments, and equipment used in daily activities and studies. As part of the preparations, the seminarians thoroughly cleaned and arranged the machinery, kitchen utensils, study materials, and maintenance equipment. To deepen their understanding of the celebration, a formation session on inculturation and the integration of local cultural traditions into Christian faith was conducted by Fr. Samson. With references to important Church documents, the significance of respecting and embracing meaningful cultural practices was explained. The importance of offering thanks to God for His gifts, seeking His protection in daily work, and recognising the divine source of human talents was highlighted. The celebration concluded with a special prayer and blessing over the tools and instruments, followed by the solemn blessing of the entire seminary house. The occasion beautifully demonstrated the harmony between faith, culture, and daily labour, inspiring the seminarians to offer all their work to God with gratitude and dedication.





WORLD DAY OF PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES

KUNAMALAI: In a beautiful expression of love, inclusion, and solidarity, the Second Annual World Day of Persons with Disabilities was celebrated at Kunamalai Parish with great enthusiasm and compassion. The event was organised by Kunamalai Parish in collaboration with the assistant parish, with the generous support of the parishioners. The celebration was presided over by Rev. Fr. Amalados, with Rev. Fr. Clement, VF, Tiruchengode, as the special chief guest. The importance of respecting human dignity, promoting inclusion, and extending compassionate care to persons with disabilities and mental health challenges was emphasised, reflecting the charism of St. Louis Guanella.

Around 250 people participated in the celebration, including approximately 150 persons representing six institutions serving persons with disabilities and mental health challenges. As a special gesture of recognition and appreciation, 65 widows from the parish substations were honoured, while each participating institution was presented with a 10-litre tea can to support its daily activities. Colourful cultural performances provided an opportunity for participants to showcase their talents, creativity, and abilities. A meal was also served to everyone, expressing the spirit of sharing and fellowship. The celebration concluded with renewed awareness of the importance of building an inclusive society where every individual is valued, respected, and loved. It served as a meaningful reminder of the Guanellian mission to stand alongside the vulnerable and ensure that no one is left behind.

FEAST OF ST. LOUIS GUANELLA

DINDIGUL: The Feast of St. Louis Guanella, the beloved Founder of the Guanellian Family, was joyfully celebrated on Friday, 23 October 2026, with faith and devotion. Inspired by his words, “Open your hearts to the will of God,” the community fondly remembered his life, spirituality, and enduring legacy of love, compassion, and service



to the poor and needy. The solemn Holy Eucharist was celebrated at 6.00 p.m. at St. Antony's Church, Kallathupatti, presided over by Rev. Fr. Amaladass, Parish Priest of Muthalakupet, Dindigul. The homily was delivered by Rev. Fr. Peter Raj, who highlighted the spirituality of St. Louis Guanella and encouraged everyone to practise charity, compassion, and loving service towards the poor and marginalised.

The celebration was attended by clergy and religious from Dindigul, residents of Guanella Karunai Illam, and parishioners of St. Antony's Church. Following the Holy Mass, an agape meal was shared at Guanella Karunai Illam, fostering friendship, unity, and fellowship among all those present. The occasion became a meaningful expression of the Guanellian spirit of charity, renewing the community's commitment to continue the Founder's mission of serving the poor, the sick, the abandoned, and the most vulnerable. Inspired by his example, all were encouraged to make God's provident love visible through prayer, compassion, and selfless service to those in need.

WORLD MENTAL HEALTH DAY

THALAVADI : On 10 October 2026, a public awareness and signature campaign was organised by Nazareth Illam Home for Mentally Ill, Thalavadi, at Thalavadi Bus Stand to mark World Mental Health Day and highlight the importance of mental health and emotional well-being. The campaign aimed to dispel myths and stigma surrounding mental illness and promote compassionate and inclusive attitudes towards persons experiencing mental health challenges. The initiative was supported by the Tahsildar, Village Administrative Officer, Police Inspector, and a medical doctor, who expressed their commitment to mental health awareness and community well-being. Residents and staff members of Nazareth Illam joined hands with members of the public, creating a meaningful platform for community participation and social responsibility. Through the signature campaign, the public was encouraged to express solidarity with persons affected by mental illness and reaffirm the importance of dignity, acceptance, timely treatment, and rehabilitation. The initiative concluded with a powerful message that mental health is everyone's responsibility and that awareness, empathy, and collective action are essential to building a stigma-free and inclusive society.

