



NEWS AND VIEWS

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"The Founder wanted us to be disciples who, burning with charity, consecrate themselves to God for the poor." (Con. No. 62)

CALLLED TO BE *Missionary Disciples*

We celebrate the feast of St. Thomas and, on the same day, the Guanellian presence in India had its start on the 3rd of July. For this same reason, we are to reflect on the call to be missionary disciples. St. Thomas the Apostle is remembered not only as one of the Twelve Apostles of Jesus but also for his remarkable missionary spirit, which led him far from the Holy Land to spread the Gospel. Though famously known as "Doubting Thomas" for his initial skepticism about Christ's resurrection (John 20:24-29), Thomas displayed profound faith once convinced. His proclamation, "My Lord and my God!", is one of the strongest affirmations of Jesus' divinity in the Gospels. This personal transformation shows a shift from doubt to deep missionary conviction.

St. Thomas traveled farther than most other apostles. According to early Christian tradition, He traveled east, possibly as far as Parthia (modern-day Iran), and then to India. He is credited with founding Christian communities in southern India, particularly in Kerala and Tamil Nadu. These Christians are known today as the St. Thomas Christians. He undertook missionary work in distant and culturally unfamiliar lands. His willingness to evangelize in India, a land very different from Judea, reflects cultural adaptability, deep faith in Christ's universal message,

fearless proclamation in the face of danger, and ultimately martyrdom. St. Thomas the Apostle's missionary spirit reflects the transformative power of a personal encounter with Christ. From doubt to devotion, from Jerusalem to India, his life exemplifies courage, faith, and a willingness to bring the Gospel to the ends of the earth.

In our constitution, Article 62 presents the mission as a qualifying force of the institute. It belongs to the very nature of our congregation, which is apostolic and charitable. The apostolic commitment is an essential part of our faithfulness. It's like the same sending of the prophet: if the prophecy is not fulfilled, he is not faithful to the vocation with which he was called. It's like the apostolate for the Apostles, for which the Lord's words were explicit: "Go therefore, and make disciples of all nations."

This constitutive apostolic impression comes from our Founder, St. Louis Guanella. He so wanted and founded the congregation and implanted it as an apostolic reality in the Church. He had not designed a conventional or purely contemplative monastic congregation, but one that is active and more precisely apostolic in terms of charity. The apostolic ministry is defined as the secondary purpose of the institute in the various regulations written by the Founder. First, there is the sanctification of its members: "You shall love the Lord Your God"; then there is the service to the poor: "You shall love your neighbor". So, they attain sanctification through the exercise of charity.

The identity of the institute has its foundation in "promoting the reign of Jesus Christ" within itself and in the heart of its brothers and men in general. The charity is directed equally to those who need and to those who suffer; it must extend without borders and be directed where others do not provide. Even as he was very young, Don Guanella had the conviction to do something for the poor,



especially the disabled and elderly. Today, the Founder demands of us an answer full of willingness to God's call and, at the same time, a dedication to an intense presence of service for those to whom we are sent.

Our Superior General, Rev. Father Umberto's heartfelt plea and invitation, urges us to volunteer to serve as missionaries to the Guanellian Family and the congregation, especially as we struggle to continue the mission for the poorest in the established mission places of our presence. He's not just asking for helping hands. He's echoing the very heart of Christ's call and inviting us to become a meaningful example and valuable missionaries of compassion for the Congregation.

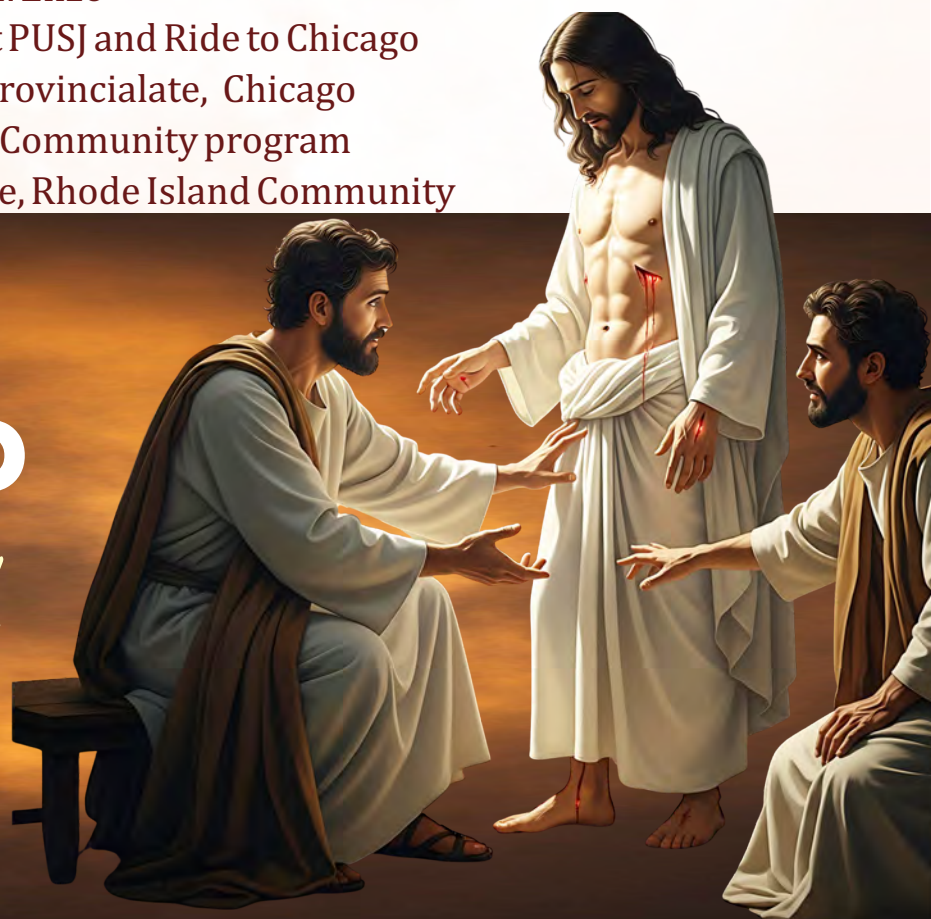
I thank everyone who contributed to the success of the Jubilee celebration on 21st June 2025. I earnestly invite you to pray for the five Deacons who are preparing themselves to taste the priesthood of Christ in a short period. I personally request you to pray for my visit to the United States.

