

News and Views

Divine Providence Province



Christmas

A Season to Remind us of God's Love



My dear Confreres!

The Christmas spirit is upon us once again. It is the season that rekindles within our hearts the great mystery of Christ's incarnation. St. Augustine of Hippo quoted: 'The Divine became flesh so that we, who are flesh may become divine'.

We have begun with the season of Advent in which we are invited to prepare for the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ, not just in Bethlehem but most especially, in the manager of our soul. We are called to re-examine ourselves and make our hearts, though as unworthy as the cave of Bethlehem, a place of consolation or the Christ Child.

The season of Advent teaches us that it is not just about our preparations for the coming glorious celebration. Most especially, we are initially reminded that at the beginning of time, there was a God who loved us immensely and prepared for us a place for the coming of his Son who will save us from the darkness of sin and death. Therefore, the season is a constant reminder for all of us about God's merciful and steadfast love, unceasing and new at every moment of our lives. We are all called to love and to love is to give ourselves for others. We are reminded that it was not our works, but it is

God's initiative that He comes to us all because of love. This great love of God challenges us to have a change of heart, it moves us toward conversion. Furthermore, God's love is like a gentle rain that flows continuously through us. It does not stay in one place lest it becomes stagnant. Love must flow to us, and through our mission and constant remembrance of Jesus' Paschal Mystery, to rehydrate a dying world of dryness and indifference.



DECEMBER - 2023



At the end of our Christmas celebration, we will commemorate Christ's baptism. As Jesus plunged himself in the Jordan river, we are reminded not just of the sanctification of the waters of Jordan, but of our own calling to submerge ourselves into the depth of humanity in need of God's presence. We are called to be religious as empathetic individuals more than being moral exemplars imposing our lists of do's and don'ts. As Guanellian religious, we are called to be life-givers in which, conformed to the Paschal Mystery of Christ, we learn to assume and share the feelings of the other as Christ did in his Incarnation and Baptism. Like Jesus, we must have a heart that listens and understand.

In baptism we are conformed in Christ, sharing a common priesthood with him. And in the profession of vows, we are more perfectly conformed in Christ, not only through the evangelical counsels but through the mission that we are supposed to undertake. Because of God's loving mercy, heaven cannot hold Him anymore and he left behind His throne as king and quietly comes into the world that is sleeping. It comes to us as a challenge to step out from our comfort zones and be witnesses to the ends of the earth, to every culture and nation, of his loving mercy and compassion. It is well and fitting that we end the celebration of Christmas with the baptism of Jesus. Because through His baptism, He was given a mission that we too are mandated to follow in His memory. My dear brothers, let us not remain around the manger happily gazing the lovely mystery. Let us challenge ourselves to leave the manger empty and go out of the cave of Bethlehem to the hill of Calvary until we witness the empty tomb. Let us go with the shepherds and kings who, after contemplating the Christ Child, left the stable, proclaiming to the world what they had witnessed.

Let me greet you during this very season of Advent a blessed preparation for the gift of Christ. Empty yourselves and be filled with God, the Emmanuel, and the God who is with us! My blessed greetings also of the Merriest Christmas to all our communities, to your families, to your loved ones and your friends. May all of us be blessed!

FR. RONALD. J SDC

Provincial Superior

Provincial Calendar for December

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| 02 | - Visit to Madurai Community |
| 03 | - Feast at Punnaikayal |
| 04 - 07 | - Classes at Cuddalore Seminary |
| 8 - 9 | - Preparations for Silver Jubilee at DGMS |
| 10 | - Silver Jubilee in Chennai |
| 14 - 16 | - Plenary Meeting in Chennai |
| 17- 18 | - World Day of the Differently Abled in Warangal Residence |
| 21 | - Christmas Program in Chennai for Evening School |
| 25 | - Christmas Mass in Tambaram |
| 31 | - New Year Mass in Tambaram |





Dear brothers and sisters!

