

News and Views

Divine Providence Province



SYNODAL JOURNEY IN THE SPIRIT OF LENT TOWARDS EASTER



Dear Confreres!

What is the connection between synodality, Lent, and Easter? The answer can be summarized by two key ideas: “walking together” and “transformation”.

Synodality reminds us that the journey through Lent to Easter is not a solo sport, but a path that we are called to **walk together**. First of all, we walk together with *God*. It is Christ who leads us and goes before us. Lent and Easter are a time of walking forward with Jesus, following Him more closely, and realizing anew how close He is to us. At the same time, walking with Christ opens us up to one another. Being a disciple is not only about following Jesus, but about doing so with others, just like the first apostles that Jesus gathered around Himself. They walked around Galilee and Judea together for three years following Jesus. They weren't walking around as lone rangers but as part of a community on a journey. That's what the Church is too.

How easy it is to see Lent as our own personal journey in which each one of us strives to make our own individual efforts. But Lent is not meant to be experienced alone, just as Easter is not meant to be celebrated alone. Lent and Easter are the journey of the whole Church through the desert to the Promised Land, from death to new life, from sin to salvation, from the Cross to the Resurrection. This year, let us seize the opportunity to live this path together.

This brings us to our second key word: **transformation**. Our experience of Lent and Easter are meant to transform us, and so too is the path of synodality. The two go hand in hand. As we know, Lent is a time of conversion: to prepare ourselves for Easter, to open our hearts, and to let ourselves be changed by God. Jesus invites us to focus



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ourselves on Him and on others, overcoming our temptations to remain centered on ourselves. Synodality involves this very same kind of conversion. Our journey through Lent and Easter is a chance to be renewed by Christ every year. Synodality is the path by which God wants to renew the whole Church in this season of human history. Christ transforms us as we walk together with one another, as Christians and as human beings. Synodality is not only a way of walking together as disciples but also a way of walking together with the world. Our mission as a Church is to share with everyone the joy of Easter, of Christ who is truly risen and present in our midst. Walking with the world is the path by which we can live out this mission in the 21st century.

As we walk through the seasons of Lent and Easter, find ways of sharing your experience with others. It is not a path we walk alone. Seize the opportunity to speak to others about the ways that you have grown in Lent. Dare to spread the joy of Easter more widely this year, especially with those who are on the margins. Perhaps invite someone from outside your family circle to join you for Easter, or reach out to a relative that you have lost contact with. Let yourself be transformed by the experience of walking together with others in the light of the Risen Christ, who calls us not only as individuals but together. Our crucified and risen Lord comes to encounter us through others, just as He comes to encounter others through us. He is present and alive in our midst as we journey together.

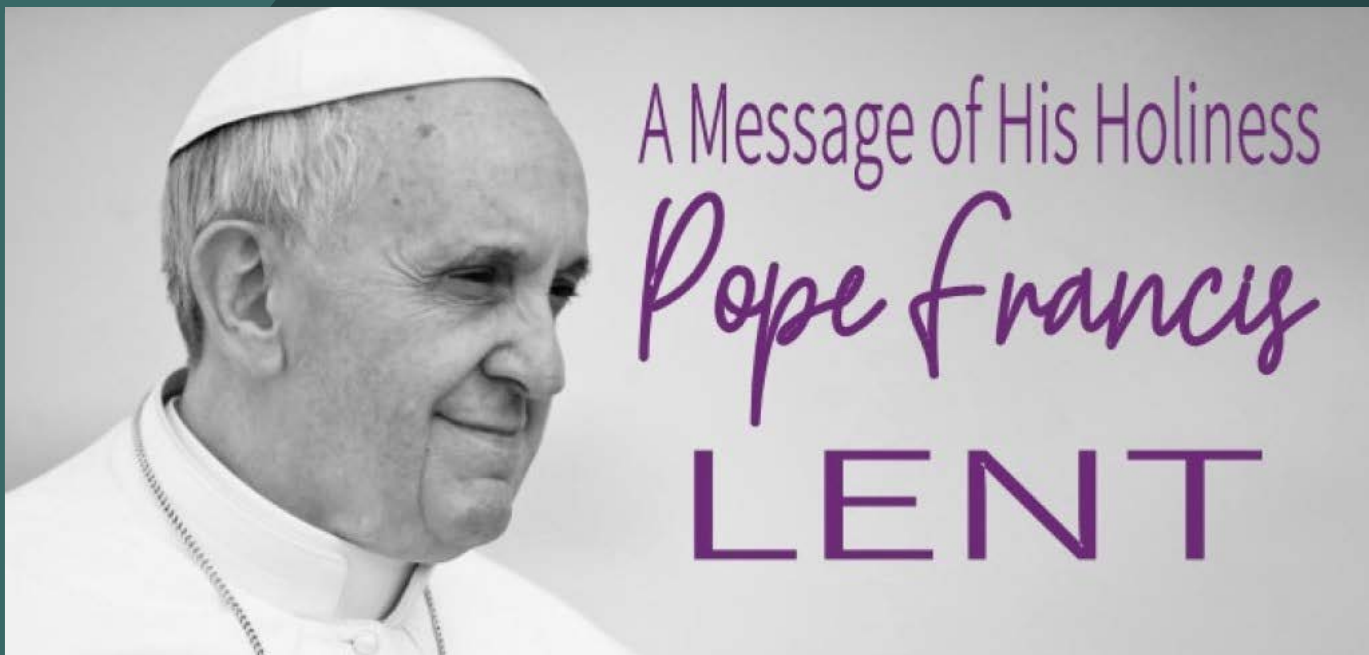
Lent leads us to see more deeply our identity as a resurrection community. We have new life because of the resurrection of Christ. And we have the ultimate hope that the promise of His resurrection will be brought to completion when He returns to make all things new. Easter will have its final effect. So even when our lives in this world feel like Lent, we have hope, for we have learned the lesson of where Lent is leading. We have hope because Lent leads us to Easter.