Provincial Superior
FR. GNANARAJ SDC

PROVINCIAL CALENDAR – JULY 2025

- 05th** – DPP Council Meeting
- 08th** – Arrival in Michigan
- 12th – 16th** – St. Louis Center Community – MI
- 17th – 18th** – Assembly @ St. Louis Center, Chelsea, MI
- 19th** – Meeting with Fr. Enzo
- 20th** – Sunday Mass at PUSJ and Ride to Chicago
- 21st – 22nd** – Visit to DSMP Provincialate, Chicago
- 23rd – 25th** – Philadelphia & Community program
- 26th – 28th** – East Providence, Rhode Island Community

MY LORD
My God





GUANELLIAN FAMILY

JUBILEE YEAR CELEBRATION 2025

The Guanellian Family Jubilee Year Celebration 2025 was a profound and grace-filled event, deeply rooted in faith, gratitude, and missionary zeal. Celebrated under the inspiring theme “Proclaiming the Unconditional Love of God to the Poor,” this Jubilee was not simply a remembrance of past years, but a bold and living proclamation of God's steadfast love for the poor, the abandoned, and the most vulnerable. It was a celebration that reignited the call to embrace the preferential option for people experiencing poverty, which stands at the heart of the Guanellian mission.

The solemn Eucharistic Celebration, which formed the center of the Jubilee, was presided over by His Grace George Antony and concelebrated by Rev. Fr. R. Gnanaraj, Provincial Superior, Fr. Ronald, former Provincial, the Parish Priest of Besant Nagar, Provincial Councillors, the Former Vicar Provincial, and several diocesan and Guanellian priests. The Holy Mass brought together a joyful assembly of the wider Guanellian family, including 56 priests, 45 religious sisters, over 50 Guanellian Cooperators and Lay Movement members, 600 lay faithful, and 25 widows and special guests. The gathering powerfully expressed the unity, diversity, and vibrancy of the Guanellian mission across different regions and vocations.



The celebration commenced with a warm and traditional Mangala Aarthi, beautifully offered by the Kumbakonam Parishioners, symbolizing the blending of local cultural richness with deep spiritual devotion. Fr. Ligory's heartfelt introduction to the Jubilee Mass set the tone for a day filled with thanksgiving, reflection, and renewal.

The Liturgy of the Word profoundly spoke to the hearts of the faithful. The First Reading from Leviticus, proclaimed by the Guanellian Sisters, reminded the assembly that the Jubilee is a sacred time of liberty, restoration, and renewal. The Second Reading from Romans, proclaimed by the Guanellian Cooperators, emphasized the mission of reconciliation and transformation in Christ. The Gospel, taken from John's account, and proclaimed by Dn. Jeyaseelan, beautifully reinforced Jesus' commandment to love one another as He has loved us – a love that remains the foundation of the Guanellian vocation.

In his homily, the Bishop warmly expressed his deep appreciation to the entire Guanellian Family for their heartfelt preparation and meaningful celebration of this sacred year. He joyfully acknowledged that the family had come together as one body to give thanks for the countless graces poured upon them and to recommit themselves to the mission of loving and serving the poor, following in the footsteps of St. Louis Guanella. Echoing the spirit of Pope Francis, the Bishop called the Guanellian Family to become pilgrims of hope and faith, walking closely with the people in their daily joys and struggles. He invited the entire assembly to make this Jubilee a moment of grace, a time to deepen their understanding of the charism, to explore new paths for mission, to reevaluate priorities, and to review leadership models, identity, and the relevance of the Guanellian mission in India and throughout the world.





