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News and Views

Divine Providence Province

The resurrection of Jesus Christ is a cornerstone of the Christian faith, providing the foundation for faith and hope. It signifies victory over death and offers believers a promise of eternal life.

This year, for the Guanellian family, the joy of celebration doubles since Easter falls on April 20th, the feast day of Blessed Clara Bosatta. Christ's Resurrection is central to faith and hope because it signifies victory over death, renewal, and the promise of eternal life. It is the ultimate assurance that suffering and trials are not the end but a path to transformation.

The Resurrection of Jesus and the life of Blessed Clara Bossata remind us that even in the darkest moments, light and new beginnings are possible. They teach us that faith is not just about believing in what we see but also about trusting that God brings life from death, hope from despair, and purpose from pain.

Clara Bossata was known for her tireless dedication to the sick and the abandoned, always serving with a smile despite personal suffering. Her deep spirituality and unwavering faith inspired those around her. Through her sorrows and joys, strength and determination, Sr. Clare persevered in the devout life. Mother Marcellina said, "She was the angel of charity that reinforced souls, brought hearts together, and brought happiness to the House." This truth challenges us to live with a renewed perspective that embraces perseverance, love, and the certainty that God's promises are true.



**RESURRECTION
IS THE FOUNDATION
OF FAITH & HOPE**



In our lives, the Resurrection invites us to rise above fear, doubt, and past failures, stepping into the fullness of life that faith offers.

The Heart of our Faith - as St. Paul declares, "If Christ has not been raised, your faith is futile; you are still in your sins" (1 Corinthians 15:17). For the early disciples, the Resurrection transformed their fear into courage. They went from being scattered and afraid to boldly proclaiming the Gospel, even at the cost of their lives. Their faith was not based on an idea but on an encounter with the Risen Christ.

SOURCE OF OUR HOPE - Life often brings struggles - pain, loss, and uncertainty. Sometimes, we may feel like the disciples on Good Friday, lost and overwhelmed. But Easter reminds us that suffering and death do not have the final word. Because Christ lives, we have hope that our trials will lead to new life. Jesus Himself said, "I am the resurrection and the life. Whoever believes in me, though he may die, shall live" (John 11:25). This promise gives us the strength to persevere, knowing that God is always working, even in our darkest moments.

LIVING AS PEOPLE OF THE RESURRECTION - The Resurrection is not just a past event; it calls us to a new way of living. If we truly believe Christ is risen, our lives must reflect that joy and transformation. We must rise above sin and live in the grace of God. We must share the message of hope with a world that desperately needs it. We must trust that God is always bringing life out of death, whether in our personal struggles, broken relationships, or uncertain futures.



We are grateful to the Almighty for having graced the 60 confreres of our province, under the guidance of Rev. Fr. Justin CSC, to have an enriching experience and annual spiritual renewal in two batches at the JMJ retreat Center, Sirumalai.

On March 25th, the Solemnity of the Annunciation of the Lord, Fr. S. Antony Lourduraj, was installed as the new Superior to the Soosai Thottam, Madurai Community.

On March 29th, three of our confreres, Bros. Jeyaseelan, John Peter, and Pandian, made their perpetual profession and received the diaconate ordination.

PROVINCIAL CALENDER APRIL - 2025

- April - 04 - Meeting with the Bishop of Mannar, Sri Lanka**
- April - 12 - DGSS Annual Day, Chennai**
- April - 13 - (Morn) Palm Sunday, Tondiarpet**
- April - 13 - (Eve) Community Day, Cuddalore**
- April - (17-19) Easter Triduum, Sivagangai**
- April - (22-24) Vocation Camp, Cuddalore**
- April - (23-25) DPP Council Meeting**
- April - (26-28) Vocation Camp, Sivagangai**
- April - 27 Trichy**
- April - (28-29) DPP Evening School Teachers Meet, Cuddalore**
- May - (1-3) Guanellian Charism School
for the Guanellian family, Bangalore**

Provincial Superior
FR. GNANARAJ SDC



**CATECHESIS PREPARED
BY THE HOLY FATHER**

JESUS OUR LIVING HOPE



Dear brothers and sisters,

Today we will continue to contemplate Jesus' encounters with some figures from the Gospel. This time, I would like to focus on Zacchaeus: an episode that is particularly close to my heart, because it has a special place in my spiritual journey.

