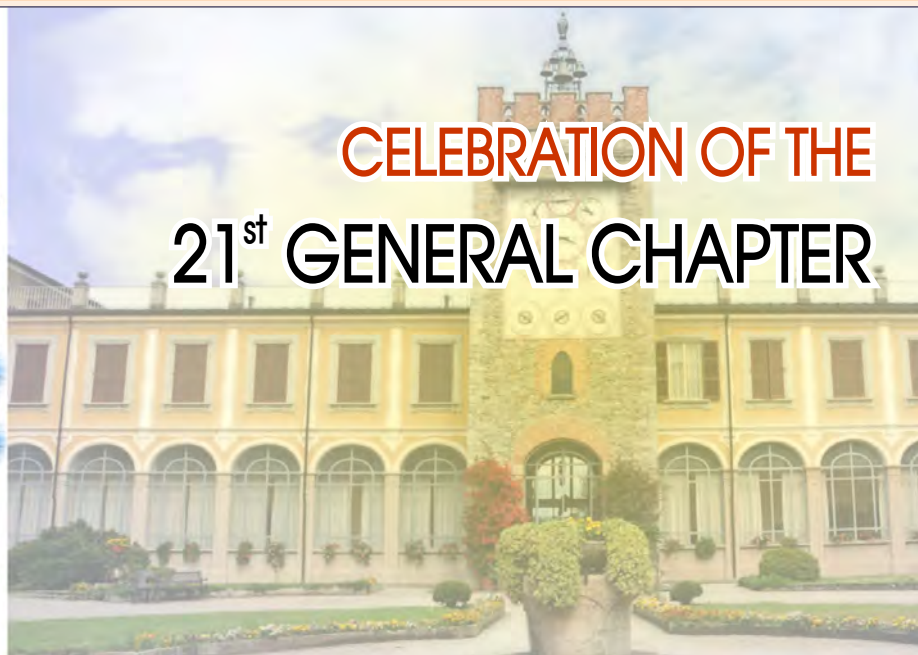


# News and Views

## Divine Providence Province



## CELEBRATION OF THE 21<sup>st</sup> GENERAL CHAPTER

### Dear Confreres!

As part of the jubilee celebration, we find the bishops and other representatives gathering in Rome in this month of October 2024 to partake in the last part of the discernment phase of the Synodal process, which began in 2021. It is significant that the representatives from different parts of the Guanellian presence in the world gather in Barza to celebrate the 21<sup>st</sup> General Chapter with the theme: ***Faithful and creative in the charism, co-responsible in the mission. With Christ, we take up the challenges of our time!***

The dictionary defines a chapter as a) a division of a book, b) a period of time in a person's life, c) the local branch of a national or international organization - the Knights of Columbus and finally d) —the governing body of a religious order.

The daily assembling of a community for purposes of discipline and administration of monastic affairs has always included the reading of a chapter of the rule, and thus the assembly itself came to be called the chapter and the place of meeting the chapter-house. The qualifying word conventual, provincial, or general, explains the nature of the meeting, and a general chapter, therefore, is one composed of representatives of a whole order or congregation or other group of monasteries.

Historically, general chapters, or the germ from which they developed, can be traced back to St. Benedict of Aniane in the beginning of the ninth century. Although his scheme of confederation did not outlive its originator, the idea was revived a century later at Cluny. The example of Cluny produced imitators, and abbeys like Fleury, Dijon, Marmoutier, St-Denis, Cluse, Fulda, and Hirsau (or Hirschau), became centres of groups of monasteries in which a more or less embryonic system of general chapters was introduced. Later on, Cîteaux, Camaldoli, Monte Vergine, Savigny, and other reforms, elaborated the idea, which resulted eventually in the congregational system inaugurated by the Fourth Lateran Council in 1215, and since that date it

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has been the almost invariable custom of every order or congregation. The constitution, times of meeting, and powers of a general chapter, however, vary so much in the different religious orders that it is impossible to generalize on these points.

