



**Along the journey of our life, we have with us the Virgin Mary,
the Mother of the Lord (Cons NO.35)**

The month of August is a month of blessing and commitment for our Divine Providence Province, to our Congregation, and the Church in general. At the beginning of the month, we celebrate the Transfiguration of Jesus, which is both a revelation of his Divine glory and an anticipation of the Resurrection. This feast invites us to ascend our own Mount Tabor through prayer, silence, and encounter with the Word, so that we too may be transformed. In a world often overshadowed by confusion, Christ's transfiguration reminds us of the eternal light that shines beyond suffering.

The most radiant celebration of August is the Solemnity of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary, which reminds us that Mary, our Mother and Queen, was taken body and soul into heavenly glory. Her Assumption is not just about her. It is a sign of hope for all of us that we, too, are called to eternal life. In the jubilee year of Hope, Mary is often seen as a symbol of hope. She personifies the virtue of hope by demonstrating trust in God's promises and enduring challenges with faith. Her Assumption into heaven further reinforces the promise of hope for all who are faithful to Christ, affirming that the human body, created good, is destined for eternal glory. On this same day, in India, we celebrate Independence Day a coincidence that reminds us that true freedom comes through faith, fidelity, and surrender to God's will as exemplified by Mary. August is also blessed with the feasts of many great saints who are companions on our journey reminding us that holiness is possible even in the messiness of life.

We welcome our dear confreres to the DPP: Fr. J. Edal Vinoth, SdC-Assignment to Dindigul community as Treasurer. Fr. Abraham, SdC Assignment to Provincial House as Treasurer and office secretary and Fr. Maria Antony Rajan, SdC, Assignment to Madurai community as Asst. Director

Significant Events in Our Divine Providence Province:

With fraternal joy and deep gratitude, we welcome Rev. Fr. Soosai Rathinam, Vice General, to the Divine Providence Province. Your presence among us is a blessing as you come to enlighten our minds and hearts with the vision and spirit of the 21st General Chapter and to represent the General Council in the upcoming significant events.

1. Animation Program for Superiors and Residence in-charges, 20th & 21st August, 2025 -

An Animation Program for Superiors and Residence in-charges will be held at DGMS. This is an opportunity to deepen leadership, inspire renewal, and foster a stronger sense of community and pastoral care among our teams. The program aims to encourage leaders rooted in the congregation's charism and mission in demonstrating consultative, participative, transparent, and accountable leadership as discerned by the 6th Provincial Chapter and the 21st General Chapter.

2. Trinity Hospice, 12th August, 2025

With a heart full of gratitude to the Divine Providence and deep reverence for the mystery of human suffering, we joyfully announce the inauguration of the *Trinity Hospice* at Maungulam, Thanjavur, on August 12, 2025. This sacred initiative a *masterpiece of mercy and compassion* has been made possible through the extraordinary generosity of Mr. Martin and Mrs. Philomena, whose love for the poor has become incarnate in this mission for the dying and the abandoned. It is truly a *living altar of love* where Christ crucified will be daily served in His most fragile disguise.



The hospice will be blessed by Most Rev. Dr. T. Sagayaraj, the Bishop of Thanjavur, in the presence of our beloved Rev. Fr. Soosai Rathinam, SdC, Vicar General, marking not just the dedication of a building, but the beginning of a profound spiritual mission a sanctuary where the forsaken will be embraced with dignity and divine love, and a final home for the poorest of the poor.

3. Sri Lanka Mission 15th August 2025

With profound gratitude to Divine Providence, and in the spirit of our beloved Founder, St. Louis Guanella, we are filled with joy to announce the inauguration of our mission in Sri Lanka, in the northern town of Kilinochchi, on August 15, 2025.



This mission, born from prayer and carried in the womb of Providence, is dedicated to serving children with disabilities and the abandoned those who wait for a sign of hope, a touch of compassion, and the embrace of the Father's love. In the aftermath of deep wounds and lingering silence, our humble service seeks to be a voice that whispers healing and dignity.

In anticipation of this sacred work, our dear Vice General, Rev. Fr. Soosai Rathinam, SdC, will lay the foundation stone for the mission on August 15, 2025. His presence reminds us that this mission is not just a project of a Province, but a call embraced by the entire Guanellian Family.

4. Ordination of our dear Deacons, 22nd August, 2025

With hearts filled with gratitude to Divine Providence and the maternal intercession of Our Blessed Mother, we rejoice in announcing the ordination of our dear confreres:



**Dn. A. Antonysamy, SdC,
Dn. M. Arokiya Jayaseelan, SdC,
Dn. John Peter, SdC,
Dn. Pandian, SdC,
Dn. Runa Nayak, SdC**

As they ascend the sacred steps of the Altar to receive the gift of the presbyterate, they step forward in humble obedience to serve God's people in the Word and the Sacraments; in charity and fidelity; in humility; and in prophetic courage. This moment is not only a milestone in their vocational journey but also a moment of grace for our entire Congregation.

In this spirit of joy and fraternal communion, we cordially invite each of you, dear confreres, to unite with us in prayer and spiritual presence during this sacred event. Your prayers, blessings, and fraternal love are the greatest gifts you can offer these brothers as they embrace their mission in the footsteps of Don Guanella.