May the experience of His presence strengthen us in our daily life, giving us hope and a reason to live! May the Risen Lord accompany us in every moment of our life! May the miracle of Christ's resurrection fill our hearts with love, hope, gratitude, peace and joy.

Wishing you an egg-ceptionally wonderful Easter!!!



FR. RONALD. J SDC
Provincial Superior



Lenten Penance and the Synodal Journey

Dear brothers and sisters!

The Gospels of Matthew, Mark and Luke all recount the episode of the Transfiguration of Jesus. There we see the Lord's response to the failure of his disciples to understand him. Shortly before, there had been a real clash between the Master and Simon Peter, who, after professing his faith in Jesus as the Christ, the Son of God, rejected his prediction of the passion and the cross. Jesus had firmly rebuked him: "Get behind me, Satan! You are a scandal to me, because you do not think according to God, but according to men!" (Mt 16:23). Following this, "six days later, Jesus took with him Peter, James and John his brother and led them away to a high mountain" (Mt 17:1).

The Gospel of the Transfiguration is proclaimed every year on the Second Sunday of Lent. During this liturgical season, the Lord takes us with him to a place apart. While our ordinary commitments compel us to remain in our usual places and our often repetitive and sometimes boring routines, during Lent we are invited to ascend "a high mountain" in the company of Jesus and to live a particular experience of spiritual discipline – *ascesis* – as God's holy people.

Lenten penance is a commitment, sustained by grace, to overcoming our lack of faith and our resistance to following Jesus on the way of the cross. This is precisely what Peter and the other disciples needed to do. To deepen our knowledge of the Master, to fully understand and embrace the mystery of his salvation, accomplished in total self-giving inspired by love, we must allow ourselves to be taken aside by him and to detach ourselves from mediocrity and vanity. We need to set out on the journey, an uphill path that, like a mountain trek, requires effort, sacrifice and concentration. These requisites are also important for the synodal journey to which, as a Church, we are committed to making. We can benefit greatly from reflecting on the relationship between Lenten penance and the synodal experience.





In his “retreat” on Mount Tabor, Jesus takes with him three disciples, chosen to be witnesses of a unique event. He wants that experience of grace to be shared, not solitary, just as our whole life of faith is an experience that is shared. For it is in togetherness that we follow Jesus. Together too, as a pilgrim Church in time, we experience the liturgical year and Lent within it, walking alongside those whom the Lord has placed among us as fellow travellers. Like the ascent of Jesus and the disciples to Mount Tabor, we can say that our Lenten journey is “synodal”, since we make it together along the same path, as disciples of the one Master. For we know that Jesus is himself the Way, and therefore, both in the liturgical journey and in the journey of the Synod, the Church does nothing other than enter ever more deeply and fully into the mystery of Christ the Saviour.