FEAST OF ST. LOUIS GUANELLA



THALAVADI : On 24 October 2026, the feast of St. Louis Guanella, the patron saint of Nazareth Illam Home for Mentally Ill, Thalavadi, was celebrated with the participation of residents, staff members, religious and clergy from the Thalavadi Vicariate, and benefactors. The celebration was preceded by a solemn three-day Triduum in honour of St. Louis Guanella, through which the community was spiritually prepared to commemorate his life, faith, and mission of charity. The enduring legacy of the saint was highlighted, particularly his compassionate service to the poor, the abandoned, and persons with disabilities. His example continues to inspire the Guanellian mission of promoting love, dignity, and compassionate care for the most vulnerable. The celebration strengthened the spirit of unity, gratitude, and commitment among all those present, encouraging them to carry forward the vision of St. Louis Guanella through faithful service, compassion, and selfless dedication to those in need.

VISIT OF JUDGES AND ADVOCATES

THALAVADI : On 14 October 2026, a delegation of judges and advocates from Sathyamangalam Court visited Nazareth Illam Home for Mentally Ill, Thalavadi, and interacted with the residents. The visit provided an opportunity to understand the



institution's efforts in safeguarding the rights, dignity, and welfare of persons with mental illness.The delegation affirmed the importance of judicial support and legal awareness in protecting vulnerable individuals and promoting access to justice. The visitors appreciated the dedicated service of the management and staff, acknowledging the institution's contribution to rehabilitation, social inclusion, and the protection of human dignity.

VISIT OF THE DISTRICT COLLECTOR



On 14 October 2026, Mr. Kandasamy, District Collector of Erode District, visited Nazareth Illam Home for Mentally Ill, Thalavadi, and interacted with the residents to understand their welfare and rehabilitation. During the visit, he reviewed the institution's official records and administrative documents, taking note of its functioning and service delivery. He appreciated the institution's efforts and the dedicated service of its management and staff in providing care, protection, and rehabilitation to persons with mental illness. The visit reaffirmed the importance of institutional accountability and community-oriented mental healthcare, serving as a source of encouragement to Nazareth Illam in its continued service to vulnerable individuals.

VTVO'S HIRIYARA JAATRE

BENGALURU: The residents of Guanella Preethi Nivas Trust, Bengaluru, enthusiastically participated in the *Hiriyara Jaatre*, organised by VTVO, and enjoyed a memorable day filled with cultural activities, entertainment, and fellowship. The programme began with a warm welcome and refreshments, followed by breakfast, colourful cultural performances, and recreational activities. The residents actively participated in various games and interacted with fellow participants, creating an atmosphere of joy, friendship, and togetherness. Lunch, beverages, and snacks were



served, while special arrangements were made to ensure the comfort and convenience of everyone. The event provided a valuable opportunity for the residents to come together, build new friendships, and enjoy meaningful social interactions. Their participation made the occasion a delightful experience, reaffirming the importance of promoting the dignity, happiness, well-being, and social inclusion of older persons.

CHARITY, SERVICE, AND FELLOWSHIP

BENGALURU: The Guanellian Youth Movement at Guanella Preethi Nivas (GPN), Bengaluru, actively engaged in charitable and community-building initiatives under the guidance of Rev. Fr. Kulandai Samy, SdC, and Rev. Fr. Antony Samy, SdC, and the leadership of President Ms. Christina. As an expression of compassion and solidarity, food was prepared and distributed to people living on the streets. The youth members actively shared responsibilities in preparing and arranging the meals, demonstrating teamwork, generosity, and a spirit of service. A blood donation camp was also organised to support a child affected by thalassemia, highlighting the importance of



blood donation for children requiring regular transfusions. Alongside these charitable activities, a one-day outing was organised with Rev. Fr. Antony Samy, SdC, during which the members enjoyed a movie and spent joyful moments together. The outing strengthened friendships and fostered unity among the youth. Through these initiatives, the Guanellian Youth Movement continues to promote the values of compassion, solidarity, and fraternity, carrying forward the charitable legacy of St. Louis Guanella through dedicated service to the poor and vulnerable.

FEAST OF ST. LUIGI GUANELLA



NOVEMBER - 2026

BENGALURU: The Feast of St. Luigi Guanella, Founder of the Servants of Charity (SdC), was celebrated with great devotion at Guanella Preethi Nivas (GPN), Bengaluru, on 24 October 2026. As a spiritual preparation, a nine-day novena was observed from 15 October, bringing the faithful together in prayer and reflection. The solemn Holy Mass was presided over by His Grace Most Rev. Dr. Arockiaraj Satis Kumar, Auxiliary Bishop of Bengaluru. In his inspiring homily, the vision and charism of St. Luigi Guanella were highlighted, and the faithful were encouraged to follow his example through love, compassion, and dedicated service to the poor, elderly, and marginalised. A special highlight of the celebration was the release of a devotional song composed and sung by MJM Michael, adding a unique spiritual touch to the occasion. At the conclusion, Rev. Fr. Kulandaisamy, SdC, expressed sincere appreciation to the Bishop, concelebrating priests, religious Sisters, choir members, volunteers, and all those who contributed to the celebration. The feast concluded with a fellowship meal shared by everyone, strengthening the bonds of unity and fraternity. The celebration renewed the Guanellian Family's commitment to living the charism of charity and making God's fatherly love visible through compassionate service to those most in need.