FR. GNANARAJ SDC

Provincial Superior

VICE GENERAL & PROVINCIAL CALENDER

- 08-** Council Meeting @ Bangalore
- 10-** Kunnamalai @Selam
- 11-** Blessing of New Kitchen and dining hall @Madurai
- 12-** Trinity Hospice Inauguration @Thanjavur
- 15-** Laying of Foundation Stone for Sri Lanka Mission @ Kilinochchi
- 20 -** Animation Program for Superiors and Residential In-charges
- 22 -** Ordination of Deacons @ DGMS, Chennai

PROVINCIAL'S VISIT IN THE USA (July 2025)

The Provincial's Fraternal yet official visit across the communities of the Servants of Charity in the United States from July 9 to August 5, 2025, was marked by moments of prayer, dialogue, discernment, and fraternity. The visit served as a vital occasion to animate the communities spiritually, evaluate mission vitality, and strengthen collaborative planning for the future of the Guanellian mission in the USA.

MICHIGAN (JULY 9-12 & JULY 17-20; JULY 29)

Arrival (July 9 -10): Warm reception by the Chelsea community; Rest and Reflection: Time set aside for personal prayer and adjusting after international travel.

St. Louis Center Community Visit (July 12-16)



Our Lady of Fatima: Fr. Provincial visited Our Lady of Fatima Parish in Michigan, where the Servants of Charity have been serving since 2018. On July 13, he presided over the Sunday Eucharistic celebration and installed the image of Divine Mercy. On July 16, Fr. Provincial and the Vice-provincial met with the parish staff and representatives of the parish. These are the chairs of the Parish Council, Finance Council, Parish Life Apostolate, and St. Vincent de Paul Society. They shared about how they help the Parish in its liturgical, sacramental celebration and deepening faith through many faith-based and community, and charity-based activities at the parish. They expressed their gratitude for the mission of the servants of charity and for serving at the

parish. In his brief message, Fr. Provincial highlighted that everyone is created in God's image and likeness. Our likeness is to have the heart of Jesus, which is a visible expression of the heart of God. In showing mercy, kindness, and gentleness, we are to imitate the heart of Jesus. He also gave some practical suggestions on celebrating the diamond jubilee of the parish in the near future.



Pious Union of St. Joseph: On July 14, Fr. Gnanaraj, Provincial Superior, and Fr. Amal Raj, Vice Provincial visited PUSJ. Fr. Leo Joseph, Director of the shrine, welcomed the Fathers and presented a detailed report outlining the current state and future direction of the shrine. The report included the minutes of recent meetings, historical chronicles, recent developments, financial summaries, ongoing projects, and the long-term vision for the growth of the shrine. Then Fr. Amal Raj celebrated the holy Eucharist at the shrine with a meaningful homily.

In the evening, at 6:30 p.m., a meeting was convened with members of the advisory council, the Women's Guild, and shrine volunteers. A total of 25 participants were present. The purpose of the meeting was to evaluate the shrine's past achievements, assess the current challenges, and discuss future expectations and goals. During the session, participants expressed their deep



faith and devotion to St. Joseph, as well as the difficulties they face, particularly about the accommodation of a group of pilgrims who visit the shrine. A key topic of discussion was the proposal to construct a new hall that would support additional spiritual activities and provide sufficient space to host meaningful events for pilgrims.



St. Louis Center

On July 15, Fr. Provincial Superior and Fr. Vicar Provincial participated in the community meeting held at St. Louis Center. Thereafter, the Mission site visits and in-depth dialogues with confreres took place at the St. Louis Center, PUSJ, and Our Lady of Fatima. Key matters addressed included community life, formation, care for the residents, and pastoral priorities. The interaction with the Provincial Superior and Vice Provincial was marked by active listening, mutual respect, and a shared commitment to the mission of the shrine. The evening concluded joyfully with a community potluck, fostering fellowship and a spirit of unity among all present.

Province Assembly (July 17-18)

A two-day assembly was held at St. Louis Center, Chelsea, MI, focused on rekindling the spirit of Don Guanella and planning future directions.



Discussions revolved around vocations, sustainability, lay collaboration, and pastoral creativity. All Confreres from across the Guanellian communities in the USA actively participated, offering their insights and strengthening unity. During his presentation on the 'Revision of Life', Fr. Provincial presented his reflection inspired on the directives of the 21st General Chapter and the 6th Provincial Chapter.

Fr. Soosai Rathinam, SdC, the Vicar General, enriched the assembly with a spiritual recollection and a thought-provoking keynote address. Fr. Provincial Superior presented an overview of the province's dynamism, drawing from the approved motions and proposals of the 21st general chapter and 6th provincial chapter of DPP. The assembly was moderated by Fr. Dennis, with Frs. Leo and A.C. Peri as secretaries. The program included community reports, group discussions, and strategic proposals on key areas: consecrated life, community living, pastoral planning, vocation promotion, financial sustainability and mission expansion. The assembly concluded with a period of shared discernment, expressions of gratitude and a Eucharistic Celebration. Special thanks were extended to Fr. Amalraj, Vicar Provincial, for organizing the assembly, and to Fr. Satheesh, Superior of the SLC Community, and all the confreres in the community for their generous hospitality.





Meeting Florida Mission Exploration (July 19)

Fr. Provincial met with Fr. Enzo, Mr. Norman, and Ms. Loura to assess the feasibility of a new mission foundation. The meeting was exploratory but fruitful, with potential next steps to be discussed in council meetings.