And so we come to its culmination. The Gospel relates that Jesus “was transfigured before them; his face shone like the sun and his clothes became white as light” (*Mt 17:2*). This is the “summit”, the goal of the journey. At the end of their ascent, as they stand on the mountain heights with Jesus, the three disciples are given the grace of seeing him in his glory, resplendent in supernatural light. That light did not come from without, but radiated from the Lord himself. The divine beauty of this vision was incomparably greater than all the efforts the disciples had made in the ascent of Tabor. During any strenuous mountain trek, we must keep our eyes firmly fixed on the path; yet the panorama that opens up at the end amazes us and rewards us by its grandeur. So too, the synodal process may often seem arduous, and at times we may become discouraged. Yet what awaits us at the end is undoubtedly something wondrous and amazing, which will help us to understand better God's will and our mission in the service of his kingdom.

The disciples' experience on Mount Tabor was further enriched when, alongside the transfigured Jesus, Moses and Elijah appeared, signifying respectively the Law and the Prophets (cf. *Mt 17:3*). The newness of Christ is at the same time the fulfilment of the ancient covenant and promises; it is inseparable from God's history with his people and discloses its deeper meaning. In a similar way, the synodal journey is rooted in the Church's tradition and at the same time open to newness. Tradition is a source of inspiration for seeking new paths and for avoiding the opposed temptations of immobility and improvised experimentation.

The Lenten journey of penance and the journey of the Synod alike have as their goal a transfiguration, both personal and ecclesial. A transformation that, in both cases, has its model in the Transfiguration of Jesus and is achieved by the grace of his paschal mystery. So that this transfiguration may become a reality in us this year, I would like to propose two “paths” to follow in order to ascend the mountain together with Jesus and, with him, to attain the goal.

The first path has to do with the command that God the Father addresses to the disciples on Mount Tabor as they contemplate Jesus transfigured. The voice from the cloud says: “Listen to him” (*Mt 17:5*). The first proposal, then, is very clear: we need to listen to Jesus. Lent is a time of grace to the extent that we



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listen to him as he speaks to us. And how does he speak to us? First, in the word of God, which the Church offers us in the liturgy. May that word not fall on deaf ears; if we cannot always attend Mass, let us study its daily biblical readings, even with the help of the internet. In addition to the Scriptures, the Lord speaks to us through our brothers and sisters, especially in the faces and the stories of those who are in need. Let me say something else, which is quite important for the synodal process: listening to Christ often takes place in listening to our brothers and sisters in the Church. Such mutual listening in some phases is the primary goal, but it remains always indispensable in the method and style of a synodal Church.

On hearing the Father's voice, the disciples "fell prostrate and were very much afraid. But Jesus came and touched them, saying, 'Rise, and do not be afraid.' And when the disciples raised their eyes, they saw no one else but Jesus alone" (Mt 17:6-8). Here is the second proposal for this Lent: do not take refuge in a religiosity made up of extraordinary events and dramatic experiences, out of fear of facing reality and its daily struggles, its hardships and contradictions. The light that Jesus shows the disciples is an anticipation of Easter glory, and that must be the goal of our own journey, as we follow "him alone". Lent leads to Easter: the "retreat" is not an end in itself, but a means of preparing us to experience the Lord's passion and cross with faith, hope and love, and thus to arrive at the resurrection. Also on the synodal journey, when God gives us the grace of certain powerful experiences of communion, we should not imagine that we have arrived – for there too, the Lord repeats to us: "Rise, and do not be afraid". Let us go down, then, to the plain, and may the grace we have experienced strengthen us to be "artisans of synodality" in the ordinary life of our communities.

Dear brothers and sisters, may the Holy Spirit inspire and sustain us this Lent in our ascent with Jesus, so that we may experience his divine splendour and thus, confirmed in faith, persevere in our journey together with him, glory of his people and light of the nations.

Pope Francis





TUTELAGE PROGRAM



CHENNAI: The tutelage program for young Indian priests (within five years of priesthood) of Divine Providence Province was organized on February 8 and 9, 2024. There were Seventeen young priests and the students of Philosophy & Theology joined for the first day of the meeting. Topics such as 'Recent Liturgical updates in the Catholic Church,' 'Recent updates on the Moral Theology & the Administration of the Sacrament of Reconciliation,' 'Servants of Charity towards the 21st General Chapter,' 'Synod on Synodality and its practical implications in the ongoing formation' and 'Preaching and Public speaking' were discussed by eminent resource persons such as Fr. Rex Ronald, Fr. Samuel Savio, Br. Franco, SdC, Fr. Rajesh, SdC & Fr. Peter Susaimanickam. The meeting was instrumental in the ongoing formation of the young priests and in better serving the Church and the Congregation.