The Bishop posed a profound question: “How are you going to live your Guanellian vocation today?” He proposed three essential invitations for the Guanellian Family to reflect upon and embrace. First, he called for a paradigm shift in relationships, urging all to move beyond simply performing charitable works and instead to genuinely accompany others as true friends, especially the poor and the marginalized. Quoting St. John Bosco, he reminded us that being truly present and becoming someone significant in the lives of those we serve is far more important than merely doing good deeds.

Secondly, the Bishop emphasized the importance of participatory leadership. Leadership in the Church, he said, must be inclusive, shared, and rooted in co-responsibility. Priests, sisters, and lay people must walk together and build the Kingdom of God as one family. The Guanellian Family's strong involvement of lay collaborators stands as a living example of this synodal approach to leadership.

Thirdly, the Bishop called for a renewed zeal for evangelization. He reminded the assembly that proclaiming the Good News of Jesus Christ must remain at the heart of all our efforts. Even as we engage in respectful dialogue with people of other religions and cultures, we must never lose sight of our mission to witness to Christ's love in the world joyfully.

The Prayer of the Faithful reflected the heartfelt intentions of the entire Guanellian Family, with seven petitions offered by the Guanellian Cooperators, Lay Movement, Youth Movement, and the wider parish community. The Offertory Procession, coordinated by Fr. Xavier, was particularly moving, as 25 representatives from various groups, including parishioners, religious, and lay

collaborators, came forward to offer their lives and missions to God symbolically.

Following the Eucharistic celebration, the Jubilee spirit continued through meaningful acts of charity and joyful fellowship. Fr. Michael lovingly coordinated the distribution of gifts and essential aid to 25 beneficiaries, including widows, the elderly, and orphans, as a living witness to the Guanellian option for the poor. A commemorative Jubilee song was prepared by Fr. Amalraj SdC, Vicar Provincial, and Fr. Francis Xavier was released by the Archbishop. In a touching gesture, the assembly also honoured the Bishop and the Provincial Superior for their fraternal presence and guidance. The Provincial Superior concluded the event with a heartfelt vote of thanks, expressing deep gratitude to all who contributed to the success and grace of the Jubilee celebration.

The Guanellian Family Jubilee 2025 beautifully echoed the enduring mission entrusted by St. Louis Guanella: to be instruments of God's unconditional love, especially to the poor and the forgotten. This Jubilee is a renewed call for the entire Guanellian Family to boldly continue proclaiming, through their words and actions, that God's love knows no limits and no boundaries. Strengthened and united by this celebration, the Guanellian Family moves forward with renewed commitment, ready to journey to the peripheries of society, carrying the message of hope, love, and mercy to all.



JUBILEE SONG RELEASE



As part of the Guanellian Jubilee Year celebration, a special Jubilee Song was released by the Don Guanella Communication Centre on 21st June 2025, as a heartfelt expression of thanksgiving to God for His abundant blessings upon the congregation. The occasion was graced by Most Rev. George Antonysamy, Archbishop of Madras-Mylapore, who officially unveiled the song in a spirit of gratitude and celebration. The first copy was reverently received by Rev. Fr. Arulappa, Rector and Parish Priest of Our Lady of Vellankanni Church, Besant Nagar, along with Rev. Fr. Gnanaraj, SdC, Provincial Superior of the Divine Providence Province, and Rev. Fr. Ronald, SdC.

This spiritually uplifting song, rich in devotion and inspiration, was composed by Rev. Fr. Amalraj, SdC, Vice Provincial of the Divine Providence Province, and programmed and directed by Rev. Fr. Francis Xavier, Director of the Don Guanella Communication Centre. The release marked a significant and grace-filled moment in the Jubilee Year, honoring the legacy and mission of St. Louis Guanella with praise, gratitude, and joy.

INTERNATIONAL YOGA DAY

SIVAGANGAI: On June 20th, the Guanella Anbagam Special School and Home joyfully celebrated International Yoga Day. Our special guest, Mrs. Saratha, a renowned Yoga Mistress, expertly organized the event. The children enthusiastically participated in various yoga poses and breathing exercises, promoting physical and mental well-being. The atmosphere was filled with positivity and energy as the students enjoyed the session.

This celebration not only highlighted the benefits of yoga but also fostered a sense of community and teamwork among our students. We are



grateful to Mrs. Saratha for sharing her expertise and making this event a memorable one.

ACUPRESSURE THERAPY

CHENNAI, DGRC: To respect the importance of a natural way of living over the modern lifestyle, Don Guanella Special School recently conducted an acupressure therapy session aimed at promoting physical well-being among its students.

The event was organized to enable children with physical challenges to find natural methods of relief and healing. Parents were invited to participate in the session, and many attended with great enthusiasm, hope, and goodwill. Fr. Arputharaj, Director, began the event with a brief introduction, explaining the goals of the therapy session and extending a heartfelt welcome to the volunteer therapy team, who offered their services with genuine generosity and compassion.

The session was led by Mrs. Deepa, a member of the Rotary Club, who demonstrated a deep understanding and care in addressing the individual needs and physical conditions of each student. Her approach was warmly received and appreciated by all in attendance. Parents showed keen interest



throughout the session and were eager to learn practical tips they could apply at home to support their children's conditions. The event was a meaningful step toward embracing holistic health practices.