All of us, as the Apostle Paul would say, hold the treasure of life in earthen vessels (cf. 2 Cor 4:7). The International Day of Persons with Disabilities invites us to recognize that our frailty in no way obscures “the light of the Gospel of the glory of Christ”, but instead reveals that “its extraordinary power belongs to God and does not come from us” (2 Cor 4:4,7). Everyone, apart from any merit or distinction, has received the Gospel in its entirety and, with this, the joyful task of proclaiming it. “All of us are called to offer others an explicit witness to the saving love of the Lord, who despite our imperfections offers us his closeness, his word and his strength, and gives meaning to our lives” (Evangelii Gaudium, 121). Sharing the Gospel, in fact, is not a duty entrusted only to some, but an absolute necessity for all those who have encountered Jesus and enjoyed his friendship.

Trust in the Lord, the experience of his tender love and the comfort of his companionship, are not the privilege of a few, or the prerogative only of those who have received a lengthy and thorough formation. Rather, his mercy makes itself known in a particular way to those who, instead of trusting in themselves, feel called to abandon themselves to the Lord and to empathize with their brothers and sisters. This brings with it a wisdom that gradually increases our awareness of our limits and allows us to appreciate all the more God’s loving decision to help us in our weakness. An awareness that frees us from sorrow and lament – even for good reason – and opens our hearts to praise. The joy that radiates from those who encounter Jesus and entrust their lives to him is no illusion or the fruit of naiveté; it is the power of his resurrection penetrating lives marked by fragility.

Truly, we can speak of a magisterium of fragility that, if heeded, would make our society more humane and fraternal, enabling all of us to understand that happiness is bread that is not eaten alone. How much would a better awareness of our need for one another help us to have less hostile relationships with those around us! And how much would the realization that entire peoples cannot save themselves prompt us to seek solutions to the senseless conflicts we are experiencing!





On this Day, we want to be mindful of the sufferings of all those women and men with disabilities who live in the midst of war, or have been themselves disabled as a result of warfare. How many people – in Ukraine and in other theatres of war – remain imprisoned by ongoing conflicts, without the possibility of escape? They need to be given special attention and their access to humanitarian aid facilitated in every possible way.

This magisterium of fragility is a charism by which you – dear sisters and brothers with disabilities – can enrich the Church. Your presence “may help transform the actual situations in which we live, making them more human and more welcoming. Without vulnerability, without limits, without obstacles to overcome, there would be no true humanity”. [2] For this reason, I am pleased that the synodal journey is proving a favourable occasion to listen at last to your voices, and that an echo of your participation can be found in the preparatory document for the continental stage of the Synod. There we read that: “Numerous reports point to the lack of appropriate structures and ways of accompanying persons with disabilities, and call for new ways of welcoming their contribution and promoting their participation: in spite of its own teachings, the Church is in danger of imitating the way society casts them aside. The forms of discrimination listed – the lack of listening, the violation of the right to choose where and with whom to live, the denial of the sacraments, the accusation of witchcraft, abuse – and others, describe the culture of rejection towards persons with disabilities. They do not arise by chance, but have in common the same root: the idea that the lives of persons with disabilities are worth less than others”. [3]

The Synod, above all by its invitation to journey together and to listen to one another, can help us understand how in the Church – also with regard to the disabled – there can be no us and them, but a single us, with Jesus Christ at the centre, where each person brings his or her own gifts and limitations. This awareness, founded on the fact that we are all part of the same vulnerable humanity assumed and sanctified by Christ, eliminates arbitrary distinctions and opens the door to the participation of each baptized member in the life of the Church. What is more, in those places where the Synod has been truly inclusive, it has permitted us to dispel deep-rooted prejudices. Encounter and fraternity break down the walls of misunderstanding and overcome discrimination; this is why I trust that every Christian community will be open to the presence of our brothers and sisters with disabilities, and ensure that they are always welcomed and fully included.