EDUCATIONAL PICNIC TO MAHABALIPURAM

DPP PROVINCIALATE: On February 11, 2024, an educational picnic to Mahabalipuram UNESCO World Heritage Site, was organized for the DPP Provincialate Evening School children, grades 5 to 12. The Pallava Kings constructed Mahabalipuram during the 7th Century. Excitement filled the air as students eagerly anticipated the





adventure that awaited them. Once all the students had arrived, they were divided into their class groups and each group had teachers accompanying them to ensure their safety and to provide guidance throughout the day. The educational field trip to Mahabalipuram was an exceptional learning experience for our students. The students could witness the ancient architecture and historical monuments of Tamil Nadu's rich culture and heritage. The students visited the Krishnan temple, Shore temple, Five Rathas, Lighthouse, and Krishna's Butter Ball and relaxed at the seashore in Mahabalipuram. The excursion expanded their historical, cultural, and architectural knowledge and ignited their curiosity and passion for exploring our rich heritage. Fr. Arun Kumar, SdC, took time to explain the historical and ecological significance of the places. Fr. Philomin Raja, SdC, and the teachers guided the students effectively. Students were encouraged to ask questions and discuss the importance of preserving these natural and cultural treasures. The memories of this special day will continue to inspire and educate, reminding everyone of the importance of preserving our natural and cultural treasures and enjoying outdoor experiences.

GLM & GC MEETING

CUDDALORE: The 12th Annual All India Guanellian Cooperators and Guanellian Lay movement meeting was held in St. Joseph's Seminary Cuddalore on 17th and 18th February 2024. Our Founder would have been pleased to note that the full Guanellian family was present to learn, understand about him, discuss our activities, and plan for the next year. The Guanellian Cooperators were present from Bangalore and Cuddalore, Aspirant Guanellian Cooperators from Chennai and GLM members from Bangalore, Chennai, Cuddalore, Dindigul, Kopakka, Kumbakonam, Sivagangai and Vaturu. The Sessions started with the lighting of the lamp by Fr. Kulandaisamy, Vice Provincial, Divine Providence Province, Fr. Gnanaraj, Delegate for GC and GLM, Divine Providence Province, and selected delegates attending the meeting. Fr. Gnanaraj welcomed the gathering and thanked them for being part of the Guanellian family and walking on the path our beloved founder showed us. The first session was on the Charism and Spirituality of Fr. Guanella conducted by Fr. Adaikalam, Rector of the St.





Joseph's Seminary. Fr. Francis, the Treasurer of India of the Servants of Charity took the session through a wonderful session filled with pictures of the life of Guanella. The afternoon session was a workshop to give our feedback/suggestions to the mini family chapter to be held in June in Rome. In the evening the whole gathering went on a picnic to Silver Beach in Cuddalore and had a good time bonding with each other. The next day started with the holy mass in Sagaya Madha Church concelebrated by Fr. Kulandai Samy and all other priests who were part of the Meeting. The sessions for Sunday comprised a session to take feedback on how we can better work together and improve our understanding and collaboration within the communities where we collaborate and at India Level. The final session was a presentation on the activities that were carried out by each team in their respective mission centers and the plans they have for the coming years. The Meeting ended with all the participants thanking the hosts, Fr. Adaikalam, the priests and the seminarians of St. Joseph's Seminary, Fr. Francis, the priests and the Boys of the Cuddalore Boys Home, Sr. Christy and the Sisters of the Cuddalore Community for their hospitality and all the fraternal care.

ONE DAY PICNIC



KUMBAKONAM: The Don Guanella Evening School held its Annual Picnic on February 17th. Everyone gathered at the parish, and Fr. A. Bernandas offered blessings and prayers for the journey's success. During the first part of the picnic, the students and staff enjoyed activities such as singing, dancing, and various other party games. The second part of the day included trips to various places like Kalanai, Trichy, Butterfly Park, and the Science Park. A picnic lunch, which included various foods and snacks, was provided for all. The children and staff enjoyed the relaxed atmosphere of their time together. The day ended with the expression of heartfelt thanks to Fr. Superior and the coordinators.