INTERNATIONAL YOGA DAY



CHENNAI, DGRC: On June 23, 2025, Don Guanella Special School, Chennai, joyfully celebrated International Yoga Day with great enthusiasm and unity. The highlight of the event was a specially organized yoga session led by Mr. Udyakumar, Founder of the APJ Abdul Kalam Charity Trust. He brought an experienced yoga master and a committed team of volunteers who patiently guided our special children through various yoga practices to their abilities. Our guests' kindness and firsthand support made the session both impactful and uplifting.

The event was honored by the presence of Fr. Periyamayagam, Superior, and Fr. Arupada Raj, Director of Don Guanella Special School, who delivered an inspiring address on the significance of incorporating yoga into our daily lives. He emphasized that regular yoga practice fosters physical health, mental clarity, and resilience, which are especially vital for the holistic development of children with disabilities. Finally, we expressed our deepest gratitude to Mr. Udyakumar, the yoga trainers, the volunteers, our dedicated teaching and non-teaching staff, and the supportive parents. Their collective efforts and compassionate presence ensured that this year's Yoga Day celebration was not only memorable but also a meaningful step toward wellness and inclusion for all.

KANBOM KARPOM

CHENNAI, DGRC: On June 26, 2025, as part of the Kanbom Karpom program



for the 2025–2026 academic year, the Fathers, teachers, staff, and children of Don Guanella Special School and Home enjoyed a joyful and enriching outing to GK Cinemas in Porur. The trip was more than just a fun excursion—it offered the children a meaningful opportunity to learn how to navigate public spaces, develop social skills, and engage with the world around them. With laughter, excitement, and smiles all around, the children thoroughly enjoyed the movie and the entire experience, making it a memorable and impactful day for everyone involved.

THANKSGIVING TO THE CONFRERES

KOPPAKKA – On June 12, 2025, the Guanella Bhavan community came together in a spirit of gratitude to bid farewell to Fr. Packiaraj and Fr. Yesu Babu, who had faithfully served the community over the past years. The event began with a solemn Eucharistic celebration, presided over by Fr. Packiaraj. Fr. Yesu Babu delivered the homily, offering a heartfelt reflection on the importance of being genuine and credible in answering God's call.

Following the Mass, the brothers of the community presented vibrant cultural performances as a tribute to the departing confreres. The evening concluded with the sharing of gifts and a joyful, festive dinner. In the same spirit of fraternity, the Guanella Bhavan community warmly welcomed Fr. Jose Rambabu and Fr. Jeyaseelan, as they joined the mission in Koppaka.



The occasion beautifully blended gratitude and welcome, celebrating the continuity of service and brotherhood in the community.

RENEWING OUR VOWS



KOPPAKKA: The Heart of Jesus teaches us about faithfulness and trust. He is unwavering in His love and promises. When we lean into His Heart, we find comfort in knowing that He is trustworthy and faithful to His Word. This empowers us to stand firm in our faith, regardless of the challenges we face. By embracing His faithful Heart, we learn to trust Him fully, cultivating a strong sense of hope and assurance in our lives. This trust also encourages us to be faithful to Him and others in our relationships. On June 27, 2025, the Guanellian Fathers of Guanella Bhavan, along with the Fathers from the Vatluru and Warangal communities, renewed their vows to the Sacred Heart of Jesus. Three of our candidates, Minor Seminarians, were welcomed solemnly with the vesting of a cross around their necks as a symbol of insertion in the community. This was followed by a fraternal meal, bringing the celebration to a culmination. Most Sacred Heart of Jesus, we may live in You and for You.

INTERNATIONAL DAY OF YOGA



VATLURU – The International Day of Yoga was celebrated at Guanella Karunalaya Boys' Home. On this special occasion, our dedicated volunteer, Koushik, a B.Tech student, led the session by teaching six foundational yoga postures (asanas) to the boys.

These basic asanas are known to open the body's energy channels, activate the chakras and psychic centers, improve spinal flexibility, strengthen bones, and stimulate both the circulatory and immune systems. When practiced along with proper breathing techniques (pranayama), yoga also helps calm the mind and reduce stress.

The boys participated with great energy and enthusiasm, embracing the session with interest and discipline. The event was a meaningful reminder of the importance of holistic health and the benefits of incorporating yoga into daily life.

CORPUS CHRISTI CELEBRATION



VATLURU – In response to Pope Leo's recent exhortation that the celebration of Corpus Christi should be “a radiant sign of our commitment to be, each day starting from the Altar and the Tabernacle—bearers of communion and peace to one another, in sharing and charity,” the faithful of Sacred Heart Church gathered in great devotion to honour this solemn feast.

A Eucharistic procession took place around the church premises, during which the Blessed Sacrament was carried reverently amidst prayers and hymns. The congregation came together to receive spiritual nourishment for their souls and strength for their daily lives. Fr. Thomas SCJ and Fr. Rajarathinam SdC addressed the faithful, reflecting on the sacrificial love of the Eucharistic Lord and the joy that radiates from His gift of love and self-

offering. The celebration concluded joyfully, leaving the community spiritually renewed and united in faith and love.