ANNUAL RETREAT & COUNSELLING

KOPPAKA: The Annual Retreat and Counselling Classes for the candidates were organised at Guanella Bhavan from 12 to 16 October 2026, during the Dussehra holidays. The five-day programme was animated by Rev. Fr. Benson, who served as the preacher and counsellor. The days were enriched with spiritual reflections, personal counselling, spiritual direction, and moments of prayer and discernment. Through inspiring talks and personal accompaniment, the candidates were encouraged to deepen their relationship with God, gain greater clarity about their vocation, and grow in self-awareness and human maturity. Special attention was given to understanding and embracing the call to Guanellian Religious Life.

The programme also included daily Holy Mass, Eucharistic Adoration, Confession, the Rosary, and interactive group sessions, fostering both spiritual and personal growth. Sincere appreciation was extended to Rev. Fr. Benson for his dedicated guidance, availability, and fatherly accompaniment throughout the retreat. The candidates were entrusted to the loving intercession of St. Luigi Guanella and Mother Mary as they continued their vocational journey with renewed faith and commitment.



GROCERY DISTRIBUTION

KOPPAKA: As part of the preparations for the Feast of St. Luigi Guanella, a grocery distribution programme was organised at Guanella Bhavan, Koppaka, on 23 October 2026, as a practical expression of the Founder's charism of charity. Inspired by his motto, *“Give Bread and the Lord,”* essential provisions were distributed to poor and needy families in and around Koppaka. The groceries included rice, dal, tea, sugar, papad, vegetables, bathing soap, washing soap, and other daily necessities. With the support of the Guanellian Lay Movement (GLM) members, the programme began with a prayer seeking the intercession of St. Luigi Guanella. A brief reflection on the



Founder's life and his dedicated service to the poor and abandoned was also shared. The beneficiaries expressed their sincere appreciation to the Guanella Bhavan community and generous benefactors whose contributions made the initiative possible. The programme became a meaningful expression of solidarity and compassion, renewing the community's commitment to follow St. Luigi Guanella's example through generous and loving service to those in need.

FEAST OF ST. LOUIS GUANELLA

VATLURU: The Feast of St. Louis Guanella was joyfully celebrated by Guanella Karunalaya at Sacred Heart Church, Vatluru, with deep faith and devotion. The occasion brought together the parish community and guests in a spirit of prayer, thanksgiving, and fellowship. During the Holy Eucharist, the inspiring life and mission of the Founder were fondly remembered. His goodness, compassionate heart, and loving concern for the poor and needy were highlighted in the homily. His example of selfless service was presented as an inspiration to live out the values of charity, kindness, and compassion in everyday life. The faithful were encouraged to bring comfort and hope to those in need by following his footsteps. Following the spiritual celebration, a fellowship meal was shared with the parishioners and guests, creating joyful moments of friendship and togetherness. The celebration strengthened the bond between Guanella Karunalaya and the parish community, renewing their shared commitment to continue the legacy of St. Louis Guanella through loving service to others.

FEAST DAY CELEBRATION

KOPPAKA: The Feast of St. Luigi Guanella, our Holy Founder, was celebrated with great devotion and festive joy at Guanella Bhavan on 20 October. The celebration began with a solemn Holy Eucharist presided over by Rev. Fr. Peter of Vianney Home, Eluru. In his homily, he highlighted the life, charism, and spirit of charity of St. Luigi Guanella, encouraging everyone to follow his motto, *“Give Bread and the Lord”* and *“In Everything, Charity.”*



Neighbouring community Fathers, Guanellian Sisters, seminarians, Evening Tuition Centre teachers, GLM members, friends, and well-wishers actively participated in the liturgy through meaningful readings, prayers, and hymns. The celebration continued with a festive meal shared by the entire Guanellian Family in a spirit of joy and thanksgiving. The occasion concluded by entrusting the beneficiaries, community members, and benefactors to the loving intercession of St. Luigi Guanella.