We come to realize that we exist as an us and not a them whenever disability, whether temporary or due to natural aging, affects ourselves or someone for whom we care. Then we begin to look at reality with new eyes and we see the need to break down even those barriers that at first seemed insignificant. Nothing, however, can detract from our certainty that no disability – temporary, acquired or permanent – can change the fact that we are all children of the one Father and enjoy the same dignity. The Lord loves us all with the same tender, fatherly and unconditional love. Dear brothers and sisters, I thank you for the initiatives taking place on this International Day of Persons with Disabilities, and I accompany them with my prayers. I bless you all from my heart and ask you, please, to pray for me.



DPP FORMATORS' MEET 2023



The Divine Providence Province organized the two days meet of the formators on November 28th & 29th, 2023 at Don Guanella Major Seminary. On the first day, Fr. Praveen Jeba Kumar presented the synthesis of the formators gathering and the revising of the Ratio Formationis which took place in Rome from 3rd to 15th September. He presented the talks of five resource persons namely The Superior General Very Rev. Fr. Umberto Brugnoli SdC, who highlighted the significance of formation and the assimilation of feelings of being formed individually into the Heart of Christ. Fr. Gustavo De Bonis SdC mentioned the Decree of Promulgation of the RATIO as the normative text for the Servants of Charity. Fr. Alessandro SdC who dealt with the framework of reference and the central themes were to Educate, Form and Accompany in the process of maturation of self and the theory of Self-Transcendent consistency. Then he moved on to share about the mediation network, convergent plurality of dimensions and levels with regard to Human, Spiritual and Charismatic which was dealt by Fr. Nico Rutigliano SdC in a detailed manner. Finally he shared about the Pedagogical Dynamisms detailed by Fr. Juan Manuel SdC on 5 types of present day formators and their pedagogy and also he stressed on the importance given to the guidelines for the protection of minors and vulnerable.

On the second day, Fr. Benson shared the theme Priestly Formation in the Digital Age which was dealt in the ARMS meet. The presentation was on the traits and characteristics of generations introduced to the digital age and the progression till date (Gen X – Gen Z), the present day challenges in seminary formation of a digital age candidate in different aspects of knowing, leading, organizing, guiding and ordering him in the formative journey. After that Fr. Shantham was invited by Fr. Provincial Superior to share the synthesis of Formators Animation at Don Bosco Renewal Centre. He shared about the basic principles of formation, vocation, discernment and model for evaluation. During the two days meet, there were discussions and clarifications on the challenges faced in today's context of formation style and mode in all the formation houses. In between the sharing and discussions and clarification moments Fr. Provincial Superior shared a few of his concerns on formation. Finally Fr. Provincial thanked for all the efforts taken by every formator and suggested to follow the set of principles proposed in Ratio and Formation Directory.





VOCATION COORDINATORS MEET - 2023



Divine Providence Province organized a Vocation Coordinators' meeting on November 17, 2023, at Don Guanella Major Seminary, Chennai. The Vocation Coordinators from each community and the students of Theology and philosophy participated in the event.

The meeting started with invoking God's presence in a prayer service followed by a welcoming address. Fr. Jeyaseelan, the Vocation Promoter, shared updates regarding the Vocation Promotion endeavors carried out in various places. He shared that there are 20 candidates in the minor Seminary for the "Come and See" program. These individuals are good and capable of realizing their vocations, which is evident in their sense of conviction. Fr. Jeyaseelan next thanked every confrere for the timely help they provided towards the smooth functioning of the office. He said he frequently visits schools, boarding schools, and parishes to recruit additional vocations.

After his sharing, Fr. Provincial addressed the participants, remarking that our vocation is by the grace of God and is a God-given gift. We are happy for the gift of our families, though our parents and siblings are different in character. We love them because they belong to us and vice-versa. We are fathers and brothers. We are not common people. We are called by God. We chose this state in life because of the love of our congregation, which gives us our identity. We are called by someone after joining the Seminary. We came to know and love our congregation and recommend that others join. It is necessary to be well-versed to share the specifics about it with others. Even though we have our difficulties, we always have the desire and the heart to appreciate our congregation and institution. We also must show our closeness towards youth to inspire and encourage them. Let them come and see, live, and make mistakes. Slowly, their motivation will be purified, and they will become stronger in their vocation. Since we are a service-oriented organization, we need to attract people who want to reach out to help others or at least have the potential to do this. Fr. Provincial recommended that we promote vocations.