The Gospel of Luke presents Zacchaeus to us and one who seems irredeemably lost. Perhaps we too feel this way at times: without hope. Instead, Zacchaeus will discover that the Lord was already looking for him. In fact, Jesus came to Jericho, a city located below sea level, considered to be an image of the underworld, where Jesus wants to go in search of those who feel they are lost. And in reality, the Risen Lord continues to descend into today's underworlds, in places of war, in the suffering of the innocent, in the heart of mothers who see their children die, in the hunger of the poor.

Zacchaeus, in a certain sense, is lost; perhaps he has made the wrong decisions or perhaps his life has put him in situations from which he struggles to get out. Indeed, Luke insists on describing the characteristics of this man: not only is he a publican, a person who collects taxes from his fellow citizens for the Roman invaders, but he is the chief of publicans, no less, as if to say that his sin is multiplied. Luke then adds that Zacchaeus is rich, suggesting that he has grown rich on the backs of others, abusing his position. But all this has consequences: Zacchaeus probably feels excluded, despised by everyone. When he comes to know that Jesus is passing through the city, Zacchaeus feels the desire to see Him. He does not dare to imagine a meeting; it would be enough to watch him from a distance. However, our desires

encounter obstacles and are not automatically fulfilled: Zacchaeus is short! It is our reality: we have limitations that we have to deal with. And then there are others, who sometimes do not help us: the crowd prevents Zacchaeus from seeing Jesus. Perhaps it is something of a revenge on their part.

But when you have a strong desire, you do not lose heart. You find a solution. However, you need to be courageous and unashamed; you need a little of the simplicity of children and not to worry about your own image. Zacchaeus, just like a child, climbs a tree. It should be a good vantage point, especially in order to watch without being seen, hiding behind the branches. But with the Lord, the unexpected always happens. Jesus, when He comes close, raises His eyes. Zacchaeus feels he has been discovered, and probably expects a public rebuke. The people may have hoped for it, but they are disappointed: Jesus asks Zacchaeus to come down immediately, almost surprised to see him in the tree, and says to him, "Today I must stay at your house!" (Lk 19:5). God does not pass by without looking for those who are lost.

Luke highlights the joy in Zacchaeus' heart. It is the joy of one who feels that he has been seen, acknowledged, and above all forgiven. Jesus' gaze is not one of reproach, but of mercy. It is that mercy we sometimes struggle to accept, especially when God forgives those who, in our opinion, do not deserve it. We grumble because we would like to impose limits on God's love. In the scene at home, Zacchaeus, after listening to Jesus' words of forgiveness, stands up, as if he were arising from a condition of death. And he gets up to make a commitment: to return four times what he has stolen. It is not a price to be paid, because God's forgiveness is free, but rather the desire to imitate the One by whom he felt loved. Zacchaeus makes a commitment to which he was not bound, but he does so because he understands that this is his way of loving. And he does so by combining the Roman legislation regarding theft and the Rabbinic law on penance. Zacchaeus, then, is not only the man of desire; he is also one who knows how to take practical steps. His purpose is not generic or abstract, but stems precisely from his history: he looked at his life and identified the point from which to begin his transformation.

Dear brothers and sisters, let us learn from Zacchaeus not to lose hope, even when we feel we have been cast aside or are incapable of change. Let us nurture our desire to see Jesus, and above all let us allow ourselves to be found by the mercy of God, who always comes in search of us, in whatever situation we may be lost.



PERPETUAL PROFESSION & DIACONATE ORDINATION



CHENNAI, DPP: It was with great joy and gratitude to God Divine Providence Province, together with the members of the Province, DSMP Sisters, Guanellian Cooperators, Minor Seminarians, Family members, friends and well-wishers celebrated the Perpetual Profession and the Diaconate Ordination of Bros. Arokia Jayaseelan, John Peter and Pandiyan on 29th March, 2025.