BATHUKAMMA FESTIVAL



WARANGAL: The Bathukamma Festival, one of the major traditional festivals of Telangana, was joyfully celebrated at Guanella Daycare Centre, Yesu Gutta, Warangal, on the 9th of the month. The occasion brought happiness and blessings to the children through a variety of fun activities, traditional folk dances, jokes, and cultural programmes, making the day lively and memorable.

Smt. Swathi Murari, Secretary of the District Legal Services Authority, Mahabubabad, was warmly welcomed as the Chief Guest. In her address, she emphasised that all human beings are created in the image and likeness of God and that

everyone, especially persons with disabilities, deserves to be treated with respect and dignity. She further shared her joy by distributing snacks to the children. The celebration concluded with a delicious lunch, leaving everyone with happy memories of a day filled with culture, inclusion, and togetherness.

FOUNDER'S FEAST



WARANGAL: "It is God Who Does!" October is a special month for the Guanellian Family, dedicated to reflecting on and meditating upon the life and mission of our Founder, St. Luigi Guanella. On 21 October, the entire Guanellian Family gathered joyfully to celebrate the Founder's Feast. The celebration brought together priests, staff members, children, students of the Guanella Evening School, parishioners, and religious members from neighbouring congregations. The occasion fostered a spirit of unity and fellowship while renewing everyone's commitment to the mission and charism of the Congregation of the Servants of Charity. The celebration concluded with a delicious meal shared by all in a joyful atmosphere of togetherness. Heartfelt feast day greetings were extended to the entire Guanellian Family!

FEAST OF ST. LOUIS GUANELLA



KATRENIPADU: The Feast of St. Louis Guanella was celebrated with great devotion and spiritual joy at Katrenipadu Parish in the Diocese of Vijayawada on 24 October 2026. The celebration brought together the parish community in prayer and thanksgiving, honouring the life and mission of the great apostle of charity and compassion. The solemn Holy Mass was celebrated by Rev. Fr. Jose SdC, who highlighted the Founder's deep love for the poor and his commitment to serving the sick, the elderly, persons with disabilities, and the abandoned. In his homily, he encouraged the faithful to imitate St. Guanella by recognising Christ in those who suffer and by practising love, humility, and selfless service in their daily lives.

The celebration also recalled the Founder's unwavering trust in Divine Providence, expressed in his motto, *"It is God Who Does!"* His legacy, continued through the Congregation of the Servants of Charity and the Daughters of St. Mary of Providence, remains a lasting inspiration to live the Gospel through concrete acts of charity. The feast served as an occasion for the faithful to renew their commitment to Christian charity and to build a community where every person is treated with dignity and respect. The celebration concluded with hearts filled with faith and gratitude, seeking the intercession of St. Louis Guanella to continue his mission of love and service.

WE HAVE A WINNER!



GRASS LAKE : Excitement filled the air at St. Louis Center on Friday, 2 October, as the Chelsea Alaskan Cruise Raffle winner was announced at 9:00 a.m. **Tommy D. of Brooklyn** was named this year's lucky winner! He purchased his ticket in May at the St. Joseph Shrine Reverse Raffle, sponsored by Knights of Columbus Council #6223. Tommy and his wife plan to save the prize money for a special trip in the future. Best wishes to the happy couple for many memorable travels ahead!

FALL PILGRIMAGE



GRASS LAKE: On 7 October, a group of Chaldeans from Sterling Heights, Michigan, visited the Shrine as part of their fall pilgrimage. They spent time in prayer before the Blessed Sacrament, explored the gift shop, and visited the Holy Rosary Walk, making the visit a meaningful spiritual experience.

LITTLE DAUGHTERS GATHERING

GRASS LAKE: The Girls' Retreat was held on Saturday, 10 October. The participants learned about St. Margaret Mary Alacoque and created small paper shrines dedicated to the Sacred Heart of Jesus. The programme also included Eucharistic Adoration, the Sacrament of Reconciliation, and participation in the Holy Mass, providing the girls with an opportunity for prayer and spiritual growth.

TRADITIONAL FALL FUN

CHELSEA: On 15 October, residents visited Country Mill Apple Orchard in nearby Charlotte to pick apples for the upcoming Barn Run. The owners generously donated



3,000 bushels of apples for the participants of the race on 18 October. The residents enjoyed selecting the apples, adding a special touch to the preparations for this inaugural community event.

REMEMBERING THE INNOCENTS



GRASS LAKE: The annual Book of Innocents Memorial was held on 16 October in honour of the Feast of St. Gerard Majella, patron saint of expectant mothers, children, and families. Holy Mass was offered for children lost in the womb, whose names were recorded in the Shrine's Book of Innocents. Following the Mass, a special blessing was imparted with the relic of St. Gerard Majella, offering comfort, remembrance, and prayer to families.