A general chapter usually elects the general or president of the order or congregation, sometimes appoints the various superiors and other officials, settles matters of business and discipline, hears appeals from its subjects, and in some cases also has the right to draw up or sanction changes in its constitutions. Subject of course to the Holy See, it represents the highest authority in its own particular order or federation.

As I mentioned in the title General Chapter is a celebration. A celebration is an event in which the community feels and cherishes the presence of God among them. It includes: rejoicing for His presence, asking for His mercy and help, listening to His Word and inspiration and deciding to act according to His command. The entire General Chapter process is a time of communal discernment and decision making that emerges from community and personal prayer, contemplative listening, and conversation. We gather urged on by the Love of Christ and confident that the Holy Spirit breathes with and within us.

In our congregation, ordinarily the general chapter is celebrated every six years (Constitutions N. 114). It is announced, convoked and celebrated. Our Constitution No. 112 clearly states that the General Chapter is the supreme authority in the Institute (...) represents the entire Institute and constitutes its fundamental sign of unity and charity. This is an event in which we experience in a special way the presence of the Lord and of his Spirit, a singular moment of revision and discernment by which we strengthen our religious family according to the Gospel and in harmony with the times and directives of the Church. In particular, Constitution No. 113 explains the primary task of the general chapter is to guard the charism of the Founder and whatever constitutes the spiritual patrimony of the Institute with fidelity, in order to render them operative in its life and apostolate and the other competency of the Chapter.

We are beginning this 21<sup>st</sup> General Chapter that represents 520 confreres (433 perpetual vows & 87 temporary vows), mission in 103 Houses and our presence in 24 Countries (America 8; Europe 7; Asia 5; Africa 4 and Oceania 1) at the altar of our holy Founder on 6<sup>th</sup> October, 2024 at 4.30 pm and to be continued in Barza d'Ispra from October 7 to 24. Totally, 13 participants by right/by office, 23 elected delegates, and 3 invited participants take part in this 21<sup>st</sup> General Chapter of the Servants of Charity.

**What is my role in the General Chapter?** - We solicit your daily prayer for the fruitful celebration of it. May your solidarity and intercession sustain this event as we journey through this important phase in the life of the Congregation! Greetings from our confreres in Como, as we are hosted here in these days.

**FR. RONALD. J SDC**

Provincial Superior

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# PENITENTIAL CELEBRATION



Dear brothers and sisters,

As Sirach reminds us, “the prayer of the humble pierces the clouds” (35:21). We are here as beggars of the Father’s mercy, asking for forgiveness. The Church is always the Church of the poor in spirit and sinners seeking forgiveness. It is not only a Church of the righteous and saints, but rather of the righteous and saints who recognize that they are poor sinners.

I wanted to write down the requests for forgiveness that were read by some of the Cardinals, because it was necessary to call our principal sins for what they are. We hide them or say them with too many polite words. Sin is always a wound in relationships: the relationship with God and the relationship with our brothers and sisters. Sisters and brothers, no one is saved alone, but it is equally true that the sin of one affects many others. Just as everything is connected in the good, it is also connected in evil.

The Church in its essence is a Church that is always relational in its faith and proclamation, and only by healing sick relationships can we become a synodal Church. How could we be credible in our mission if we do not acknowledge our mistakes and stoop to heal the wounds we have caused by our sins? Healing the wound begins by confessing the sin we have committed. The parable in Luke’s Gospel that we heard presents us with two men, a Pharisee and a publican, who both go to the temple to pray. One stands proudly upright, the other stands back, his eyes downcast. The Pharisee fills the scene with his eye-catching stature, imposing himself as a model. In this way he presumes to pray, but in reality he is celebrating himself, masking his frailties by his ephemeral confidence.

What does he expect from God? A reward for his merits. In this way, he deprives himself of the surprise of the gratuitousness of salvation, fashioning for himself a god who could do nothing more than sign a certificate of presumed perfection. A man closed to surprise, closed to all surprises. He is completely closed in on himself, closed to the great surprise of mercy. His own “I” leaves no room for anything or anyone, not even God.