TOWARD JESUS



KUMBAKONAM: Pope Francis reminds us that "Lent is a time to experience God's Mercy and a time to extend God's Mercy to others." During the Lenten season, the Stations of the Cross, retreat, and Mass were animated in the substations of Guanella Nagar Parish: Thirupurampiam, Swamimalai, Asoor, Auto Nagar, Jabamalipuram, Chinnamalkallari and Perumpandi. The people were encouraged by the inspiring words . "This is a season of grace all over the world and Lent is a time to renew our relationship with God and neighbour." Parish groups such as the Legion of Mary, Guanellian Lay Movement, Parish Council Members, and the parishioners also attended.

EVENING SCHOOL TRIP TO MYSORE

BANGALORE: Great excitement and anticipation filled the air as the Evening School children of the GPN community began a one-day outing on February 24th. The three-hour-long route to the Mysore felt like just a few minutes as the students passed the time by playing games with classmates. All the children were extremely excited about the trip as it involved a lot of new experiences. Rev. Fr. Kulandaiswamy and the staff accompanied the children. They first visited Sangam Water Place, then Mysore Palace,





Zoological Park, and Tipu Sultan's Summer Palace. All were astounded by the beauty and history of Mysore. The site has an amazing historical background dating back to 1752. The children learned a lot about the people of the time and their way of living. The excursion was one of the most glorious and action-packed trips. They returned home safely with many joyful memories.

RELATING WITH THEM



BANGALORE: Lent is an exceptional time for conversion, reflection, and action. It is a time to become more attentive to the cry of the poor and the planet itself, our common home. Pope Francis reminds us: "The human person grows more, matures more, is sanctified more to the extent that he or she enters into relationships, going out from themselves to live in communion with God, with others." The GC and GLM of the GPN communities put Pope Francis' words into action by spending time with our elderly men on the 25th of February, Sunday. After the meeting, the members prepared a yummy 'Belpuri' for a tea break. Following the tea, the visitors entertained the residents with many songs and encouraged the men to come forward to show off their singing talents. To conclude the day, we all prayed the rosary and thanked God for the day and the precious time spent together.

ELEVATOR NEWS

BANGALORE: The mood was joyful as a long-awaited dream neared fruition. The GPN community started a project to install a new elevator for our Guanella Destitute Home for Men. This elevator is a criterion for obtaining registration with the government. With all the Fathers in attendance in addition to Thathas and Mr. Anthony Cruz, the engineer, and his team, all gathered around the place on the 17th of February in the morning. Rev. Fr. Mathias, the Superior, prayed and invoked God's blessing. The initial groundwork was begun. Later, on the 20th of February, Rev. Fr. Shatham, our Fathers, and residents prayed and invoked God's blessing to start the concrete work to install the new elevator.





THE GUANELLIAN FAMILY SPIRIT

KUMBAKONAM: Our local community is witnessing the Guanellian family spirit of charity. We help our special children develop skills and work ethics through various activities and projects. We provide rehabilitation by teaching gardening, coconut oil making, and other handiwork skills. These activities make the children happy, give them a sense of purpose, and pride in their accomplishments. We bring about 15 children everyday by jeep to the center. We instruct them, giving them a foundation in knowledge, exercises, and games to expand their minds. After a delicious meal, we send them back to their homes.



PARENTS' DAY





CUDDALORE, DGBH: On January 11, 2024, the Don Guanella Boys Home (DGBH) parents' meeting was held. The chief guest was Mrs. K. Selvapriya MA, BL, Advocate, and former Special Public Prosecutor Mahila Court, Cuddalore. She spoke on parents' role in children's education and the importance of education.

MOTIVATION FOR SSLC AND HSS STUDENTS



CUDDALORE, DGBH To encourage students to work diligently when taking exams, a "Public Exam Success" team met with the SSLC and HSC students at Don Guanella Boys' Home, Samupillai Nagar, from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. Nearly 63 orphanage/semi-orphanage students benefited from the session and were motivated to strive for good marks in public examinations. We thanked Dr. Rajesh, Professor of Mathematics, St. Joseph College of Arts and Science, Mr. S. Raja, Branch Manager, and Mr. N. Prakash, NGO Program Coordinator/Motivational Speaker, for their availability and generosity in sharing their knowledge and expertise with the students of Don Guanella Boys Home.

LENTEN PILGRIMAGE

CUDDALORE: On February 24 and 25, we went on the Lenten pilgrimage to Thoothukudi and Kanyakumari. The journey actually began on the evening of the 23rd at about 10 p.m. First, we travelled to Sacred Heart Cathedral, Our Lady of Snow, St.