Around 10.30 am, Rev. Fr. Gnanaraj, Provincial Superior, presided over the Eucharist and received the Vows in the presence of the faithful. During the homily, Fr. Provincial Superior urged them to trust and remain faithful to the Lord who called him to be an effective Guanellians to serve the Church and the People of God through the practice of the evangelical counsels of poverty, chastity, obedience.

Around 5.30 pm, Most Rev. Dr. George, the Archbishop of Madras - Mylapore, ordained our brothers as deacons and entrusted to them the ministry of the Word and of Service. Fr. Provincial Superior & his Council, Sr. Mary, DSMP Delegate Superiors, Guanellian Cooperators, Guanellian Lay Movement Members and all the faithful gathered for both the significant events of the day congratulated for their commitment to the Lord, and to the Guanellian way of religious life. May they remain faithful to the Lord through the Evangelical Counsels, and experience joy in the Guanellian Charism, Spirituality and Mission.

DPP - ANNUAL RETREAT

CHENNAI, DPP: DPP Annual Retreat for 60 perpetually professed confreres of India was organized in two batches (9th March to 14th March, 2025 and 20th March to 24th March, 2025) at JMJ Spirituality Center, Sirumalai, Dindigul. The retreat was led by Fr. Justin, former provincial superior of the congregation of the Holy Cross. The opening session included an introduction to the theme and a brief overview of the retreat's schedule. Fr. Justin set the tone for the week with a powerful introductory reflection on the significance of priesthood and the need for constant renewal in the life of every priest.



Each day of the retreat was marked by a structured schedule that included the celebration of the Holy Eucharist, spiritual conferences, Personal prayer, and time for Reflection. The conferences by Fr. Justin were profound and thought-provoking, offering deep insights into the challenges and joys of priestly life. His reflections were rooted in psychological well-being and on the Scripture. He also addressed contemporary challenges faced by priests and offered practical advice on how to remain faithful to their vocation in a rapidly changing world.

A significant highlight of the Retreat was the Sacrament of Reconciliation. Confreres took this opportunity to receive the sacrament, experiencing God's mercy and grace in a profound way. The Retreat also included time for personal reflection and silence, allowing the priests to meditate on the teachings and to listen to the voice of God in their hearts. The peaceful surroundings of the retreat centre provided the perfect opportunity for introspection, prayer, and contemplation, enabling all priests to listen to their inner voice and discern their spiritual journey. Overall, the Retreat was a time of Grace, Reflection, and Renewal. It resonated deeply with all the participants, who left the retreat with a renewed sense of purpose and a strengthened commitment to their vocation. We pray that our Lord Jesus, who guided the apostles, continues to accompany us and make our ministry fruitful.

LENTEN MESSAGE BY SALEM BISHOP

CUDDALORE: On March 8, the Most Rev. Dr. Arulselvan Royyappan, Bishop of Salem, celebrated Holy Mass in our parish. He took this opportunity to impart this Lenten message. "Lent is a time to open the door of our hearts to spread the love of Christ, not only to others but also to ourselves. Let Jesus come in, love us, and let Him forgive our sins." Make this Lent a time to extend Christ's love to our neighbors and ourselves.



Rev. Royyappan also spoke about Women's Day, which is celebrated this month. We are here because of our mothers' hard work and sacrifices, so we need to express our appreciation to them. It is important to remember that "Empowered women empower the world." Rev. Fr. Ganaraj, Provincial Superior, was present and honored the Bishop with a shawl. Our parish's pious associations were also honored with shawls and given gifts. Mr. C. Arockiam, who wrote a book, released it to our parish in the presence of the Bishop and Provincial. Our parishioners were delighted with the day's celebrations. To conclude the day, Fr. Vincent, the Parish Priest, thanked everyone for their presence and attention.

LENTEN PILGRIMAGE



CUDDALORE: On March 29, the parishioners of Sagaya Madha Church Cuddalore went on a Lenten pilgrimage to Kumbakonam, Tanjore, visiting the church and the surrounding places of interest. We visited fourteen different churches, offering prayers at each one. We meditated on The Way of the Cross and attended the celebration of the Holy Mass at Sacred Heart Church in the Cathedral of Tanjore. As part of this special event, we received a blessing from the Bishop of Kumbakonam. Mr. Martin, who sponsored a lunch for the pilgrims, was honored with a shawl for

his generosity. We also extended our appreciation and thanks to Fr. Stalin, who arranged the program and ensured the day's success. Parishioners participated in the spiritual events of the day devoutly and were happy at the day's conclusion.