How many times in the Church do we behave this way? How many times have we also taken up all the space, with our words, our judgments, our titles, our belief that only we are deserving? In this way we perpetuate what happened when

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Joseph and Mary, with the Son of God in her womb, knocked on doors of places of hospitality. Jesus will be born in a manger because, as the Gospel tells us, “there was no place for them in the inn” (Lk 2:7). We are all like the publican today, we have or want to have our eyes downcast and we want to feel shame for our sins. Like him, we stand back, clearing the space occupied by presumption, hypocrisy and pride. Let us bishops, priests, consecrated women and men say it too: clearing the space occupied by presumption, hypocrisy and pride.

We could not invoke God's name without asking for forgiveness from our brothers and sisters, the Earth and all creatures. We are beginning this phase of the Synod, and how could we be a synodal Church without reconciliation? How could we claim to want to walk together without receiving and giving the forgiveness that restores communion in Christ? Forgiveness, asked for and given, creates a new harmony in which differences are not opposed, and the wolf and the lamb are able to live together (cf. Is 11:6). How courageous is Isaiah's example!

In the face of evil and innocent suffering we ask: Where are you Lord? But we should ask, Where are we? We should ask ourselves about our own responsibility when we are not able to stop evil with good. We cannot expect to resolve conflicts by fuelling violence that becomes more and more heinous, redeem ourselves by causing pain, save ourselves by the death of the other. How can we pursue a happiness paid for by the unhappiness of our brothers and sisters?

This is for everyone: lay women and men, consecrated women and men, for everyone! On the eve of the beginning of the Synod Assembly, confessing our sins is an opportunity to restore trust in the Church, a trust broken by our mistakes and sins, and to begin to heal the wounds that do not stop bleeding, breaking “the bonds of injustice” (Is 58:6). We say this in the Adsumus prayer with which we will introduce the celebration of the Synod tomorrow, “We are here burdened by the enormity of our sin”. We would not want this burden to slow down the progress of the Kingdom of God in history. We have tried to do our part, although we have made mistakes. We continue in the mission as we are able, but now we turn to you young people who are waiting for us to pass on our witness, asking forgiveness from you too if we have not been credible witnesses.

On today's liturgical memorial of Saint Therese of the Child Jesus, patroness of missions, we ask for her intercession. There is a brief pause of silence. Then, all standing bow their heads.

### **The Holy Father then prays:**

O Father, we are gathered here aware that we need your loving gaze. Our hands are empty; we can receive only as much as you give us. We ask your forgiveness for all our sins. Help us restore your face that we have disfigured by our unfaithfulness. With shame, we ask forgiveness from those who have been wounded by our sins. Give us the courage of sincere repentance for conversion. We ask this invoking the Holy Spirit that he may fill with his grace the hearts you have created, in Christ Jesus our Lord. We all ask for forgiveness, we are all sinners, but we all have hope in your love, Lord.

**Pope Francis**

**Amen.**

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## FORMATION CLASS FOR THE REGENTS



**MADURAI:** Madurai Community was pleased to conduct a formation class for two regents, Bro. Arokiasamy and Bro. Stephen on September 9, 2024. Rev. Fr. Gnanaraj, known for his congregational experience and knowledge, conducted the class. The discussion of the post-novitiate and regency aspects of the program enriched the Brothers. The session aimed to provide spiritual guidance, support, and direction toward right discernment, clearly demonstrating the community's commitment to their growth. The class explored various insights on the importance of spiritual growth, self-reflection, and discernment in the life of a regent from Ratio Fomationis. The formation class was concluded with a Q&A session, where Fr. Gnana Raj addressed the regents' queries and concerns. He also provided them with reading materials and spiritual resources to aid their ongoing formation, a gesture that underlined the community's dedication to their journey.

## OVERWHELMING PATRIOTISM





**MADURAI:** "Patriotism is not just a feeling but a commitment to our shared values." There can be no demarcation between the hearts of the citizens of India and patriotism. For 78 years, we Indians have celebrated the independence of our nation. On August 15, 2024, the nation was in a celebratory frame of mind, remembering this fight for independence. Our special children of St. Joseph's Residential Special School, Soosaihattam, Madurai, were enthusiastic about the prospect of a colorful independence celebration featuring the students and highlighting their talents. Paying no concern to their disabilities, the students marched like soldiers and exhibited a beautiful parade, displaying their courage and determination. The event was honored by the esteemed chief guest, Mrs. Ramya, the Manager of the Indian Bank, Nagamalai. Mrs. Ramya was in awe and incredibly happy to witness our children's patriotism and the events they performed as a sign of it. Activities were designed in such a way as to highlight their unique talents and contributions.