Chicago (July 20–22)

On July 20 (Sunday), after the Holy Mass at PUSJ, Fr. Provincial with his team traveled to Chicago. On July 21, meetings with confreres at Queen of Peace and Mount St. Joseph, took place, providing a forum for open dialogue, listening to local challenges, and reaffirming the importance of fraternal support. On July 22, after visiting DSMP Sisters at Queen of Peace fathers took their flight to Philadelphia.



Philadelphia (July 23–25)

On July 23, Fr. Gnanaraj, after celebrating Holy Mass at Our Lady of Peace, visited and had a meeting with the pastor, Rev. Joseph C. McCaffery, and staff. On July 24, he engaged in pastoral visits to the communities of Don Guanella and Divine Providence, and St. Edmond's, noting the charism's vibrancy. Fr.



Provincial had his meeting with the administrative team of the communities of Don Guanella and Divine Providence.

During the meeting with the Executive Director Mr. Fran Swiacki, he affirmed the richness of the mission and the legacy of Don Guanella in the USA. Thereafter, he had an opportunity to meet the Avadi Land donor family Mr. Joseph, and Ms. Clara Joseph to discuss the possible means for legal transaction of the land. On July 25, after the Holy Mass at St. Madeline, Fr. Gnanaraj and Fr. Amalraj took their train to Rhode Island.



East Providence, Rhode Island (July 26-28)

On July 26, after reaching the Sacred Heart Parish community, both Fr. Gnanaraj and Fr. Amalraj attended the meeting with the parish office members and representatives from the Sacred Heart Community.



During the other days, there were opportunities for community meetings, personal dialogue with confreres, Sunday Mass celebrations in the parishes, and fraternal moments. During the community meeting, emphasis was made on the community life, community report, and project, enhanced integration in the community activities, parish collaboration, and support for the elderly and immigrant faithful.

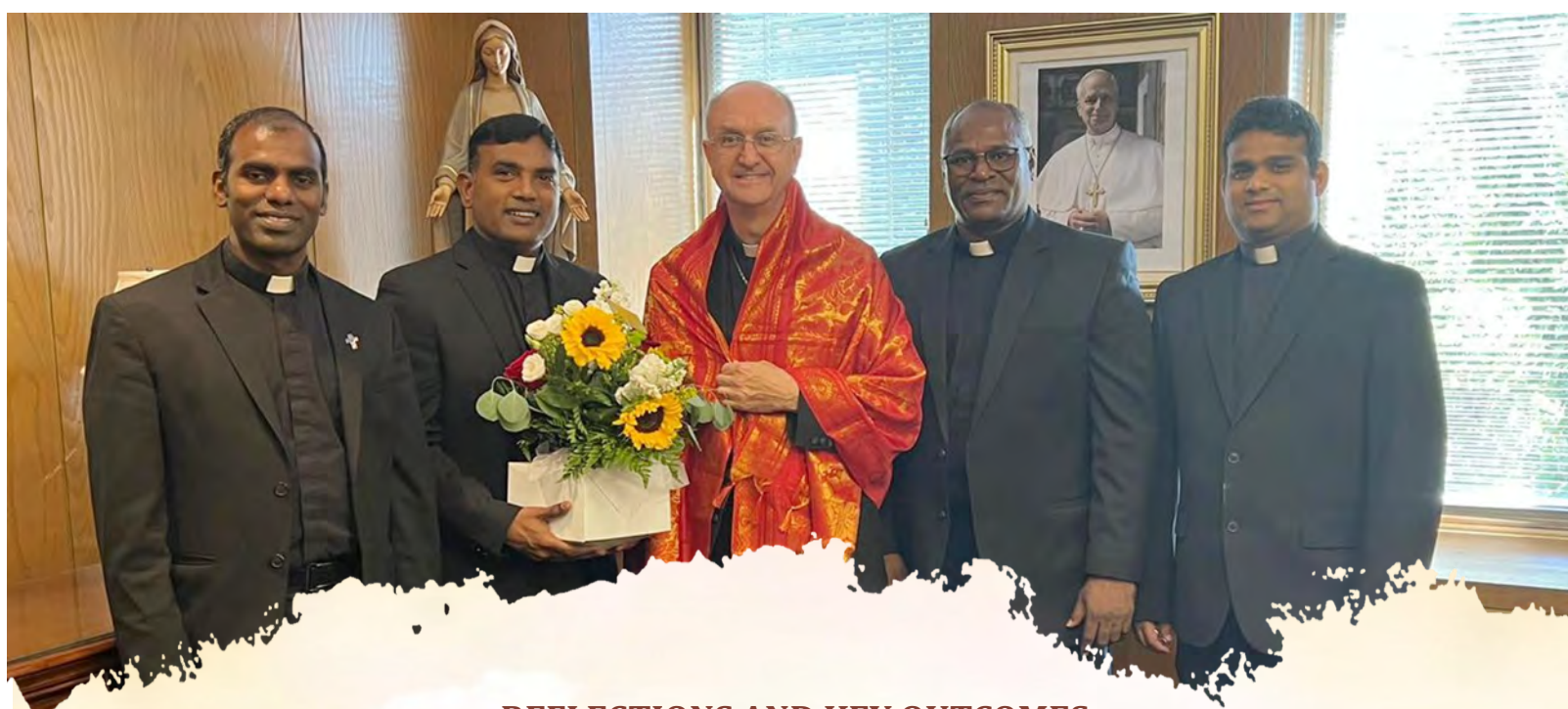


In addition to these, there was a special event to inaugurate and open the Statue of Jesus with Children in commemoration of 150 years of grace of the Sacred Heart Parish.