Our confreres also presented their future plans to promote vocations. A proposal was raised, and a discussion was held on how to encourage the Boys' Home students. We





need to help the boys discern their vocations if they have one. The brothers made a request to involve them in vocation camps organized by the province. Everyone has shown their interest in joining together to get vocations for our congregation. In the end, Fr. Provincial thanked all the participants for their availability and their attitude of risk-taking to promote vocations. The meeting ended with the recitation of the Lord's Prayer.

GUANELLIAN YOUTH MEET - 2023



Divine Providence Province organized Guanellian Youth Movement (GYM) in Don Guanella Major Seminary, Chennai on 19- 11-2023. The meeting began with a small prayer. Fr. Praveen welcomed the gathering and the traditional lamp was lit up by Fr. Kalaiselvan the chief guest, and was honored by the GYM coordinator Fr. Jeyaseelan. Youth from Chennai, Cuddalore and Andhra Pradesh participated in this GYM Meet. Two sessions were organized which also had a round table discussion. The first talk was based on "Let Us Walk Together" with the citation of the Church document, Christus Vivit and the periodic messages of Pope Francis to the youth. Starting from the message of His Holiness in Panama, "Do not be afraid, Maria, for you have found God's grace", the current status of youth today was discussed lively.

The second talk was based on the "relational barriers in the technological world". The differences between the Real world and the Virtual World were very well evaluated. It was a round table session where all the youth members shared their views about social media and its platform in different sects. After a short break, the Holy Eucharist was presided over by the GYM Coordinators in the presence of Fr. Provincial Superior. Richness is not in having but in giving was the reflective theme.

After the Mass, all the GYM members were taken to our residence to be with our good children. The Director, Fr. Anandhan presented the house and its activities. They all felt happy and thanked the coordinators for arranging such a visit. In the afternoon open dance program was animated by Fr.

Kalaiselvan and followed by Fr. Jeyaseelan presented the recent World Youth Day with some clippings and presentations. Then there was an evaluation of the day and the members came up with some solid ideas for the betterment of youth animation. Finally, Fr. C. Jesudoss thanked everyone for their active participation in the Guanellian Youth Meet.





SUPERIORS AND TREASURERS MEET



Divine Providence Province organized the ongoing formation program for Superiors and Treasurers on the 16th and 17th of November 2023 at Don Guanella Major Seminary. Superiors/Residence In-charges and Treasurers of the communities actively participated in the meeting. On the first day, Fr. Ronald, SdC, Provincial Superior, welcomed all the participants, and Fr. Kulandaisamy, SdC, Vice Provincial Superior, presented a talk on 'Animation of communities and its challenges today.' Then, superiors/resident in-charges shared about the blessings and challenges of the community and efforts taken towards self-sustenance of the community. Afterward, Ms. Olga Miriam Iossa, ASCI Secretary, shared her views, guidelines, and requirements to write a proper project appeal to ASCI. In the afternoon, Bro. Franco Lain, SdC, General Councilor, presented a talk on 'Synodality in the animation of the communities. The first day ended with the Holy Eucharistic celebration presided over by Fr. A. P. Samy, SdC.

The second day began with the Holy Eucharistic celebration, which was presided over by Fr. J. David, SdC. After the breakfast, an elaborate discussion on topics such as 'FCRA, ESI, and EPF' was animated by Fr. S. Francis, SdC, Treasurer of Indian Societies & Trust. Mr. Arockiasamy, our Auditor, Mr. Jeeva, and Mr. Charles were the resource persons to explain in detail all the updates on the above-mentioned topics for the safe and smooth running of the administration of the communities and residences in India. In the afternoon, the individuals in charge of the different offices of the provinces, such as vocation promotion and youth animation, project desk, communication desk, the Pious Union of St. Joseph, Guanellian Study Center, and ASCI Projects, presented the updates of their respective offices. At last, Fr. Ronald, SdC, Provincial Superior, thanked everyone for their active participation and gave some strong recommendations to the Superiors/Residence In-charges and Treasurers for the safe and smooth functioning of the communities and residences.