### PICNIC



**MADURAI:** St. Joseph's Special School, Soosaihattam, Madurai animated a memorable picnic for its students at the Hindu Temple situated amidst serene mountains and lush nature. The superior, director, and staff were also in attendance. This excursion aimed to provide the children with a day of relaxation, enjoyment, and spiritual enrichment. It was a chance to connect with God and nature. This picnic was organized to offer students a break from the routine of their regular program. The temple priest welcomed the students warmly, offered *pooja*, and delighted children with delicious, sweet Pongal. The children engaged in culturally-themed games and activities, including funny acts and dances. These activities were more interactive and fostered children's diverse abilities. Snacks were next on the agenda. The children returned to the school for lunch. They were filled with enthusiasm and excitement.

## ENGLISH GRAMMAR CLASS



**CUDDALORE:** St. Joseph's Seminary community extends its heartfelt thanks to Fr. Ronald, who graciously dedicated his valuable time from September 9 to September 16, despite his busy schedule, to teaching and engaging with the initiation brothers. As a passionate teacher, he introduced them to English grammar basics and taught them phonetics, phonemic sounds, and commonly mispronounced words. His dedication and efforts are sincerely appreciated, and the beneficiaries are deeply grateful for his invaluable guidance.

## WELCOME AND COME AGAIN

**CUDDALORE:** On September 17, 2024, St. Joseph's Seminary hosted a dual celebration to honour and welcome two esteemed members of our community. They expressed heartfelt gratitude to Fr. Jeyaseelan for his unwavering dedication and service over the past five years. His tireless work in guiding the formation of the seminarians and his deep commitment to the vocation promotion





ministry have left a lasting impact in the seminary community. His wisdom, compassion and spiritual leadership have inspired many and the community is confident that his continued ministry in Chennai will bear abundant fruit. At the same time, the community warmly welcomed Fr. Arul, the newest member of the seminary, who will be assisting in the formation of the seminarians. The evening began with a solemn Holy Mass, celebrated by Fr. Jeyaseelan, followed by a festive meal and a vibrant cultural program prepared by the seminarians. The community extended gratitude to the Guanellian Sisters and the Fathers from our Boys' Home community for joining them in this meaningful event.

### A STEP TOWARDS BETTER ORAL HEALTH FOR CHILDREN



**KOPPAKA:** On the 14th of September, Guanella Bhavan organized a Dental Camp to address the pressing dental hygiene issues children face. The initiative was born out of a growing concern regarding the oral health of young children, mainly due to the excessive consumption of chocolates and other sugary snacks. The camp attracted a significant number of children, many of whom arrived with various dental problems. Some children were found to have no teeth at all, while others had severely damaged or decayed teeth. Alarmingly, some were experiencing discoloration at a young age, which highlighted the urgent need for awareness and intervention in dental care. The dental professionals present at the camp conducted thorough examinations and provided immediate care to those in need. They educated the children on the importance of maintaining good oral hygiene, such as regular brushing, flossing, and limiting sugary snacks. The camp focused on treatment and emphasized prevention, aiming to instil lifelong habits leading to healthier smiles. Feedback from the participants was overwhelmingly positive. Parents also appreciated the initiative, recognizing the long-term benefits of improved dental health for their children.

### CELEBRATING TEACHERS' DAY

**KOPPAKA:** Guanella Bhavan celebrated Teachers' Day, a special occasion dedicated to honoring the tireless efforts of evening-school teachers. These educators play a crucial role in enhancing the lives of young children, providing them with knowledge and skills that pave



the way for a brighter future. The event showcased two engaging programs from each center, highlighting teachers' and students' creativity and dedication. These performances entertained and served as heartfelt tributes to the educators who work diligently to inspire and educate. As a token of appreciation, all teachers were honored with gifts, recognizing their unwavering commitment to nurturing young minds. The atmosphere was filled with students expressing gratitude through songs, dances, and speeches. Following the program, all the teachers were served a delicious meal, fostering a sense of community and togetherness among teachers. This gathering allowed everyone to enjoy a sumptuous feast and provided an opportunity for meaningful conversations and connections.