On July 28, there was a formal meeting with the Bishop of Providence, discussing the possibilities for more Guanellian presence and collaboration in the Diocese of Providence, RI.

On July 29th, Provincial returned to Michigan to go to upstate Michigan to visit the Bishop of the diocese of Marquette (Upper Peninsula of Michigan). Then, he went back to Michigan to conclude his visit and prepare for his travel.



REFLECTIONS AND KEY OUTCOMES

- The visit renewed fraternal bonds among confreres and deepened dialogue around mission priorities.
- The Provincial encouraged attentiveness to vocations, spiritual renewal, revision of life through community and personal project of life, Annual and three-year plan for mission and religious life, and discernment about emerging apostolic needs, especially in Florida and Rhode Island.
- Lay collaborations and greater integration with local diocesan initiatives were emphasized throughout.
- The Assembly played a pivotal role in aligning the Province's three-year plan with the spirit of St. Guanella and the directives of the General Chapter.



SMALL STEPS TOWARDS A NEW VENTURE



KOPPAKA: An inaugural function marks the formal beginning of a new venture, event, or academic year. It serves to welcome participants, set a positive tone, and celebrate a new milestone. On July 12th, the Don Guanella Evening Coaching Centre held its inaugural ceremony at the Guanella Bhavan premises. The program commenced at 3:00 p.m. with the arrival of the chief guest, Rev. Fr. Paul Raj, 150 children, and other dignitaries.

The celebration was vibrant, filled with cultural performances, songs, and dances. Seminarians added a festive touch with their lively contributions. The chief guest delivered an inspiring speech, encouraging the children to stay motivated in their academic journey. As a gesture of support, stationery items were distributed to the children, followed by refreshments. The event concluded on a devotional note with a Marian hymn, marking the beginning of a hopeful and enriching academic year.

THE GREATEST GIFT IS A PASSION FOR READING



KOPPAKA: The English Academy is more than just a program; it is a stage where seminarians can express themselves, gain confidence, and explore

hidden talents. It encourages personal growth, creativity, and better communication, and builds a sense of community. With this vision in mind, Guanella Bhavan launched its very first English Academy on July 20th. The event was designed to help seminarians improve their fluency in English and grow in confidence. The launch was vibrant and joyful, filled with inspiring speeches, lively songs, graceful dances, and a meaningful skit. Rev. Fr. Prakash SdC, the chief guest, delivered a powerful motivational speech that encouraged everyone to continue striving for their goals now and in the future. The program came to a beautiful close with a Marian hymn, leaving everyone inspired and hopeful for what lies ahead.

CHARITY NEVER ENDS



KOPPAKA: On July 5th, a beautiful act of charity was carried out at Guanella Bhavan by the members of the Guanellian Lay Movement (GLM) from Koppaka. The day was specially organized to bring joy and support to those in need. A total of 35 deserving individuals from Koppaka, Singavaram, and Janampet were invited to take part in this event. As part of the celebration, a special meal was lovingly prepared and served by Mr. Suvisesharao along with his family members. The Suvisesharaos are a great example of family involvement in charitable work and the benefits that can be reaped from it.

To make the occasion more meaningful, grocery items were also distributed to all the guests by the GLM members. Their kind gesture brought smiles and gratitude to everyone present. This touching event reminded all that acts of kindness and charity are never forgotten, and that they continue to bring light to others' lives. Truly, it was a day when the love of God was experienced through the hands and hearts of many.

INAUGURATION OF THE DAY CARE CENTRE



CUDDALORE, SJS: The inauguration of the Don Guanella Day Care Centre was a joyful and meaningful occasion, marked by the presence of community members and 22 enthusiastic beneficiaries. The event began with the ceremonial lighting of the lamp, setting a hopeful and vibrant tone for the day. One of the highlights was the official welcome and honoring of Rev. Fr. Mathias, the newly appointed Superior, and Rev. Fr. Sachin, Vice Rector. Their leadership and vision for the centre were received with heartfelt appreciation. A touching tribute was also paid to Rev. Fr. Adaikalam, the former Superior, in recognition of his tireless dedication and years of service.

The interactions between the beneficiaries and the guests made for many happy moments during the day. Their joy and gratitude reflected the true spirit of the Guanellian mission, serving the poor with love and dignity. This inauguration marks a promising new chapter in reaching out with compassion and care.

WELCOMING THE FRESHERS



CUDDALORE, SJS: The Freshers' Welcoming Ceremony began on a spiritual note with a solemn Mass celebrated by Rev. Fr. James on his 14th ordination anniversary. A cake-cutting followed, adding sweetness and festivity to the

event. The gathering was filled with warmth, joy, and a spirit of brotherhood. Seniors welcomed the newly joined brothers with flowers—a gesture that expressed the love and hospitality of the community. The evening continued with energetic dance performances and creative talent showcases by the freshers, offering a glimpse of their enthusiasm and potential. It was a truly memorable evening, marking the beginning of a new journey for the freshers as they step into seminary life, embraced by a supportive and vibrant community.