INSTALLATION OF THE NEW SUPERIOR



CUDDALORE, DGBH – On June 7, the Don Guanella Boys' Home community in Cuddalore witnessed the installation of its new Superior and Director. The ceremony began with a solemn Holy Mass at 6:30 a.m., presided over by the Provincial Superior, who also delivered a meaningful homily.

Following the homily, Fr. John Dass, the newly appointed Superior, made the Profession of Faith, officially marking the beginning of his leadership. The community warmly welcomed him and extended their heartfelt best wishes. After the Eucharistic celebration, a community meeting was held. During the gathering, the Provincial Superior expressed appreciation and gratitude to the outgoing Superior, Director, and Administrator for their dedicated service. He also formally welcomed the new team. In the presence of the Provincial Superior, all relevant documents were ceremonially handed over to the new Superior, Director, and Administrator. Fr. John Dass made a few formal requests to the Provincial Superior regarding the community's future needs. The meeting concluded with a prayer of thanksgiving offered by Fr. John Dass, marking a spirit-filled and hopeful start for the new leadership team.

MEDICAL CAMP

CUDDALORE, DGBH: On June 14, a medical camp was jointly organized by Sagothara Valvu Sangam and Sree Venkateswara Medical College and Hospital at Don Guanella Boys' Home. The camp was inaugurated by Fr. John Dass, SdC, Superior of the community, who shared words of inspiration rooted in the spirit of St. Louis Guanella, emphasizing the value of service and compassion.



In his address, Fr. John Dass reminded all that “health is wealth” and stressed the importance of caring for one's health as a foundation for fulfilling daily duties and living a purposeful life. The camp proved to be a great blessing, with nearly 250 individuals availing themselves of medical check-ups. Specialists in general health, ophthalmology, ENT, and dentistry offered their services, providing much-needed care and guidance to the community.

Fr. Vincent and Fr. Vanathiyan were instrumental in organizing the event and were present throughout the day, ensuring its smooth execution. As a gesture of gratitude, mementos were presented to all the doctors and nurses who volunteered their time and expertise. The event concluded with a fellowship meal and an opportunity for sharing, further strengthening the bonds of community and care.

PRESENCE BEGINS IN SALEM DIOCESE

KUNAMALAI: The Salem Diocese welcomed the first installation of our congregation at Kunamalai Parish through a formal ceremony. The event was graced by the presence of Rev. Fr. Gnanaraj SdC, Provincial, and Rev. Fr. Francis SdC, Provincial Economer, along with the Vicar Forane.



Faithful from five sub-stations gathered to witness and welcome the newly appointed parish priest Rev. Fr. George Vinsula SdC . During his homily, the Provincial offered words of encouragement: "Our founder began his mission in humble beginnings. Likewise, do not lose heart or expect immediate success. Instead, remain faithful and be a true successor to our founder's spirit." As a symbolic and spiritual gesture, the Vicar Forane handed over the tabernacle key as well as the parish key to the new parish priest, officially entrusting him with the pastoral care of the parish. Following the Holy Mass, dinner was served to all the faithful, marking the joyous occasion with fellowship and celebration.

SCHOOL REOPENING



MADURAI – The staff and children, together with Fr. S. A. Lourduraj, the director, inaugurated the new academic year on June 2, 025. The celebration began with the hoisting of the national flag by Mrs. ChinnaRani, the chief guest of the day. In her address, Mrs. ChinnaRani shared words of encouragement and motivation, offering her heartfelt blessings for the success of the academic year ahead. Fr. S. A. Lourduraj then warmly welcomed the students, teachers, staff members, and domestic workers, expressing his desire for the school's holistic development in the spirit of St. Louis Guanella. He emphasized the importance of nurturing both education and well-being in the lives of the children under the school's care. He also gave practical guidance by outlining the school's rules, regulations, and procedures, ensuring a smooth and disciplined start to the academic year. The celebration concluded on a joyful note with the distribution of sweets, which were shared cheerfully among all present, marking a sweet beginning to a promising new year.

THE GROTTO TO ST. ANTONY OF PADUA



MADURAI – The Soosaithottam Community came together to celebrate the completion of the Grotto renovation. The newly renovated Grotto was blessed by Fr. S. A. Lourduraj, followed by a Eucharistic celebration led by Fr. Paul Francis. After the Mass, gifts of clothing were distributed to the individuals present, reflecting the charitable spirit of the celebration.

Fr. Superior expressed heartfelt thanks to the benefactors and the community members for their generous support and dedicated efforts in making the renovation possible. Later, Fr. S. A. Lourduraj held a meeting with the parents, where he shared updates on the current status of the school, provided important instructions, and discussed the future needs of the institution. He also welcomed suggestions and ideas from the parents for the continued growth and development of their children and the school. The day concluded with a delicious meal shared among all those who participated in this triple celebration—the renovation, the dedication, and the charitable outreach—making it a truly memorable occasion for the entire community.