A VISIT FROM THE NEW PROVINCIAL



CHENNAI, DGRC: Reverend Provincial Fr. Gnanaraj SdC, the new Provincial, is viewed as a beacon of hope and guidance for the children of Don Guanella Special School. The staff, students, and management were excited to greet Fr. Gnanaraj on his first visit to Don Guanella since his installation. He brings a wealth of experience and wisdom.

During his visit, Fr. Gnanaraj spent quality time with the children, interacting with them and listening to their needs. He also held discussions with the staff and management, offering valuable insights and guidance on enhancing the children's education and care. The visit was a significant milestone for Don Guanella Special School, as it marked a new chapter in the institution's journey towards providing holistic care and education to special children. The school's management and staff thanked Fr. Gnanaraj for his visit and look forward to his continued guidance and support.

INCLUSIVE BOOK FAIR AND LITERATURE FESTIVAL

SIVAGANGAI: The government of Sivagangai sponsors a yearly Book Fair and Literature Festival, which is an impressive and grand occasion. The Collector requested that all the special schools be invited to participate in this year's festival. Our children participated in the event with various other schools, colleges, and institutions. The students performed a colorful dance and received a standing ovation from the audience. The children also visited the Historical Heritage Exhibition and Mobile Planetarium and experienced literary and cultural stage



performances. It was a wonderful evening for all the participants. Mr. Balakrishnan, Sivagangai DDAWO, thanked all the children and staff for their participation and also provided some snacks for the children. It was an exciting day, and our children enjoyed the experience.

INTERNATIONAL WOMEN'S DAY



CHENNAI, DGRC: Empowering Women, Enriching Lives: Don Guanella Special School Celebrates International Women's Day On March 8, Don Guanella Special School joined the global community by celebrating International Women's Day. The school honored its female staff members with a special program recognizing their dedication, hard work, and compassion.

The highlight of the celebration was Mrs. Caroline's motivational talk. She applauded the women staffers for their tireless efforts in caring for the special children and gave each of them a gift. Her inspiring words encouraged the women to continue striving for excellence and to take pride in their contributions to the school. The women staff members were deeply touched by the recognition and appreciation they received. The celebration provided a wonderful opportunity for the women to bond and also to feel valued for their hard work.

OCCUPATIONAL THERAPY



CHENNAI, DGRC: Don Guanella Special School recently hosted an informative awareness session on Occupational Therapy specifically designed for parents of special children. Mrs. Punitha, an occupational therapist, conducted the event on March 25, 2025. Mrs. Punitha shared her expertise on how occupational therapy can help special children develop essential life skills, overcome challenges, and achieve independence. The session was an enriching experience for parents, who gained valuable insights into the benefits of occupational therapy and its role in supporting their children's holistic development.

CELEBRATING THE FEAST



CUDDALORE, SJS: On March 19, the Universal Church joyfully celebrates the feast of St. Joseph. St. Joseph's Seminary commemorated the occasion with deep fervor and devotion in honor of its great patron. The entire community meticulously planned and executed the celebration, with the Fathers and Brothers working together to prepare the house and surroundings for the feast.

The event was graced by the presence of the local parish community, the Fathers, Don Guanella Boys' Home students, the DSMP Sisters with their hostel girls, and the seminary's friends and collaborators. The festivities began with the blessing of St. Joseph's car, followed by the solemn recitation of the Holy Rosary and a procession around the house.

The day's highlight was the Solemn Eucharistic Celebration, presided over by Rev. Fr. Vincent, the parish priest, and other Guanellian priests from the Cuddalore communities. The entire day was filled with the abundant blessings of St. Joseph, and the celebration was further enriched with the fellowship shared. Tea and snacks were served to all the invitees, adding warmth and joy to the occasion.