Devasagayam, Manapadu, and Uvari. We visited 17 churches during the trip, meditated on the way of the Cross, recited the Holy Rosary, and celebrated Holy Mass. A total of 110 parishioners participated in the pilgrimage. I sincerely thank Rev. Fr. Ronald, SdC, our Provincial Superior, for the food, accommodations and serving as a guide. Also, thanks to Fr. Jeeyaselan, who accompanied us and helped with the guidance. The parishioners were very happy and enjoyed the Lenten pilgrimage.

THE FOUNDATION STONE



CUDDALORE: On the 11th of February 2024, the Feast of Our Lady of Lourdes, we laid the foundation stones that mark the onset of construction of the Hall in our Parish. Rev. Fr. Ronald, SdC, Provincial Superior, celebrated Holy Mass. Fr. Francis, Superior and Provincial Councillor, Fr. Vincent P. P concelebrated. After Mass, Fr. Provincial Superior blessed the construction site and laid the first stone. Following him, the second stone was laid by Fr. Francis, Superior, the third by Fr. Vincent, P.P, the fourth stone by Legion of Mary, the fifth stone by St. Vincent de Paul, the sixth stone by the Franciscans, the seventh stone by GLM & GC, and eighth stone by a Catechist, children, and Mason. Finally, the Parish Priest thanked everyone for their cooperation and collaboration.

CHILDREN TOUR VANDALORE ZOO

CUDDALORE SJS: Evening School children from Cuddalore enjoyed their long-awaited tour to Chennai Vandalore Zoo on February 24. ASCI responded to a request to sponsor the children's educational tour this year. The students did not have an educational excursion for three years due to COVID, so they were grateful for this opportunity. The trip required parental permission. Early in the morning thirty children from 3 centers with 5 teachers, 2 seminarians, and Fr. Adaikalam, their Coordinator, travelled by a minibus to the Zoo. Children were entertained with music during the bus ride.

The Zoo is a large, spacious, wild forest environment that excited the children's imagination. They shouted and laughed when each type of animal was presented. The teachers explained the nature, specialty, and





habitat of each animal. Additionally, the children were able to have an up-close encounter with some of the animals. They talked to them and could touch and experience one animal that was roaming outside, a beautiful spotted deer. The cool climate was so conducive to their long walk in the zoo that it took a long time to finish their visit. They also were able to play in the special park designated for kids. The children were served a special lunch and they relished eating it. On the way back, they watched a movie and listened to dance music on the smart TV. The tour was safe and joy-filled. Indeed, it was a time for children to cherish friendships, learn many things, and celebrate life together on the journey.

THEOLOGICAL FORUM

CHENNAI DGMS: On February 9th, the DGMS community convened the Theological Forum, a captivating event discussing theological reflections to deepen understanding of land theology. The topic of the forum was "The Question of Palestine: Navigating Claims and Counterclaims of the Israeli-Palestinian Conflict." Led by the First-year Theology Brothers, the forum sparked insightful conversations and provided a platform for exploring complex issues. The esteemed Rev. Fr. Arul Raj SdC graced the event as the chief guest, adding depth to the discussions with his expertise and wisdom. The forum served as a catalyst for intellectual growth within the community, fostering dialogue and critical thinking on matters of theological significance.





PHILOSOPHICAL FORUM



CHENNAI DGMS: On February 14th, the DGMS community gathered for the Philosophical Forum, an enriching event centered around insightful conversations on "Action towards Politics: Exploring Multiculturalism in 2024." The forum, animated by the First-year Philosophy Brothers, served as a platform for community members to reflect on philosophical concepts and exchange intellectual ideas. Bro. Arul Pandian, an esteemed figure, graced the event as the chief guest, providing valuable insights and contributing to the depth of the discussions. As community members delved into philosophical reflections, the essence of unity and togetherness prevailed, weaving a tapestry of meaningful connections. The Philosophical Forum has stimulated intellectual exchange and added vibrancy to the coming parliament election in India in 2024.

INSTALLATION OF SOLAR PROJECT

CUDDALORE, DGBH: On the 29th of February, Don Guanella Boys Home installed a 22-kilowatt grid in the solar power plant project in the Campus. We sang the Holy Spirit song in celebration. Then Fr. Francis, Superior, blessed the materials of the solar project. Fr. Stalin thanked the donor from Germany, Bischofliches ordinariate, the





Provincial Council, and the project writer. It exemplifies God's blessings showered upon us to help reduce the electricity bill. Thanks to everyone who helped.