CHILDREN'S DAY CELEBRATION

Cuddalore: On the 14th of November, we celebrated Children's Day in our Boy's Home.





The boys performed many programs, such as dance, singing songs, skits, and speeches. On the day of the celebration, Fr. Adaikalam and Fr. Jeyaseelan were chief guests and evaluated the whole program. They told the boys that they performed well and offered improvement pointers. Fr. Director gave the vote of thanks

and honored the chief guests with shawl.

DEPAVALI CELEBRATION



Cuddalore: On the 12th of November, we celebrated the light festival of Depavali in our Boys' Home. We distributed crackers to all the Boys' Home students. They enjoyed the festival of lights, and we also distributed sweets donated by Mr. Ganesh Malikai offered the sweets to double their happiness. The boys were incredibly happy and enjoyed the festival.

COUNSELING TO OUR BOYS





Cuddalore: We arranged three days of individual counseling for our boys. The professors from St. Joseph's College of Arts and Science, Cuddalore, and PG students came and offered counseling to our boys. The boys were happy to follow the sessions and furnished valuable feedback. It was really helpful to us, providing strategies to overcome the anxiety, worries, and anger. It was organized by Fr. Director.

ST. CECILIA FEAST



Cuddalore: On the 22nd of November, we celebrated the patron of choir members, St. Cecilia Feast, in our parish. We began with a Holy Mass animated by Choir members. After Mass, we had a cake cutting and sharing. The parish priest delivered a short message. Each choir member shared their experiences and encouraged the youngsters to come forward to serve the church. We had fellowship fraternal agape. It was a very happy day.

MISSION SUNDAY

Cuddalore: On the 5th of November, we celebrated Mission Sunday in our parish, Cuddalore. We distributed our work to all our parish pious associations. Legion of Mary idly items, St. Vincent de Paul puri items, Parish Council biriyani, Franciscan lucky draw, tea vadai, and



bakery items Mrs. Elizabeth, Globjam, Sagothara Valzu and our parish youth games. Our parishioners, boys, home students, and Seminarians enjoyed the day, and it was one of fellowship gathering and communion with each other. Hence, they all went home with smiling and happy faces.





FANTASTIC EVENTS

Chennai: Organizing a Sports Day and Children's Day at Don Guanella Special School on November 14, 2023, provided a wonderful opportunity for the students to display their talents and enjoy various activities. Sports Day is a fun-filled event that promotes physical fitness, teamwork, and friendly competition. It can be especially meaningful for children with special needs as it allows them to participate and enjoy the thrill of sports in a supportive and inclusive environment. Children's Day is a celebration dedicated to the well-being and happiness of children. It is a time to recognize their importance, highlight their achievements, and create memorable experiences for them. Considering the unique needs of the students at Don Guanella Special School, the event involved activities and festivities tailored to their abilities and interests.

INTERSCHOOL SPORTS MEET - 2023



Chennai: Unifying an Interschool Sports Meet for 18 special schools across Chennai, Thiruvallur, and Kanchipuram districts was commendable. These events provided an opportunity for friendly competition and created a sense of community and camaraderie among students, teachers, and staff from different schools. Such events allow students with special needs to highlight their abilities, build self-esteem, and develop social skills. It is also a terrific way for schools to share best practices and learn from each other. The fact that this was in preparation for the World Differently Abled Celebration to add more significance to the initiative. It highlights the importance of recognizing and celebrating the abilities and achievements of individuals with disabilities on a global scale.