A GENEROUS DONATION



CUDDALORE, SJS: In an extraordinary act of generosity, Mr. Kriba, Chief of Plastic-Tec Company, donated five computers to St. Joseph's Seminary. The donation was officially handed over to Rev. Fr. Mathias, the Superior, by company representatives Mr. Leo and Mr. Vinoth. Fr. Mathias warmly received them and expressed sincere gratitude for their valuable contribution. He also acknowledged and thanked Rev. Fr. Stalin, who played a key role in connecting the donors to the seminary. All the brothers gathered in the auditorium to express their gratitude. This timely donation will significantly benefit the seminarians by enhancing their digital learning and technical skills—an essential part of their formation. The seminary community is deeply grateful for this gesture, which reflects the spirit of collaboration and shared mission in serving the poor and forming future servants of the Church.

"SEE AND LEARN"

CHENNAI DGSS: On July 25, the students of Don Guanella Special School had an enriching experience during their educational trip to Guindy Children's Park, Chennai. This memorable outing was made possible with the generous support of the Dr. APJ Abdul Kalam Team Trust, led by its founder, Dr. Uthaya



Kumar. As part of the school's monthly **"See and Learn"** program, the visit gave children with disabilities a valuable opportunity to explore nature and learn in a fun and engaging environment. Walking through the park, the children were filled with excitement and curiosity as they observed a wide variety of animals and birds. Their joyful smiles, laughter, and wonder made the entire day incredibly special—not just for them, but for everyone involved. It was a beautiful reminder of how learning can come alive outside the classroom, especially when hearts are open and hands are extended in care and support.

AN INSPIRING MOMENT

CHENNAI DGSS: On June 28th, Don Guanella Special School and Home had the honour of welcoming two distinguished guests: Mrs. M. Lakshmi, IAS, State Commissioner for the Differently Abled, and Mr. S. Srinivasan, District Differently Abled Welfare Officer. During their tour, the officials visited the classrooms, interacted with the staff, and signed the attendance register. They offered valuable guidance to Rev. Fr. J. Arputharaj, the newly appointed head of the institution, and shared thoughtful suggestions to further enhance the school's functioning. Both dignitaries expressed their joy and appreciation for the noticeable progress of the children. They praised the school for its clean, well-maintained environment and its nurturing atmosphere that supports



learning and growth. A special highlight of the visit was their interaction with the vocational training students. They showed keen interest in the students' hands-on skills, asking about the process of making doormats, liquid soaps, and candles. The confident and cheerful responses from the children impressed them. Mrs. Lakshmi also inquired about the students who had successfully moved into mainstream education through the Inclusive Education Program. Learning that some of them are now studying in the 10th grade brought her great joy, and she commended the dedication of the team behind this achievement. We are grateful to both dignitaries for their visit. Their kind words and encouragement deeply inspired our staff and students, strengthening our commitment to serve and uplift every child with love, dignity, and hope.

VISIT OF THE MULTI-DISCIPLINARY TASK FORCE COMMITTEE

CHENNAI DGSS: On July 3, Don Guanella Special School and Home was honored to receive a visit from the Multi-Disciplinary Task Force Committee. The team was led by Mrs. Ambika Shanmugam, Joint Director of Health Services, and included Dr. Shakuntala Devi, Psychiatrist, along with other officials. They were accompanied by Mr. S. Srinivasan, District Differently Abled Welfare Officer of Thiruvallur.

The team carried out a detailed inspection of the institution's facilities, including the classrooms, kitchen, and play area. They also carefully reviewed the medical records of the children, ensuring all necessary health and safety standards were being met. The visit was not only professional but also deeply encouraging. The team's support and engagement reflected their sincere dedication to the well-being and development of children with special needs. Their presence reassured the staff and brought great joy to the students. We are grateful for their visit and continued commitment. Their observations and guidance will further strengthen our efforts in providing a safe, nurturing, and empowering environment for our children.



A JOYFUL MILESTONE OF FAITH AND SERVICE



CHENNAI DGSS: On July 15, 2025, the Don Guanella family came together to celebrate the 25th anniversary of the priestly ordination of our beloved Rev. Fr. Maria Arockia Doss. The presence of the children from our school made the occasion even more special. The day began with a solemn Holy Mass celebrated by Father himself, a powerful symbol of his unwavering faith and commitment over the past 25 years. The atmosphere was one of deep reverence and gratitude. After the Mass, the children offered a variety of vibrant artistic performances, expressing their love and admiration through music, dance, and heartfelt gestures. Father was visibly moved and overjoyed by their sincere efforts and affection. The celebration continued with smiles, shared memories, and a feast that brought everyone together in joy. It was truly a day of thanksgiving, love, and blessings, marking a significant milestone in the life of a devoted servant of God.

A GENEROUS GIFT

CHENNAI DGSS: On July 12, 2025, Mr. Terry Thomas from Adyar visited Don Guanella Special School as a special guest and brought with him a generous gift—two doormat-making machines to enhance the school's vocational training program. During the visit, Mr. Thomas officially inaugurated the machines and offered a heartfelt address to the students, encouraging them to continue developing their skills with dedication and confidence. Mr. Thomas was visibly pleased to see the children actively involved in doormat production, guided by their dedicated teachers. His kind donation and inspiring presence left a lasting impression on both the students and staff. We are deeply grateful to Mr. Terry Thomas for his thoughtful support. His contribution not only strengthens our vocational training efforts but also inspires our students to strive for greater independence and self-reliance.