GUANELLA DAY CARE CENTER



MAHABUBABAD: The new academic year at Guanella Day Care Centre in Mahabubabad began with a meaningful ceremony on June 16, 2025. The event was graced by the presence of Rev. Fr. D. Vijaya Paul, Administrator of the Warangal Diocese, who presided over the inauguration and extended his blessings to the staff, students, and parents. In his address, Fr. D. Vijaya Paul emphasized the importance of holistic education rooted in love, compassion, and service, reflecting the spirit of St. Louis Guanella. The ceremony included a short prayer service, welcome address, lighting of the lamp, and cultural performances by the children, which added joy and vibrancy to the occasion. The gathering marked a hopeful beginning to the academic year and filled all with enthusiasm, commitment, and renewed dedication to the mission of nurturing young minds.

GUANELLA THERAPY GROUND



MAHABUBABAD: We launched eight newly developed walking therapy sessions designed to stimulate children's neurological systems and promote their overall mental and physical development. The initiative is part of our ongoing commitment to holistic care and rehabilitation. Rev. Fr. D. Vijaya Paul, Administrator of the Warangal Diocese, blessed and formally inaugurated the newly prepared therapy grounds. His presence and support added great encouragement to the staff and families. This is a significant step forward in enhancing therapeutic services for the children. The Administrator laid the foundation for a park for children with disabilities, which will improve the lives of people with disabilities and create a family atmosphere at the Guanella Day Care Centre.

THE SCHOOL REOPENING



KUMBAKONAM: The school reopening ceremony for the academic year 2025-26 took place at the Don Louis Guanella Rehabilitation Centre in Kumbakonam on June 4, 2025. The Fathers and teachers made special efforts to welcome the students and create an inspiring atmosphere. The event was graced by Fr. S. Periyannayaga Samy, Administrator of Our Lady of Divine Providence House. The program aims to motivate the students and set the tone for a productive and prosperous year ahead. The school premises were prepared to welcome the students.

EVENING SCHOOL INAUGURATION



KUMBAKONAM: A branch of the evening school was officially opened in Santhanalpuram, Kumbakonam, on June 16. The event was attended by students, parents, teachers, and members of the community. The event featured speeches highlighting the importance of education and the valuable

opportunities it provides for students. It marked a significant step in expanding educational access for the local children. The village leader expressed heartfelt gratitude for the dedicated service of the Fathers, the supportive environment fostered by the local community, and the financial assistance provided by ASCHI.

AWARENESS PROGRAM

KUMBAKONAM: The Don Guanella Rehabilitation Centre in Kumbakonam conducted an awareness program on June 12, focusing on the prevention of child labour. Child labour refers to the exploitation of children through any form of work that hinders their ability to attend regular school and enjoy a proper childhood. The program aimed to instill the idea that every child has the right to learn, not to earn. Children were instructed on the importance of avoiding work at an early age, staying away from harmful environments, and showing respect and responsibility in both home and school settings. These messages were conveyed through illustrated placards, making the learning experience both informative and engaging.

CELEBRATION OF THE CORPUS CHRISTI FEAST

CUDDALORE – On June 29, the Corpus Christi feast was celebrated with great devotion in our parish at Cuddalore. The day began with a solemn morning Mass, followed by Eucharistic adoration at three different locations in the evening, accompanied by a spiritual talk by the priest. The procession commenced at 5:30 PM from St. Joseph's Minor Seminary and proceeded to the chapel. Fr. Mathias led the adoration and delivered the message. The brothers contributed through beautiful hymns, adding to the spiritual ambiance. Fr. James and Fr. Sachin Son coordinated the liturgy.



The second adoration took place at Don Guanella Boys' Home and was animated by Fr. Vanathiyan. The Gospel reading was read by Fr. Arun David. The final place of adoration was the parish church, animated by Fr. John Dass. Each of the priests delivered meaningful and informative messages, which were well-received by the parishioners. The celebration concluded with a final blessing. Fr. Vincent, the Parish Priest, expressed heartfelt thanks to everyone for their internal and external support toward the parish.

DON GUANELLA EVENING SCHOOL INAUGURATION



BANGALORE – On June 18, 2025, Don Guanella Evening School was inaugurated with much excitement and enthusiasm. The event was attended by students, volunteer teachers, staff, and the community's Superior, Fr. Kulandai Samy. The evening school aims to provide free educational support to children who cannot afford special classes or private tuition. During the inauguration, Fr. Kulandai Samy emphasized the transformative power of education. The event marked a fresh academic journey for the eager students. This initiative stands as a shining example of community-driven education and a commitment to equal learning opportunities. We extend our best wishes to all involved in this noble endeavor.

CPR TRAINING PROGRAM

BANGALORE – The Nightingale Medical Trust conducted a hands-on CPR training program at Guanella Preethi Nivas Destitute Home for caregivers and staff. Key highlights of the training included: Practical sessions on CPR techniques, understanding cardiac arrest and emergency response, Emphasis



on the importance of timely intervention, CPR practice on mannequins. The training empowered participants with life-saving skills, enhancing the safety and well-being of the elderly residents.