A STEP TOWARDS A GREENER SEMINARY



CUDDALORE, SJS: In a remarkable initiative to enhance the seminary's greenery and instill a love of nature in the hearts of young seminarians, a tree donation drive was organized on March 16, 2025. This noble gesture was undertaken by the past students of Don Bosco institutions in Pondicherry, who generously contributed trees to enhance the aesthetic appeal of the seminary's grounds. The event aimed to promote ecological awareness and responsibility among the seminarians, emphasizing their role as stewards of God's creation. The donated trees were planted within the seminary premises, symbolizing growth, sustainability, and a commitment to preserving nature for future generations.

With the collective efforts of the Brothers, Fathers, and well-wishers, the initiative developed into a meaningful merger of community participation and environmental stewardship. This "green" endeavor beautifies the seminary and serves as a lasting reminder of the importance of caring for our common home.

A MEMORABLE DAY



KOPPAKKA: On March 8, Guanella Bhavan Koppaka organized a delightful picnic that left an enduring mark on the hearts of all the children. The day began with a visit to one of the renowned shrines in Pedaoutapalli, where children could experience peace and spirituality. The visit to the shrine was followed by a fun-filled outing at Machilipatnam Beach, where laughter and joy echoed against the backdrop of the waves. The event provided a much-needed respite for the children, allowing them to unwind and connect with nature. Their faces lit up with joy as they played in the sand and splashed in the water. Many expressed their heartfelt gratitude for the opportunity to enjoy such a wonderful day filled with fun and relaxation. The success of this event was attributed to the efforts of Fathers and teachers who accompanied the children. Overall, the picnic was more than just a day out; it was an occasion that created lasting memories for all. A sincere thanks goes to ASCI for their support in making this event successful.

ANNUAL DAY CELEBRATION

KOPPAKKA: On March 31, Guanella Bhavan in Koppaka hosted its Annual Day celebration for the evening school children. The event was a vibrant showcase of talent and creativity, bringing together students, teachers, and community members for an evening filled with entertainment and inspiration. Rev. Fr. Praveen



graciously served as the program's host, captivating the audience with his words of wisdom. His encouraging remarks set a positive tone for the event, motivating the children to embrace their individuality and express themselves through various art forms. As the evening progressed, the array of colors transformed the stage. The program featured various performances, including lively dances and melodious songs, providing a platform for all the children to shine. As the festivities ended, the children were served a delicious meal. To add to their joy, each child received gifts, making the day even more memorable.

EVENING SCHOOL ANNUAL DAY



KUMBAKONAM: On March 31, 2025, the Don Guanella Evening School Tuition Center in Kumbakonam held its Annual Day celebration, showcasing students' talents and achievements with various cultural performances and academic recognitions. The day's festivities began with a performance by the Tuition teachers, setting the tone for the day. Then, the students delivered the cultural program, which blended acting with music and dance. The performance showcased the students' literary brilliance and the young performers' creativity and talent. Fr. Bernandes, the chief guest, delivered an inspiring speech to motivate the students. Fr. Bernandes related a story about dedication, inspiring students to pursue their dreams with resilience. The event concluded, on a fitting note, with a vote of thanks expressing gratitude to Ashie for the continuous support of the evening school. Then, the students shared a grand lunch.

HOLY BIBLE PROCESSION

VATLURU: As part of the Jubilee Year of Pilgrims of Hope, the RCM Diocese of Eluru organized a solemn procession with the Holy Bible. The event commenced at the



Sacred Heart Church, Vatluru, where the Holy Bible was reverently placed in a beautifully decorated car, symbolizing its sacred significance.

The procession traveled through all the parishes of Vicariate, creating a profoundly moving and memorable experience for the faithful. The Bible was received with profound reverence and devotion at each stop, as parishioners gathered in prayer and worship to honor the Word of God. The pilgrimage concluded at the Nirmalagiri Mary Matha Shrine, marking its fitting and spiritually fulfilling end. This remarkable event served as a powerful testament to faith, unity, and hope and left a lasting impression on all who participated.