ENCOURAGING TALENTS

CUDDALORE DGBH: At Don Guanella Boys' Home, students are not only assisted with their studies but also given opportunities to learn other valuable skills. Fr. John Dass, the Superior and Director, initiated chess, music, and tuition classes to enhance the students' skills. Teachers from the outside are invited to enroll in these classes. The classes are given three times a week to help the students. The students who have been learning chess and music demonstrate great enthusiasm. Some students are encouraged to participate in district and state tournaments to showcase their talents. Also, undergraduate students from St. Joseph's College are coming to instruct the boys. With their help, the boys are being supported in their studies and other skills.



A VISIT OF COMPASSION

CHENNAI, DMSS: In an act of compassion, members of the Pious Union of St. Joseph (PUSJ) in Chennai visited a sick member of the Guanellian family, Mr.

Arulsamy, and his wife. The couple is members of the Guanellian Cooperators. Prayers marked the visit, as well as words of comfort, and a strong sense of fraternal care. Gathered in the spirit of St. Joseph and St. Louis Guanella, the members offered prayers for healing and strength, assuring the suffering couple that they are deeply cared for and not alone.

A short prayer service was conducted, during which moments of silence were followed by personal reflections. Words of encouragement were gently spoken, and the presence of fellow members brought comfort and peace to the home. This humble visit reflected the true heart of the Guanellian mission to stand beside those who suffer and to share in their burdens with love and faith. The experience left a profound impact on everyone present, reminding them of the strength found in Christian fraternity and compassion. Before leaving, the group prayerfully recited the Prayer to St. Joseph, entrusting the couple to the intercession of the humble saint. With hearts full of love and a renewed sense of mission, the members quietly returned to their homes, carrying with them the grace of the visit.

EXTENDING GUANELLIAN LOVE

CHENNAI DGMS: On July 26, 2025, in a moving act of charity and service, members of the Guanellian Lay Movement (GLM) visited Parisuththa Narkarunai Illam, a home for mentally ill patients and street wanderers. With hearts full of compassion, the members distributed detergents, toilet articles, and other basic hygiene items, offering practical support to meet the daily needs of the residents. More than the materials shared, it was the presence, smiles, and kind words that brought joy to many faces. The visit also included moments of prayer, singing, and warm conversation, making the experience deeply enriching for both the visitors and the residents. The GLM members returned with hearts touched by grace, reminded once again of the power of



love in action. This outreach beautifully reflects the spirit of St. Louis Guanella, who called us to see the face of Christ in the poor, the sick, and the abandoned. Following the visit, the members gathered for their monthly meeting, where they reflected on the experience and discussed the upcoming ordination of our deacons. With a spirit of unity and responsibility, they reaffirmed their shared role as members of one Guanellian family, committed to supporting each other in prayer and service during this important time.

HONORABLE GUESTS VISIT



SIVAGANGAI: On July 17, 2025, St. Guanella Anbagam Special School was honored to be visited by some respected dignitaries. The school was visited by Mr. Balakrishnan, District Differently Abled Officer, along with Mr. Durga Sekar, Mr. Ashok Kumar, and Mr. Srinivasulu, Principal Accountant General (Audit 1) from the Central Government. The guests were warmly welcomed and taken on a tour of the school. During their visit, they were impressed by the mission and services of the institution, especially by the dedication shown by the staff in caring for and educating students with disabilities. Their words of appreciation were received with gratitude and have greatly encouraged the staff and management. The visit was seen as a recognition of the school's ongoing efforts in promoting inclusive education and supporting children with special needs.

A RESOUNDING SUCCESS!

SIVAGANGAI: The 2nd Parents' Meeting was held at St. Guanella Anbagam Special School. The meeting was organized to create a time and a space where parents could interact with teachers, share updates, and discuss their child's development. Parents expressed satisfaction with the school's focus on both



Activities of Daily Living (ADL) and academic progress. Special appreciation was given to the school for teaching essential life skills such as:

- Writing student names
- Learning phone numbers
- Memorizing house addresses
- Basic identification skills

A highlight of the meeting was an insightful session led by our educator, Mrs. Saratha, who spoke on the importance of physical fitness and yoga for both parents and their children. Her address emphasized the need for daily physical activity to promote overall health and well-being, especially for children with special needs.

The positive feedback received from parents has been deeply encouraging. Their kind words and active participation reflected the trust and cooperation shared between the school and families. This meeting strengthened the partnership between teachers and parents, ensuring a united approach in supporting each child's growth. We are thankful for the continued support of our parents and look forward to more milestones of progress and success together.

FUNCACION SOCIEDAD PROTECTORA DE LOS NINOS

SIVAKASI: Children's Protective Society Foundation is a charitable organization operating from Madrid, Spain, has been kind enough to collaborate with us, Servants of Charity, in our mission to the children in need. This foundation has been supporting and collaborating with us in our mission for the children in Krishnapuri, Sivakasi. We are grateful to our confreres in Spain who have been intermediaries in this process. The confreres, the staff, and the students of St. Paul's Boys Hostel do recognize and appreciate the efforts taken by the foundation toward this charitable activity and are grateful to all the generous donors. Thanks to their generosity, the mission to the orphaned children has been greatly sustained.