### TEACHERS' DAY CELEBRATION

**DINDIGUL:** The Teachers' Day was joyfully celebrated in the Dindigul community on September 5, 2024. The event brought together evening school children, Guanella Karunai Illam inmates, and Dindigul community members. The evening program commenced with a prayer, song, and a welcome address by Fr. C. Jesudass. The evening school children and inmates presented the cultural program, which included songs and dances. Fr. Visuwasam





gave a talk emphasizing the significance of the Teachers' Day celebration as the teachers are shaping the future of society. The event culminated with distributing gifts to all participants, expressing gratitude to the teachers and staff for their selfless service.

### FEAST OF OUR LADY OF GOOD HEALTH



**DINDIGUL:** The Feast of Our Lady of Good Health was joyfully celebrated at the Dindigul community on the 8<sup>th</sup> of September. The evening event brought together members of the Guanella Lay Movement (GLM), inmates of Guanella Karunai Illam, and the local community. The evening program began with Adoration, led by Fr. C. Jesudass, followed by a GLM meeting led by Fr. S. P. Samy. The celebration's highlight was the cake-cutting performed by Feastorians and other dignitaries. The event culminated with distributing blessings and sweets to all participants and expressing gratitude to Our Lady of Good Health for her loving care. We extend our heartfelt thanks to Feastorians for gracing the occasion. We also appreciate the active participation of GLM members, inmates, and the Dindigul community.

### HAPPY HOUR WITH INMATES

**DINDIGUL:** On the day of Miladi Nabi, a Government holiday, the GLM members came together to meet the Inmates of Guanella Karuna Illam. They spent their time doing various cleaning tasks, followed by entertainment such as dancing, singing, and being available to the inmates. We extend our heartfelt thanks and appreciation for the active participation of GLM members with inmates in the Dindigul community.



### MENTAL AWARENESS PROGRAM FOR THE ELDERS

**BANGALORE:** “Mental health is just as important as physical health.” Help Age India Group organized a Mental awareness program for our residents and caregivers. Mr. Stanley, the coordinator, and his team organized the event. Fr. Mathias, the Superior, welcomed the team and the resource person. Dr. Yeswanth, a psychiatrist with expertise from NIMHANS, shared valuable and informative insights and made us aware of our mental physiognomy and the causes of mental illness. Dr. Yeswanth's talk on mental awareness and care for caregivers must have been incredibly beneficial for the residents, staff, and caregivers. He said, “Mental health is often stigmatized or misunderstood, so events like this can help dispel myths and provide practical advice and support. Caregivers, in particular, play a vital role in supporting individuals with mental health challenges, providing guidance, and providing compassionate care. The program ended with screening the residents, which was followed by lunch.



## EXPERIENCING EXPOSURE



**BANGALORE:** The Children from St. Joseph High School visited our home. The children were from 2 sections, 6th & 7th. There were about 200 who entertained our elderly men with their talents, such as singing songs with guitar and dancing, with some extraordinary talent like beatboxing. It was a heartwarming experience for both the boys and the residents. The children later had an interaction with the elderly men, which exposed them to being charitable and loving. Our elderly men were also so happy to see the children and felt loved and cared for, which gave them hope and rejuvenated their spirits. The boys learned valuable lessons from this experience. It helped to build empathy and compassion in young people and create lasting memories.