EVENING SCHOOL ANNUAL DAY

VATLURU:- The Annual Day celebration of Don Guanella Evening School, Vatluru, held at Guanella Karunalaya, was splendid and unforgettable. More than just a celebration, it reflected the school's journey, showcasing the students' exceptional talents and a symbol of hope for a brighter future. The students' spectacular performances energized the evening, captivating the audience and filling the air with joy and admiration. The children's dedication and enthusiasm made the event truly remarkable and memorable. Rev. Fr. Melchior, the parish priest of Pedapadu, graced the occasion, serving as the presiding guest. His presence added dignity and warmth to the celebration. The children were delighted to receive gifts as tokens of



appreciation for their participation and hard work. The event concluded with a delicious meal. Everyone departed with memories of a joyful and fulfilling evening.

PICNIC DAY



VATLURU: The Children of Don Guanella Evening School, Vatluru, recently embarked on a journey to Samaladeevee, Andhra Pradesh, for a picnic. The day was filled with joy, laughter, and genuine amusement. As part of the visit, the children paid homage to Mother Mary, offering their prayers and devoting themselves with heartfelt reverence. They were accompanied by their dedicated teachers and Fr. Rajarathinam, whose presence added to the spiritual significance of the day. The outing provided the students with a perfect blend of recreation and reflection, creating cherished memories while strengthening their bond with one another. It was a spectacular day marked by happiness, togetherness, and spiritual enrichment.

ANNUAL DAY

BANGALORE: The Don Guanella Evening School Annual Day was celebrated on March 18 at Guanella Preethi Nivas (GPN). The event was graced by Mrs. Anitha, a teacher from St. Germain School, as the Chief Guest and Mr. Louis Anthony as the



Guest of Honor. The evening showcased the students' talents, who mesmerized the audience and our residents with their captivating performances, which included dance and songs. All students were commended for their exceptional talents, discipline, and 100% attendance. The teachers were also recognized and commended for their selfless dedication and sacrifices. In appreciation for their hard work, they were given gifts. The celebration was a joyous occasion, highlighting the students' growth and achievements and the commitment of the teachers to providing quality education. Fr. Kulandaiswamy concluded the event on a high note, thanking all for their support.

TRAFFIC INSPECTOR VISIT TO GPN



BANGALORE: Mr. Anthony Raju, Traffic Inspector of Hennur Cross Division, along with his team of constables, paid a visit to Guanella Preethi Nivas (GPN). During their visit, the group spread joy and care by distributing fruits to all the residents. The Inspector's gesture went beyond just a visit, as he took the opportunity to assure the residents that they were not alone and that the authorities were committed to supporting and looking out for them. This visit showcased the Inspector's compassionate side and reinforced the bond between the community and law enforcement. Finally, Fr. Sachin thanked them for their love and concern towards older adults.

SEMINAR PRIORITIZING SELF-CARE

BANGALORE: The Department of Social Work, Kristu Jayanti College (Autonomous) Bengaluru, arranged for a Community Organization Program in collaboration with Don Guanella Preethi Nivas on the topic "Prioritizing Self-Care" on March 21, 2025. The resource person for the program was Dr. M. Paul God Praise, Consultant Physiotherapist of Blessed Clare Special School. It aimed to create awareness about the importance of self-care in maintaining overall health, sanitation, and hygiene. The objective was to encourage individuals to adopt



healthy lifestyles by focusing on personal well-being and hygiene practices. The session began with a warm welcome and introductory speech by Ms. Priyadha Joshy, the Student Coordinator, highlighting the significance of self-care in daily life. The resource person then led an insightful discussion on various aspects of self-care, including access to clean and safe drinking water, the importance of nutritious food and proper food preparation, exercise, physical activities, hand hygiene, and the necessity of sanitary toilet facilities.

Additionally, the session emphasized the role of self-care in maintaining mental and emotional well-being through stress management, adequate rest, and healthy lifestyle choices. The interactive session allowed residents to engage in discussions and share their experiences related to self-care and hygiene. As the event concluded, Mr. Nikhil Ghatani, the Student Coordinator, expressed gratitude to the resource person and residents for their involvement in making the program successful. Dr. M. Paul God Praise was presented with a token of appreciation.