EVENING SCHOOL INAUGURATION

SIVAKASI: Don Guanella Evening School in Vadapatti, Sivakasi, celebrated the beginning of the new academic year on Friday evening, July 11th. The event was held in the presence of Fr. Ronald, Fr. Sagayaraj, and Fr. John Kennedy. The students warmly welcomed the Chief Guest, Fr. Ronald, and honoured him, along with Fr. Sagayaraj and Fr. John Kennedy, with shawls. All the students actively took part in a vibrant cultural program, showcasing excellent performances. In his address, Fr. Ronald spoke on the themes of education and motivation, expressing his appreciation to the students, teachers, and parents for their support in organizing the event. He also congratulated and extended his best wishes to Fr. Sagayaraj, the newly appointed in-charge of Don Guanella Evening School. The celebration concluded with a short prayer and light refreshments.



service, and their involvement has been appreciated by the parish priest. The Chaplet is offered with special intentions for rainfall and the safety of all those working in the fireworks industries in Sivakasi and Virudhunagar.

MEANINGFUL MOMENTS



Madurai: It was a joyful time at Soosai Thottam in Madurai as the Presentation Congregation sisters gathered like a family to spend meaningful moments with the children. The sisters were delighted to be with the children, organizing games, dancing, and sharing joyful interactions. Following this, they attended an enriching session by Fr. S.A. Lourdu Raj, SDC, who gave a class on the mission of our congregation and the life of our founder, St. Louis Guanella. The session was both informative and inspiring, deepening their understanding of the Guanellian mission. The visit concluded with a delicious meal, enjoyed in the warm presence of the children and the peaceful atmosphere of Soosai Thottam.

VISIT OF NURSING STUDENTS



THALAVADI: On July 28th, 2025, the faculty and nursing students from Annai JKK Sampooranani College of Nursing visited Nazareth Illam to conduct a Mental Health Awareness Programme. They presented a meaningful drama focusing on mental health and personal hygiene, followed by an engaging cultural program featuring songs, dances, and interactive activities with our beneficiaries. In the afternoon, the visitors spent quality time with the residents over tea before departing. We sincerely thank the team for their valuable presence and compassionate efforts.

CELEBRATION OF WORLD ORS DAY



THALAVADI: On July 29th, 2025, Nazareth Illam, Home for the Mentally Ill in Thalavadi, conducted an awareness session to mark World ORS Day. The program aimed to educate residents and staff on the vital role of Oral Rehydration Solution (ORS) in preventing and treating dehydration. Led by staff nurses Ms. Preethi and Mrs. Ratha, the session explained in simple terms the uses, preparation, and benefits of ORS. Their engaging presentation emphasized the importance of staying hydrated, especially during illnesses and hot weather. A practical demonstration on how to prepare ORS at home made the session informative and hands-on. The program underscored the value of basic health education and was warmly appreciated by all attendees. As the saying goes, a small packet of ORS can save a life — stay informed, stay hydrated.

GREEN HOPE AT THALAVADI

THALAVADI: On July 28th, 2025, Nazareth Illam, Home for the Mentally Ill, marked National Conservation Day with a simple yet meaningful Coconut Tree Planting Program focused on environmental care and community involvement. The event began with a short prayer, invoking God's blessings on the land and those who nurture it. Staff members, volunteers, and residents



came together to plant coconut saplings across the campus, transforming dry areas into symbols of new life and hope. This eco-friendly initiative represents a commitment to sustainability and compassion, aligning with our mission to care for both creation and the vulnerable. As the trees grow, may they serve as living reminders of our dedication to nurturing life in all its forms. Let us grow together — in love, service, and hope.

SHARING AND CARING

THALAVADI: On July 19th, 2025, Ms. Stella Guanelian, co-operator, visited our center along with her friends to learn about our mission and offer their support. Their presence was a testament to their commitment to community welfare and their genuine interest in understanding and supporting our mission. The visit began with a warm welcome from our staff, followed by an engaging interaction session. They had meaningful interaction session with our staff, appreciating their dedication and gaining insight into their service journey. The visitors also spent quality time with our beneficiaries, sharing warmth, smiles, and encouragement. As a generous gesture, they sponsored a wholesome noon meal, warmly received by all, and donated solar lights to brighten our center. We sincerely thank Ms. Stella and her team for their valuable time, kindness, and support.



FITNESS PARADE



CHELSEA – To help residents prepare for the Fourth of July celebrations, Caitlin, the Fitness Trainer, held a fitness parade on June 30th. The residents were invited to participate by walking around the track on the Special Needs Playground or taking turns at cardio-drumming to help keep the individuals who were walking on pace. They waved miniature American flags, sang patriotic songs, and finished off with a cool treat. Even the staff members participated with joy.

FUNDERS PAY A VISIT



CHELSEA: On June 30th, Lisa Herrick and Wendy Brightman of the Herrick Foundation paid a visit to the St. Louis Center. After meeting several staff and board members during nonprofit trainings that they offered earlier in the year, Lisa and Wendy decided they needed to see first-hand the many good things happening at the Center. They heard from staff members about the joys

and challenges they face in the delivery of programs to the beneficiaries. They ended their visit with a tour of the main building to understand the scope of the proposed project that will enhance the lives of individuals with and without intellectual disabilities.