FREE EYE CAMP

BANGALORE – On June 20, 2025, a free eye camp was organized at Guanella Preethi Nivas by the Nightingale Medical Trust for the elderly residents. Services provided included: Comprehensive eye check-ups, Cataract screenings, Free distribution of spectacles, Medical consultations. The residents expressed their gratitude for the initiative. The camp demonstrated the Trust's unwavering commitment to elder care and public health.



RECOGNITION FROM THE GOVERNMENT

BANGALORE – Preethi Nivas Trust has been officially recognized as a voluntary organization for senior citizens by the Government of Karnataka's Department of Empowerment of Persons with Disabilities. Registered under

the Nutrition, Preservation, and Protection of Senior Citizens Act 2007 with number 06/2025-26, this milestone reflects the Trust's enduring commitment to the welfare of the elderly. This recognition is expected to enhance the Trust's ability to serve more people and expand its outreach. We wholeheartedly congratulate Preethi Nivas Trust on this honor.

CORPUS CHRISTI CELEBRATION



BANGALORE – On June 22, 2025, the Feast of Corpus Christi was celebrated with simplicity and deep devotion by the Preethi Nivas community and local faithful. Quoting Pope Leo XIV's Angelus address, the Eucharist is "a sacrifice of love for the salvation of the world." At 5:03 PM, the Eucharistic procession commenced, with a large number of lay faithful participating. The event was marked by great spiritual depth and reverence. Fr. Kulandai Samy, Superior and Director, organized the event thoughtfully. The day concluded with heartfelt prayers and a profound spiritual experience.

INAUGURATION

CUDDALORE SJS – The inauguration of the academic year 2025–2026 at St. Joseph's Seminary, Cuddalore, was held on the eve of the Solemnity of the Most



Sacred Heart of Jesus. The sacred liturgy invoked God's blessings for the academic and spiritual journey ahead. Rev. Fr. Gnana Raj, Provincial Superior, presided over the Mass, joined by confreres from the Boys' Home Community. In his homily, he stressed the importance of community life and mutual support. During the Mass, all perpetual confreres from both the Boys' Home and the seminary renewed their vows. An agape meal followed, fostering fraternity and hospitality among the community. Fr. Gnana Raj expressed appreciation for the former formation team, with special thanks to Rev. Fr. Jayaseelan for his dedicated efforts in guiding the boys each year. He concluded by wishing all a year full of growth, learning, and spiritual enrichment.

WELCOMING THE NEW CONFRERES



DINDIGUL – The Dindigul community welcomed the new confreres. On June 5, in a spirit of unity and brotherhood, Rev. Fr. Gnana Raj, the Provincial Superior, officially installed the newly formed community in the gracious presence of fellow confreres. The gathering, marked by grace and gladness, signalled the beginning of a renewed and inspiring chapter for the community.

Rev. Fr. Chandra Navis was appointed as the Superior of the community. With heartfelt warmth, he extended his affectionate greetings to all. His words, filled with kindness and encouragement, fostered an atmosphere of belonging and fraternity. In a gesture of honor and hospitality, Fr. Chandra Navis welcomed Rev. Fr. Benson and the other confreres by presenting them with shawls—a traditional symbol of respect and welcome. The children of the community were delighted to meet their new director. The entire event stood as a beautiful testament to the spirit of togetherness, love, and renewed commitment that lies at the heart of the Dindigul community.

GUANELLIANS WELCOMED TO THANJAVUR DIOCESE



THANJAVUR: It is truly a milestone in the history of the Guanellians in India to begin a new mission in the Diocese of Thanjavur. Thanks to the generous donation of Mr. Martin, the Guanellians have acquired a mission house, now named **Trinity Hospice – A Home for the Dying Destitute**, by the donor's wishes. Three priests, appointed to this new mission, met with the Bishop of Thanjavur on June 23.

Welcoming the new religious community, **Most Rev. Dr.T.Sagayaraj**, Bishop of Thanjavur, said: "Guanellians! you are most welcome to our diocese. May god bless your noble ministry, bearing witness to the merciful love of Jesus in our diocese." The bishop cheerfully granted the priests permission to administer the sacraments, authorized the installation of the tabernacle in the chapel of Trinity Hospice, and gave his blessing for the celebration of Holy Mass there. The confreres are now working diligently to obtain all the necessary certifications to officially establish the hospice mission in line with government regulations.