## BIRTHDAY OF OUR BLESSED MOTHER MARY





**VATLURU:** “Mary is a Window through which our humanity first catches glimpses of Divinity on earth. Or perhaps she is more like a magnifying glass; She intensifies our love of her Son and makes our prayers brighter and burning,” says Fulton Sheen. The solemnity of the Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary was celebrated in a razzle-dazzle way in the Sacred Heart Church, Vatluru. Rev. Fr. Bala VG of the RCM Diocese of Eluru hoisted the Marian Flag and celebrated the Holy Eucharist on the first day. Rev. Fr. Mariadass SAC celebrated Mass on the second day of the triduum. The festal Mass and car procession of Blessed Mother Mary was blessed and celebrated by Rev. Fr. Francis SMM. People participated very devotedly and with a lot of piety and love. After that, the agape was served to all the parish's faithful.

### PARENTS MEET



**VATLURU:** “The best inheritance a parent can give his children is a few minutes of his time each day,” O. A. Battista. “While we try to teach our children all about life, our children teach us what life is all about” Angela Schwindt. Parents Meeting was organized in Guanella Karunalaya Boys’ home, Vatluru, on 22nd September 2024. It was conducted to facilitate the role of the parents in the life of the children, especially in their discipline, education, cleanliness, and etiquette.

Sri. J. Durga Prasad, District Probation Officer, Department of Juvenile Welfare, Eluru, Sri. Ch. Srikanth Sikanth, PO. IC working in DCPC office Eluru was the chief guest of the day. Mr. Srikanth gave an outstanding speech on the Challenges of Parenting in the Modern World, and Rev. Fr. Rajarathinam SdC gave a speech on preventive methods according to the Guanellian pedagogy. It was an incredible and spectacular program; everyone participated with great interest.

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**DPP - ROOMS INAUGURATION**

**DPP, CHENNAI:** On, 19th September 2024, the renovated five guest rooms were blessed by Fr. Francis, the Provincial Councilor and opened by Fr. Ligory, the Residence Incharge of Anthoniyarpuram in the presence of Fr. Ronald, Provincial Superior, Confreres, Staff and Good children from DGSS, Confreres from Anthoniyarpuram Residence & DGMS and the DPP Evening School Children. Fr. Francis, Fr. Benson, Fr. Ligory, Mr. John, Engineer & DPP Staff were honored after the inauguration ceremony. Fr. Jeyaseelan, Vocation Promoter and Fr. Francis Xavier, Director of the Communication Desk were accommodated on the same day. Fr. Arun Kumar thanked the Provincial Council for granting the necessary permission to realize this project from local funds.

**TEACHERS DAY CELEBRATION**



## TEACHERS DAY CELEBRATION

**DPP, CHENNAI:** "It is the supreme art of the teacher to awaken joy in creative expression and knowledge." DPP Evening school students celebrated Teachers' day on 5th September in the three different centres. Students expressed their gratitude and appreciation for their teachers on this day. Students expressed their gratitude by cutting cake and sharing gifts to their teachers as token of gratitude. On the same day, we anticipated the birthday celebration of the students who celebrate their birthday in the month of September. In a special way, those students who were regular to the Evening school were honored with the special gifts with the idea that it may attract more students to be regular to the Evening school classes.

## 9-11 A HERO'S TRIBUTE



**CHELSEA** – September 11th will forever remain in the memories of Americans as a day of tragedy. But in response to the tragedy, many people stepped up in heroic ways. This year at St. Louis Center, the residents paid tribute to ten individuals who set aside their safety to help others. Residents in Day Programs at the Center went to the gym for the multimedia presentation. Several of the residents took turns reading about a hero's life while photos were shown on the screen. Fr. Satheesh offered a prayer and a moment of silence.

## SCHOLARSHIP AWARDED

**CHELSEA** – St. Louis Center benefactor Will Johnson generously funds a college scholarship each year to benefit a Center staff member. Staff members themselves, or their children or grandchildren who are furthering their education may apply. This year a member of the Social Services team was the scholarship recipient. Staci Ellerby, a student at Eastern Michigan University, met with Will on Monday, September 16th for the official award presentation.



### ALL STAFF DAY

**CHELSEA** – In appreciation for their dedication to the Center, an All-Staff Day was held on September 19th. Breakfast was served before enrichment workshops began. Staff could choose Introduction to American Sign Language, Money Management, or Dementia in Persons with IDD. After the am workshops, there was a time of games and fellowship before lunch. After lunch, there were more games to play and another chance to participate in one of the enrichment workshops. Staff members had fun getting to know one another better, winning prizes, and even meeting family members of the residents.