PATRIOTIC PARADE



GRASS LAKE - Every July 4th, the Grass Lake community hosts a parade to kick off the festivities planned for the Independence Day celebration. People from all over the region line the streets for this All-American parade. Community bands, sports teams, area churches, tractors, fire trucks, classic cars, and more inch past the bystanders who eagerly await the candy and treats tossed by parade participants. St. Louis Center staff members did not want the residents to miss the fun, so they brought many to watch the fun and get a little candy for themselves. After the parade, many folks walked to the Pious Union in their patriotic attire to celebrate Mass at the Shrine.

ER VEHICLE DAY

CHELSEA – The library in a nearby community hosted an event on July 9th for



all ages, allowing participants to touch and explore emergency services vehicles. Several participants in the St. Louis Center Day Program had the opportunity to sit in fire trucks and ambulances. They even learned first-hand from the first responders what it is like to do these important jobs. The outing wasn't over until they stopped at a local park to test out the swings.

BUILDING A PARTNERSHIP



CHELSEA – As the individuals living at St. Louis Center age, the staff is challenged to provide specialized levels of care to ensure that the residents are able to maintain joy-filled lives. Arbor Hospice, a sister organization of Hospice of Michigan that provided end-of-life care to several late residents of St. Louis Center, is an award-winning not-for-profit hospice and palliative care provider. On July 16th, part of Arbor Hospice's Executive Team, including Marcie Hillary, Kelly Errer, and Patrick Miller, toured St. Louis Center and met with staff members to learn how further collaboration can enhance the quality of end-of-life care for individuals living at the Center. Arbor Hospice and St. Louis Center are now working together to provide training to the Center's staff.

ASSEMBLY MASS



GRASS LAKE – On July 17th, all of the Servants of Charity priests in the United States, as well as the Father Provincial, visited the Shrine. They concelebrated Mass for the Servants of Charity assembly. Fr. Fortunato Turati gave a beautiful homily, in which he reminded everyone to love God by loving their neighbours.

CELEBRATING A LIFE OF SERVICE



CHELSEA – Ginny Wheaton started her career at St. Louis Center as a promise to a friend by just filling in for her while she was away on vacation. Sr. Lucy, who was in charge of the kitchen at the time, would not let Ginny leave. That was in 1978. After nearly 40 years in the kitchen, Ginny had to step away for health reasons. However, that didn't keep her away forever. After recuperating, Ginny returned to the Center to serve the residents in other ways by helping out the nursing and finance departments. Unfortunately for the Center, Ginny decided it was time to retire. On July 18th, a formal reception was held to honour her life of service to the Center. The kitchen staff prepared a meal, the finance department made the gym look festive, and Carla, the Finance Director, even baked a phenomenal cake. The gym was filled with the residents, staff, and Ginny's family and friends. Her presence will be greatly missed.

THE 4-H FAIR

CHELSEA – On Friday, July 25th, several individuals in the St. Louis Center Day Program went to the Saline 4-H Fair. While at the fair, they were able to interact with the animals, watch the youth show animals in the judging arena, browse handicraft items, and enjoy a picnic lunch.

ORDINATION ANNIVERSARIES

- 06-FR. J. AROKIADASS | FR. A. ABRAHAM | FR. R. AMALOR | FR. T. ANANDHAN |
FR. A. ANTONYSAMY | FR. J. ARPUTHARAJ / FR. A. BAKTHISWALAGAN | FR. M. FRANKLIN |
FR. X. LEO JOSEPH / FR. A. PAUL FRANCIS | FR. S. SAGAYARAJ | FR. A.C.PERI |
FR. R. SHANTHAM | FR. J. SAMSON | FR. P. PAULRAJ | FR. S. VINCENT
- 14-FR. A. ARUN KUMAR | FR. P. VIJAY | FR. RAJARATHNAM | FR. M. ANIL | FR. SOLOMON STALIN
- 15-FR. L. AROCKIA WILLIAM | FR. S. MELVINRAJ
- 18-FR. T. DAVID ANBURAJ | FR. A. BERNANDES | FR. A. ADAIKALAM | FR. S. PAUL AROCKIARAJ
FR. S. CHARLES PRO
- 19-FR. S. PHILOMINRAJA / FR. K. YESU BABU
- 22-FR. R. ANTONY XAVIER | FR. B. CHRISTU RAJ | FR. S. FERNANDEZ | FR. FR. A. MICHEAL |
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- 27-FR. S. JOHN BOSCO | FR. M. SACHIN SON |
- 31-FR. P. DEVA | FR. M. JEYASEELAN | FR. P. PACKIARAJ |
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- 05-FR. A. BAKTHISWALAGAN
- 06-FR. M. PERIYANAYAGAM
- 11-FR. S. KUMAR
- 12-FR. R. SHANTHAM | FR. V. JOSE RAMBABU
- 13-FR. S. AROCKIA DOSS
- 15-FR. J. DAVID | FR. P. DEVA
- 16-FR. M. FRANKLIN AROKIA DOSS
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what it means to know Jesus Christ.” - Pope Leo**