NEW PRESBYTERY

SIVAKASI: The new presbytery in Vadapatti Arulanandar Mission, Sivakasi, was opened on the 4th of February 2024. This project was initiated by Fr. SP Samy, with Fr. Navis completing the work. Fr. Navis thanked the Missionary Sisters of St. Peter Claver, the Generalate, Fr. Rathinam, the General Councillor, all other donors, and the parishioners who have extended their generosity.



HONORS THE DISABLED AND CHILDREN



SIVAKASI: February 4th was the 54th Anniversary of our patron's feast, St. John de Britto. As part of the preparation for the celebration, the people of the parish prayed a solemn novena. One of the nine days was especially dedicated to the differently-abled people, who were invited to share in the day. The evening school children were also honored with gifts and meals on another of the days. The feast was made more meaningful to our special children because of these days of recognition.

JUBILEE TOWER FEAST





VATLURU: The 106th Anniversary of Sacred Heart Church and the 23rd Anniversary of Jesus Jubilee Tower Feast were celebrated in grand manner in Sacred Heart Church Vatluru. There were 9 days of Novena and Mass celebrations to honor the Sacred Heart. The Most Rev. Jayarao Polimera D.D., Bishop of Eluru, conducted a retreat beginning on February 26, lasting for three days. Rev. Fr. Kulandai Samy SdC celebrated the festal Mass on February 28. The faithful of our parish and other village members participated in the solemn celebrations. The guests were served sumptuous meals, and at last, there was a car procession around the village.

SPONSORING T-SHIRTS



VATLURU: "Whoever is kind to the poor lends to the LORD, and he will reward them for what they have done" (Pro 19:17). Kota Pruvuthi, from Vatluru, sponsored t-shirts for our Guanella Karunalaya boys. This was a gesture of kindness. The t-shirts were distributed by Rev. Fr. Kulandaisamy, Provincial of Divine Providence Province. We also express our heartfelt thanks to Rev. Fr. J. Ronald SdC, our Provincial Superior, and his council for their approval of the project to lay pavements inside the premises of Guanella Karunalaya. Rev. Fr. Kulandai Samy inaugurated the project, and we extend our thankfulness to everyone involved.

TELUGU MAGAZINE

VATLURU: "Communication is not just a profession, but a service to dialogue and understanding between individuals and larger communities in the pursuit of a serene and peaceful coexistence." says Pope Francis. With this spirit in mind, we released "Premadhari," our Telugu magazine in Vatluru, on the solemn occasion of our 106th Anniversary of the Sacred Heart Jesus Church and 23rd Jesus Jubilee Tower Feast on February 28. It was released by Rev. Fr. Kulandai Samy SdC, our Vice-Provincial of DPP, and the first issue was received by Rev. Fr. A. Francis Assisi, SdC, Superior and Parish Priest of Vatluru. The consecutive issues were received by Rev. Frs. Praveen and Paulraj SdC.



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FOURTH BIRTHDAY IN HEAVEN

KOPPAKA: On February 13, a meaningful occasion was observed as we commemorated the fourth anniversary of the death of Fr. Bala. The presence of Fr. Visuvasam, who presided over the Mass, added a sense of reverence and solemnity to the proceedings. As we gathered around Fr. Bala's tomb, our hearts were heavy with the memories of a beloved father who had touched our lives in profound ways. The prayers we offered for his soul were a testament to his enduring impact on us and the legacy he left behind. Fr. Bala's dedication to his faith and unwavering commitment to serving others inspired all who knew him and the younger generation. His kindness, compassion, and wisdom resonate with us even in his absence, reminding us of the importance of living a life of service and devotion. Fr. Visuvasam was moved by Fr. Bala's life and the lessons he imparted to us. This occasion reminded us of the fragility of life and the need to cherish each moment we have with loved ones. His memory will forever be etched in our hearts. May his soul rest in peace, knowing that he is fondly remembered and deeply missed by all.





PILGRIMAGE



CUDDALORE : On 28th of February boy's home 10th & 12th Std students were brought for one day pilgrimage for the success of public examination. We began our journey 9:30 Am and reached Viliyanur church and prayed. Then we went to sacred heart church, Cathedral church, Pondicherry. All together prayed holy rosary and got Mother Mary blessing to get high mark. Before starting the final exam the students enriched the spiritual journey with the Lords blessing.