CHILDREN'S VISIT

Bangalore: The altar children, along with Fr. George VC, made a visit to our community





from St Joseph Church-Logos Retreat Centre. They had put up fun-filled activities, dances, songs, and games for the elders. They also contributed some clothes and toiletry items to the home. The children played around the campus and interacted with the people in the home. It was a wonderful experience being with them. GPN family remains thankful to them.

PROMOTING DENTAL HEALTH



Koppakka: In the month of November, a significant event unfolded at Guanella Bhavan, that illuminated the path to better oral health for the children of the evening schools. This Dental Camp was organized with great care and compassion, aiming to provide essential knowledge about oral hygiene and dental check-ups to approximately 156 students. The day commenced with an enlightening lecture delivered by experienced dental professionals. The doctors shared valuable insights on the importance of dental health and the methods to safeguard teeth. The dental professionals conducted thorough check-ups for all 156 participating students after the informative lecture. These check-ups were essential for identifying any existing dental issues and early detection of potential concerns, thus preventing further complications. After the check-ups were completed, refreshments were provided to all the children.

CHILDREN'S DAY IN OUR PARISH

Anthonyarpuram: On November 19th, we celebrated Children's Day in our parish. Around 85 children participated in this event. Our teachers from different schools in our parish joined together and organized beautiful programs and entertainment for our children. Through the collaboration of these teachers, we bought 100 tiffin boxes, sweets, and stationery items for the children.





NEW STAGE OF OPPORTUNITY AND STRENGTH

Bangalore: "Aging is not 'lost youth' but a new stage of opportunity and strength." The GPN community hosted some young people and faculty members from CMR College who visited the home and conducted activities to keep our elders engaged. Activities such as dance, games, and interaction were conducted by the students. They also contributed clothes to our elders in the house. We, the GPN community, were privileged to have them with us.



WORLD DIFFERENTLY ABLED DAY

Bangalore: The 17th World Differently Abled Day was successfully celebrated grandly in our Guanella Preethi Nivas on Saturday, the 2nd of December. The celebration was well planned, requiring several meetings with our Guanellian Sisters, the Guanellian Cooperators, members of the Guanellian Lay movement, the Youth, and the volunteers in advance of the celebration. The responsibilities were divided among us, and the laity came forward voluntarily to assume some of the responsibilities.

Special people from 33 institutions in Bangalore were brought by bus, and we had around 1000 differently abled people participating in this year's celebration. The festivities began with the Holy Eucharist at 10 a.m. celebrated by Rev. Fr. Christopher Ponnusamy, CSSR,





Parish Priest of Holy Redeemer Church. It was a meaningful celebration accompanied by the angelic choir of the Children from the DSS Convent. The cultural celebrations started thereafter, and we invited chief guests to this event. Special people from different institutions presented their cultural events, and it was delightful to witness their talents and happiness. As a token of our love, a quality four container of Tiffin carrier was gifted to each institute. We thanked all those who generously helped, especially the parishes in which we had solicited contributions. A sumptuous meal was provided for all the special people thanks to our GYM and volunteers from the parishes. It was a wonderful celebration. We thank our GC and GLM members for being the backbone of this celebration and for their sense of belonging and love for the poor.

WEDDING CELEBRATION

Thalavadi : It was in the year 2009, Mrs. Theresa approached Nazareth Illam for education help for her Polio-Affected child. We helped to put him in St. Micheal's School, Coimbatore. Since, he was from a village and a differently able person, many of the city students mocked him. Thus, he felt fed up and discontinued from the school. We tried to convince him but all our efforts to convince him to study ended up with failure. Finally, we placed him in Nazareth Illam to look after the MI patients with a minimum salary. Then, his mother tried all the way possible to get him married. But, she could not find a suitable bride for him. Finally, by God's providence, we were able to find a girl who is also a differently





able person. The similarity in them is both of them are semi-orphan. The Nazareth Illam community decided to take up the expenses of the Marriage. The holy Eucharistic celebration was presided over by Fr. Gnanaraj and the Marriage was blessed by Fr. Lawrence. Then, the grand reception was held in the Nazareth Illam community. The relatives of the newly married couple, friends, staff, and recipients of Nazareth Illam community took part in the wedding reception. It was an amazing moment for the couple who lost hope in society after a long struggle. The parents and relatives of the couple were very much touched and expressed their joy by tears in their eyes. Thanks to the Providence of God.