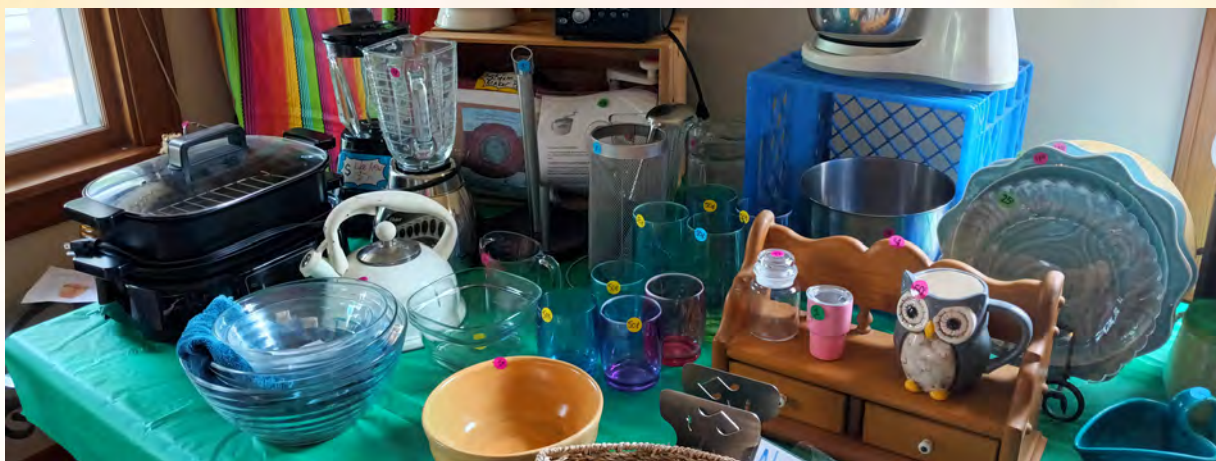
FAREWELL & FELICITATION

THALAVADI – The community of Nazareth Illam came together in a joyful celebration to bid farewell to Rev. Fr. Arun David, who had served the community with dedication and love over the years. The occasion was meaningful as it coincided with the ordination anniversary of Fr. Lawrence Thambusamy, the House Superior.

Fr. Lawrence expressed deep gratitude for Fr. Arun's availability,

compassion, and pastoral care. The staff paid warm tributes, offering words of appreciation and best wishes for his future. Beneficiaries of Nazareth Illam participated enthusiastically, presenting songs and dances that brought colour and joy to the event. Their heartfelt performances reflected the strong bond Fr. Arun had built with the community. In his concluding address, Fr. Arun thanked everyone for their love and support. The event ended with a grand fraternal meal, marking a fitting farewell to a beloved priest and friend.

RUMMAGE FOR ROSARIES



GRASS LAKE - With the warm days of summer, many things have been happening at the Shrine. A garage sale was held on **June 5th-7th** in the Pastoral Center, with proceeds benefiting the Holy Rosary project. Volunteers sorted and priced items, assisted shoppers, and cleaned up afterwards.

THE CLOAKING OF ST. JOSEPH



GRASS LAKE - Father's Day, **June 15th**, brought quite a few people for Mass. Afterwards, Fr. Leo blessed all of the fathers in attendance and the third annual

Cloaking of St. Joseph was held. St. Joseph's cloak is a symbol that he guides us and our families, and the Pious Union continually asks him for his protection.

PROJECT PROGRESSING



GRASS LAKE – Work on the Holy Rosary Project is continuing well. Electrical lines were dug, and the audio boxes with reflections and prayers will be installed soon. A security camera system and water lines will also be put in place around the project.

AN EVENING IN HONOR OF FR. FRANKLIN

CHELSEA – More than fifty friends and supporters gathered at Paesano Italian Restaurant **June 22nd** to pay tribute to Fr. Franklin A. Michael, SdC. His confreres Fr. David Stawasz, Fr. Satheesh Alphonse, Fr. Leo Joseph, and Fr. Amal Rayapillai, each offered words of gratitude and encouragement. Several family members and staff of St. Louis Center also attended to offer testimony to the high character of this priest.



GOLFING FOR A CAUSE



CHELSEA – On **Monday, June 23rd**, 125 golfers headed out on the University of Michigan Golf Course playing a round to benefit St. Louis Center. A committee of volunteers spent months preparing for the event, from sponsorships to golfer gifts, the crew of over 20 hosted a successful event that won't soon be forgotten. Students from the Chelsea High School championship golf team were the first-place winners of this year's event. Cathy, an SLC resident, drew the winning ticket for the Alaskan Cruise raffle that evening during dinner.

COFFEE SALES SUPPORT THE CENTER

CHELSEA - St. Louis Center is collaborating with Kolbe Coffee, a Chelsea, MI company sourcing top specialty-grade beans from Guadalupe Farms, a cooperative of 56 coffee farms in Nicaragua. Every coffee purchase supports the mission and the farmers. Orders can be placed online at kolbecoffee.com and choose St. Louis Center as your donation recipient. An in-person sale was held **May 30th-June 1st** at St. Mary of Chelsea.

BIRTHDAYS

01-FR. C. LOURDURAJ
08-FR. A. ARULRAJ
10-FR. K. MAHESH BENSON
FR. A. ARUN KUMAR
17-FR. M. JAYASEELAN
18- FR. M. BOSCO YESURAJ
20-FR. S. PHILOMIN RAJA
23-DN. M. AROKIYA
JAYASEELAN

ORDINATION ANNIVERSARIES

15-FR. A. MARIA AROKIADASS
- SILVER JUBILEE
22-FR. M. PETER SEBASTIAN
- SILVER JUBILEE
24-FR. A. SATHEESH CANITON
26-FR. D. CHANDRA NEVIS
29-FR. X. JOHN JOSEPH