EXCITING ONE-DAY TRIP

BANGALORE: Don Guanella Evening School students embarked on an exciting one-day trip to Thala Kaadu. They had the opportunity to explore the surrounding



temples, the Kaveri River, and the breathtaking Barachukki Falls. Fr. Kulandaiswamy, along with the staff, accompanied the children. The trip was a resounding success; the children thoroughly enjoyed the experience. The visit to the temples provided a glimpse into the area's rich cultural heritage. At the same time, the scenic views of the Kaveri River and Barachukki Falls left the students in awe. The group returned safely to Guanella Preethi Nivas around 10 pm, tired but exhilarated from their adventure. The trip was an excellent opportunity for the students to learn, grow, and create lasting memories with their peers and teachers.

DIABETES CAMP



BANGALORE: On March 25, Nirmeha Aryurveda Diabetes Foundation hosted a Diabetes Camp, at Guanella Preethi Nivas (GPN). The event featured expert talks and consultations by Dr. Krishna Hindu and Dr. Shruthi. The camp aimed to raise awareness about the disease of diabetes, its management, and prevention. The expert doctors shared valuable insights and advice on maintaining a healthy lifestyle, diet, and exercise routines to manage diabetes. They also provided Ayurvedic medicines for all. The event allowed GPN residents and staff to interact with the doctors, ask questions, and receive guidance on diabetes care. The camp was well received, and attendees benefited from the informative sessions and consultations.

THE GYM ALL A-GLOW

CHELSEA - The residents of St. Louis Center never tire of dancing. They always look forward to dancing events, especially when they can invite community member into the Center's gym for the fun. Robin Smith, St. Louis Center Training Coordinator, organized the annual Glow Dance Party on March 16th. With the help of



Fr. Franklin Michael, they made glowing goodie bags for the 70 community members who attended. They transformed the gym into a glow in the dark fantasy where the residents and guests enjoyed dinner and dancing all evening.

HONORING ST. JOSEPH

GRASS LAKE – St. Joseph is remembered in a special way during the month of March. The Shrine accommodated many Chaldean pilgrims from Michigan and Canada who came in honor St. Joseph's solemnity on March 19th. They walked the grounds, attended Mass, lit candles, and visited the gift shop. Many thanks to the volunteers who helped make these pilgrimages possible.



FLOWERS CONTINUE TO BLOOM

CHELSEA – An additional twenty members from the surrounding community participated in round two of the 1000 Flowers Could Bloom event in the St. Louis Center gym March 19th. Several staff members from the St. Louis Center took the opportunity to create flowers for the upcoming display. Eli Zemper, who leads the residents in clay classes two times a week, led participants through the creative process. All community members will return to the Center in April to glaze their flowers and get ready for the May exposition.



ROSARY PROJECT UPDATE

GRASS LAKE – After a long and arduous journey, the statues for the Holy Rosary project were delivered to the Pious Union. The statues look very beautiful and plans to begin work are underway. Contractors are being contacted, and final designs are being considered. In the meantime, audio recordings are nearly finished. A Guanellian Cooperator is supplying the voice talent, and another, the expertise to make the recorded reflections available to pilgrims who will visit the Shrine to pray the Rosary. The Shrine will have a groundbreaking for the project soon.



NON-PROFIT TRAINING

CHELSEA – During March and in April, the Herrick Foundation hosted training for fundraising professionals to learn more successful techniques. The Herrick Foundation provides funding to local non-profits and aims to increase the number of agencies successfully applying for grants. Fr. Satheesh Alphonse and four members of the St. Louis Center development team took advantage of these free classes.



BIRTHDAYS

01-FR. FORTUNATO TURATI
FR. B. CHRISTHURAJ
FR. MERUGU ANIL | FR. V. JOHNSON
BRO. G. CHANDRA SEKAR
03-FR. A. JERIN
04- BRO. L. EDWARD FRANCIS
05-FR. S. JOHN KENNEDY (SENIOR)
06-FR. A. FRANCIS ASSISI
BRO. S. KUZHANTHAI YESU
08-FR. C. JOHN PAUL BRITTO
10- BRO. CARLOS NAYAK
13- FR. A. SELVAKANI
16-FR. M. VINCENT
18- BRO. A. PONAVENTHUR
20-FR. G. GABRIEL
FR. S. PACKIARAJ
24-FR. A. ANTONY SAMY

Happy
 Birthday
 Sometimes, the best moments in life
 are the simple ones.
 Wishing you a birthday filled with all the
 happy little things
 that make you **smile!**