MEET THE PHD

Chelsea – On Wednesday, November 8th, Fr. Amalorpavalanathan, SdC, presented his dissertation to the faculty panel for approval of his doctoral degree from Madonna University in Livonia. An audience from around the globe were able to listen to the presentation via Zoom, ask questions and hear some of the feedback from the professors. In the end, Fr. Amal was awarded his PhD and is now Reverend Doctor Amal.



RESIDENTS' BEST FRIEND

Chelsea – The St. Louis Center residents who remain on campus during the day have a new best friend. Fergus the therapy dog paid a visit Thursday afternoon, November 9th. Fergus and his owner stayed for quite some time so that the residents could get to know him. Kyle and Matt both really liked Fergus and they look forward to more visits with the friendly Golden Retriever.

FALL SPECIAL OLYMPIC GAMES



Chelsea – The athletes of Special Olympics Michigan keep on practicing and competing. Residents of St. Louis Center are on Poly Hockey teams in the local Chelsea community,



keeping them busy with many practices and games. On November 10th, two teams traveled to Pontiac MI to compete in the Fall games. One team became the camps by winning the gold medal. The other team won bronze, but they all had a great time.

THE SHOW GOES ON

Chelsea – Thanks to the efforts of Jackie's parents, theater classes continue at St. Louis Center. All who wish to participate have the opportunity to work on public speaking, stage presence, and theatrical performance. On November 14th, the class did a small performance for everyone on campus to showcase the skits they have been working on. There was plenty of laughing, dancing, and singing to captivate all who were present.



AN OFFICIAL VISIT

Chelsea – On November 20th, MI State Representative Kathy Schmaltz paid a visit to St. Louis Center to check on the progress of recent legislative initiatives. Ms. Schmaltz had a meeting with Fr. Enzo Addari and Wendy Zielen about a bill to benefit people with developmental disabilities and a new grant to help with transportation for staff members to have a way to get to work. The meeting was an effective way to keep moving forward with programs that will benefit residents of the Center.





HOLIDAY BOWLING

Chelsea – Since November 24th, the day after Thanksgiving, was a day off from work and school, many of the St. Louis Center residents decided to go bowling. So, after they finished their lunch, they loaded up in the van and headed to the bowling alley. They may not have bowled a perfect game, but they had a lot of fun.



CRAFTS

Chelsea – Outings and other activities are a welcome break from the everyday schedule for the St. Louis Center residents. But some days, they just enjoy doing simple crafts and working with their hands. On November 22nd, the staff made edible play dough for the residents to work with and sample. Since they have all been learning about real clay they enjoyed working with this dough, but not so much eating it.





FEAST DAYS

3 - Fr. Anil Francis Kumar

Fr. Francis

Fr. Francis Xavier

Bro. Antony Xaviour. R

8 - Fr. Amalraj

Fr. Amalorpavanathan

27 - Fr. John Kennedy

Fr. Shantham

ORDINATION ANNIVERSARY

9 - Fr. Antony Lourduraj

21 - Fr. Joseph Rinaldo

23 - Fr. Fortunato Turati

26 - Fr. Mahesh Benson

Fr. Jaya Soosai | Fr. Jesu Raj |

Fr. Johndass. S | Fr. Kulandai Samy

Fr. Pravin | Fr. Ronald

Fr. Periyamayaga Samy. S

DECEMBER

BIRTHDAYS

8 - Fr. Nino Minetti

10 - Fr. Paul Francis

11 - Fr. Raja Rathinam

12 - Fr. Joseph Rinaldo

16. Bro. Maria Paulraj

22 - Fr. Kulandaisamy.A

25 - Fr. Ronald. J

28 - Fr. Michael Durai Samy.

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Happy Christmas & New Year