FAREWELL TO A DEAR FRIEND

CHELSEA: After five years of dedicated service as Assistant Programme Director,



Megan Ivey celebrated her farewell at St. Louis Center on 16 October as she began a new chapter in her professional journey. She plans to pursue a career in physical therapy and will soon begin an internship in the field. The St. Louis Center community extends its heartfelt appreciation to Megan for her commitment, care, and valuable contribution to the mission and residents.

MONTHLY TIME OF FELLOWSHIP



GRASS LAKE: The Men's Group and Women's Guild will take turns hosting a monthly coffee-and-doughnut gathering at the Shrine. Held after Sunday Mass, these informal gatherings will provide an opportunity for parishioners and visitors to connect, strengthen friendships, and foster a greater sense of fellowship and community.

NEW FITNESS FUNDRAISER

CHELSEA: The inaugural Barn Run 5K was held on Sunday, 18 October 2026, attracting more than 200 participants. Organised by the family of a St. Louis Center resident at their property, the event received generous corporate sponsorship and community



support. With perfect autumn weather, runners enjoyed a wonderful day on the trails. All finishers received medals, while special awards recognised outstanding performances in various age categories. The event marked a successful beginning to a new community fundraising initiative.

SUPERIORS CELEBRATE THE SHRINE



GRASS LAKE: Rev. Fr. Soosai Rathinam, SdC, Vicar General of the Servants of Charity, joined the Provincial Councillors for the celebration of Holy Mass at the Shrine on 18 October. As the main celebrant, Fr. Soosai delivered a homily reflecting on our duties to God and our country, summarised in the message: "Pray, play, and obey." The seven visiting priests and Shrine volunteers were honoured with special shawls, following an Indian tradition. During the occasion, Fr. Leo presented the newly released Self-Guided Retreat brochure to Fr. Soosai and Fr. Gnanaraj, Provincial Superior. The brochures are now available to Shrine visitors. Following the Mass, the Women's Guild hosted a reception with refreshments. As Fr. Soosai's birthday was approaching, the gathering also included birthday greetings and cake, adding a special note of joy to the celebration.

FEAST & 50TH ORDINATION ANNIVERSARY

CHELSEA: St. Louis Center joyfully celebrated the Feast of its Founder, St. Louis Guanella, along with the 50th Ordination Anniversary of Rev. Fr. Enzo Addari, on Tuesday, 20 October. The celebration brought together 20 priests and more than 200 residents, family members, staff, parents, friends, and members of the Guanellian Family at the St. Louis Center gymnasium. During the Holy Mass, Rev. Fr. Silvio DeNard, SdC, shared memories of his seminary journey alongside Fr. Enzo. At the conclusion of the Mass, Rev. Fr. Soosai Rathinam, Vicar General, conveyed a message from the Superior General, Fr. Umberto. Rev. Fr. Satheesh Alphonse, SdC, expressed words of



gratitude, followed by Fr. Enzo's personal reflection on his priesthood and commitment to the mission of the Servants of Charity. The celebration continued with a fellowship lunch, during which well-wishers shared their appreciation and greetings. A representative from a local legislator's office also presented Fr. Enzo with a decree of gratitude.

COSTUMES, CANDY AND COMMUNITY

CHELSEA: St. Louis Center welcomed more than 300 community members on 21 October for its annual Trunk or Treat celebration. The event featured colourful costumes, Halloween decorations, games, crafts, a haunted house, musical performances, and refreshments.The highlight was the display of 25 creatively decorated vehicle trunks, where children enjoyed collecting sweets. Awards were presented for Best Trunk, Best Costume, and Spookiest Trunk. The celebration, organised by Activities Coordinator Laura Rayer with the support of volunteers and community partners, fostered joy, friendship, and stronger community bonds.





12 November

Feast of the Mother of Divine Providence

On the joyful occasion of the Feast of the **Mother of Divine Providence,** we invoke her loving care and powerful intercession for our confreres and for the entire Guanellian Family.

Birthday Wishes

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

Ordination Anniversary Wishes

12	Fr. M. Arundavid
	Fr. S. Arokia Nathan
	Fr. Bosco Yesuraj
	Fr. A. Francis Xavier
	Fr. P. Kulandai
	Fr. L. Praveen
	Fr. M. Rajesh Kumar
	Fr. R. Solomon
	Fr. V. Irudhayaraj
22	Fr. Dennis M Weber