### ALHAMBRA RIVER CRUISE

**CHELSEA** – The International Order of Alhambra is committed to our Catholic faith and to providing enriching opportunities for people with intellectual and developmental



disabilities. On Sunday, September 15th, the Manresa Caravan invited a group of 10 St. Louis Center staff and residents to join them on a cruise down the Detroit River. The weather was perfect, sunshine and warm temperatures added to the joyful atmosphere on the boat. Everyone enjoyed the fellowship and food throughout this annual event.

### KITCHEN REDEDICATION



**GRASS LAKE** – Through the efforts of US Congressman Timothy Walberg, St. Louis Center received a large grant to help cover the cost of updating the main kitchen. After many months of filing paperwork and making plans, the project got underway in late April. The renovations were completed in August and inspections were conducted. On September 26th Bishop Boyea of the Diocese of Lansing officially blessed the renovated space. Dustin Krasny from Congressman Walberg's office said a few words and accepted a gift for him. Residents Jerome and Matthew cut a ribbon to allow the visitors the chance to tour the kitchen and enjoy some refreshments and a time of fellowship.

### GUARDIAN ANGELS AT WORK

**CHELSEA** – A dedicated committee of members from the Italian American Club of Livonia spend months planning an event to benefit St. Louis Center. Nearly 175 “Guardian Angels” came out for an afternoon of fun, fellowship and fundraising. It is fitting that the event was held on September 29th this year, the feast of the Archangels. The event started with the celebration of Mass in the lower level of the Italian-American Banquet and Conference Center. Organizers planned silent auction items, chances to win jewelry and wine, and an enticing selection of getaways during the live auction portion of the day. New this year, Gabriella of Motor City Cannoli Queens demonstrated how to fill cannoli and enjoy this traditional Italian dessert. The founder of Inclusively Fit Mark Ralko, received the St. Louis Guanella Humanitarian Award for his work to create a place for people with disabilities to



exercise and thrive. He even provided swag bags for the eight St. Louis Center residents who attended the event. So many people learned a great deal about the Center and many more offered their financial support.



### BIRTHDAYS

- 5 - Fr. Maria Arokiadoss
- 7 - Fr. Visuwasam
- 8 - Fr. Satheesh Caniton. A
- 10 - Fr. James Stanley Babu
- 11 - Fr. Anthony Lourduraj. S
- 12. Fr. Nico Rutigliano
- 17 - Fr. Antony Xaviour. R
- 19 - Fr. Arockia Nathan
- 20 - Fr. Soosai Rathinam
- 21 - Fr. Francis Sunil Kumar
- 27 - Fr. Arul
- 29 - Fr. Anandhan T.

### FEAST DAYS

- 1 - Fr. Kulandaisamy  
Fr. P. Kulandai
- 4.- Fr. Francis Assisi
- 7 - Fr. Praveen Jeba Kumar

### SERVANTS OF CHARITY

#### PRAYER FOR THE 21<sup>st</sup> GENERAL CHAPTER

**God, our Father,**  
you gather us in community  
and send us into the world  
to be witnesses of your love;  
**Lord Jesus Christ,**  
you call us to be your disciples  
and walk with us along the paths of the world;  
**Holy Spirit,**  
you inspire us to consecrate ourselves  
for the mission and to make a home  
with the poorest and most abandoned;  
Look with favour on your sons  
preparing to celebrate the 21<sup>st</sup> General Chapter.  
Give us the gift of discernment  
to know, welcome and accomplish your will  
with courage, fidelity, humility  
and trust in You, who are Love.

**Holy Trinity,**  
through the intercession of  
the Blessed Virgin Mary  
Mother of Divine Providence,  
of our founder St. Louis Guanella,  
and of the saints of our home,  
we entrust to you the preparation  
and the celebration of  
the 21<sup>st</sup> General Chapter of the Servants of Charity.

- Amen

**Date: October 6 – 24, 2024**



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