MISSION ANIMATORS MEET

CHENNAI: Mission Animators was organized on February 20 & 21, 2024 at DGMS by Divine Providence Province with the title "Mission rooted in the Charism according to the signs of time". Almost nineteen confreres in India who are involved in different Guanellian mission participated actively in the meeting. Fr. Kulandaisamy, SdC, Vice Provincial Superior & Incharge of Mission of the Province organized the meet. The topics such as 'Updates and Requirements of the Government', 'Legal procedures of the registration', 'Presentation of the booklet on the Guanellian Mission', 'Project writing', 'Guidelines for the protection of minors and vulnerable persons', 'Guanellian mission on Pastoral care' were discussed by the eminent resource persons such as Mr. Srinivasan, DDAWO, Mrs. Rajalakshmi, Assistant Program Coordinator of DDAWO Office, Fr. Gnanaraj, SdC, Fr. Kulandaisamy, SdC, Mr. Francis, Resource person for





Project writing and Fr. Ronald, SdC. The meeting was instrumental for the mission animators to serve in the Province in an effective manner by following the guidelines and requirements of the Church and the government.

PASTA DINNER WITH THE PRIESTS



There's no better way to warm up on a chilly evening than by gathering with friends and priests at the St. Louis Center for a cozy meal and great company. For more than 12 years now, folks have been coming together for the Pasta with Priest event, which is made possible through ticket sales at the Fall Auction. This special night is eagerly anticipated by many guests. Not only do they get to enjoy delicious pasta and fellowship, but they also get to support the residents of the center in a fun and laid-back way. It's a wonderful opportunity to come together, share a meal, and make a difference in the lives of others.

NIGHT TO SHINE

The residents begin asking about the event months in advance and eagerly anticipate attending. This year, nineteen residents enthusiastically prepared for an unforgettable evening on Friday, February 9th, marking the 10th Anniversary of the Tim Tebow Foundation's Night to Shine global event. Tim Tebow, on a mission for everyone to join, aims to ensure that everyone knows they are loved. People often overlook those with disabilities, but Night to Shine provides a way to celebrate them. It transcends being merely an event in Ann Arbor; it is a global phenomenon, with participation from cities in 56 countries.

The St. Louis Center residents attend the event at 2|42 Community Church





in Ann Arbor which goes above and beyond to host a top-notch, prom-like event for people with disabilities. Upon arrival, volunteers greeted the residents, opening doors for them to enter. Each guest received a black swag bag filled with gifts and proceeded to obtain their corsage or boutonniere. Subsequently, each king and queen was crowned, awaiting their turn to walk the red carpet into the event space. Volunteers surrounded the carpet, cheering for each person as their names were called. Inside the event space, guests found their seats and awaited the opening prayer and dinner service. University of Michigan football players, among the volunteers, ensured the honored guests had a great time. Following dinner, the dancing commenced. Residents danced until the last possible minute before heading home.

FR. SATHEESH ON JTV

Fr. Satheesh met with Bart Hawley on JTV's Bart Hawley Show to discuss his return to St. Louis Center as CEO. JTV is a station focused on events and issues pertinent to Jackson MI and the surrounding area. The interview was live on February 19th. If you would like to see the whole interview on YouTube, follow this link: <https://youtu.be/YNtVWq7JuVg?si=fNVWjz4zmvmxWUia>





FEAST DAYS

- 05 - Fr. John Joseph
19 - Fr. Joseph Rinaldo
Fr. Soosai Rathinam. R
| Fr. Jayasoosai
Fr. Edal Vinoth Joe
Fr. Vellington
Fr. Joseph Fernandez. S

**WISH YOU A
HAPPY BIRTHDAY
AND
FEAST DAY**

MARCH

BIRTHDAYS

- 1 - Fr. Jesu Doss. C
2- Fr. Prakash
4 - Fr. Maria Julian Bernard. L
6 - Fr. Bernandes. A
7 - Fr. Constantain
10 - Fr. Antony Kalai Selvan. /
Bro. Arockiasamy
13 - Fr. Paulraj. P
15 - Fr. Abraham. A
20 - Fr. Louis Basker
21 - Fr. Rishar Raffee Jegan
25 - Fr. Roosewelt
29 - Fr. Ligori
30 - Fr. Dominic Baskar

Provincial Calendar for March

- 6 - Meeting with the Administrator of Thanjavur
7 - Feast in the John of God Community
8 - Friday Liturgy in Mullipadi, Dindigul
12 - Societies & Trust Meeting, DGMS Chennai
19 - Feast of St. Joseph, DGMS Chennai
Holy Week in Bagyapuram

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