



# News and Views

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## Jesus Christ is Coming to Town

A Philippine Bishop in his Advent message to his people, started by reminding children, as well as grown up Christians, that the One coming to town at Christmas is not Santa Claus but the very Son of God.

In our highly secularized and materialistic global village, such a reminder is certainly neither trivial nor superfluous, but an urgent call to all of us disciples, to wake up, stand up and walk, once again, with open eyes, ears and hearts toward Bethlehem.

By the way: there is no need of planning an expensive tour to the Holy Land in order to seek and find the Emmanuel. The Word, who took flesh in the womb of Mary there and then, is alive, present and available here and now, right where you and I live and work, struggle and dream, rejoice, suffer and love.

The Emmanuel is enfleshed in His living body, the Church, where He dwells and from where He continually and passionately reaches out to the whole world; that means to each and every man and woman of our time, to tell once again the story of Christmas, the Good News of a God who never gets tired of bending over us and embracing us with a Love that is total, unconditional, steadfast, life-giving and eternal.

We all need to listen to that story by reopening, in a quiet moment and place, the Book where that amazing event is narrated. Most of all, we need to allow the Spirit of God to unlock the door of our heart and fill us, once again, with that sense of wonder which leads us to the joyful discovery of the true "Christmas Gift": Jesus, the Son of God and Son of Mary, the Missionary of the Father who came and continually comes to renew the face of the earth, to make the Kingdom come; that is to make God's dream for humanity become truer and truer, little by little, day by day, starting with you and me, your family and community, your home and your mission place.

This Advent, 2011, let us walk to Bethlehem hand-in-hand with our newly proclaimed saint, St. Louis Guanella. Let us bow and adore with him the Child of Mary, in order to recognize the Emmanuel on the face of every child of God, starting with the poorest, the most abandoned and wounded ones.

To each and every one a blessed Advent pilgrimage and joyful Christmas celebration!

*Fr. Luigi*



*“...and the Word was made Flesh and dwelt among us.”*

*John 1, 14*

# From the Provincial

## December Calendar of Fr. Provincial

- 2-4 **Legazpi:** Attending Thanksgiving Mass in honor of St. Guanella- Legazpi Cathedral
- 5 **Return to Manila**
- 7-17 **Nigeria:** Attending General Assembly with African Delegations
- 18 **Return to Manila**
- 19 **Manila:** St. Louis Guanella Birthday Celebration with Guanellian Family
- 26-30 **Annual Retreat**

## After the Canonization Events

With deep joy I take notice and give thanks to the Lord and to all the confreres for organizing a wide variety of “thanksgiving celebrations” to honor our Father and Founder, St. Louis Guanella, in every community and within the local Churches where we live and carry on our mission. An initial Report of some of these post canonization celebrations has been published in a special issue of our DPP newsletter that I am sure you have received and read. I kindly ask each community and residence to collect and keep in the local archive a complete documentation of what has been done in preparation for, during and after the Canonization event, that marks a special moment of our Congregation history. A copy of this documentation should be forwarded to the DPP office by the confrere in charge of the communication services in each nation.

I am particularly glad to notice that these events have brought us together as a large Guanellian family (religious priests, brothers and sisters and Guanellian Lay Movement).

Let us keep the flame of this Guanellian communion alive in every place and nation of our Province. This “bound of charity” which the Founder wanted to be the foundation of our large spiritual family, should become the best gift that we offer to Him and that we are committed to continually rekindle in every possible way. That implies a decision and firm commitment to concretely continue strengthening fraternal relationship and cooperation first of all with our Guanellian Sisters. That is a strong reminder coming from the “letter of communion” signed on Canonization day, October 23, 2011 by our Superior General Fr. Alfonso and the Superior General of the Guanellian Sisters, Mother Serena Elisabetta Ciserani.

I ask that this letter be read and reflected upon during this

Advent season, and lead us to a deeper cooperation in the field of charismatic formation, vocation promotion and mission among the poor.

In the same letter we read: “we rejoice in the awareness that we are surrounded by so many lay people who, like us, feel Guanellian.” Let me remind every community about the need and obligation of carrying on the spirit and the initiatives needed to accompany our Guanellian laity with our example, with a well organized program of formation and with encouragement to them, to become more and more present in today’s society as instruments of Divine Providence, engaged in “Making Charity the Heart of the World.”

## Preparation for the Second Provincial Chapter

Inspired by the shining example of St. Louis Guanella and with firm determination to walk in his footsteps, in fidelity to the original charism and attentive to the needs of today’s Church and world, our DPP family is preparing to celebrate its second Provincial Chapter on the theme of ‘New Evangelization.’

With a letter dated November 29, 2011 I am officially convoking the confreres who will represent all the communities and residences to this important Chapter assembly that will call us to elaborate our Provincial Project, as concrete contribution to the evangelizing mission of the Church with our specific Guanellian charism.

As I congratulate the elected confreres for the trust placed in them, I encourage them to intensify their spiritual preparation while deepening the theme and the topic indicated by the letter of announcement of both General and Provincial Chapter. It is important for every delegate to come prepared to offer their community’s contributions to our Provincial Project that should express our shared passion for our Guanellian vocation and mission, as well as our attempt to inculturate the gift of the Spirit entrusted to us so that we may be a prophetic courageous witness of the Gospel in today’s various cultural contexts.

I ask every community to mark this preparation for the Chapter that will be celebrated in Manila, Philippines on January 22-28, 2012, with intense prayer and moments of common reflection on the Guanellian Mission Project as articulated in our Constitutions and Basic Document for our mission, as well as in the Church’s frequent statements on the urgency of the New Evangelization in the context of the universal and local reality.

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Please see indications given by the questionnaire that accompanied my August 29, letter of announcement.

Further guidelines for reflections have been sent to each Chapter Delegate.

Every community will dedicate a weekly hour of Adoration invoking the Spirit of God and the intercession of St. Louis Guanella for a fruitful Chapter event.

Let us solicit the prayerful contribution of our Guanellian Sisters, Staff, Lay Cooperators and Friends and of course of the poor entrusted by God to our care.

## Birthday of St. Louis Guanella

This year the birthday of our Founder should be celebrated with special gratitude and joy.

In preparation for his Canonization I asked each local community to imagine and plan a special Gift as a tribute of our love and devotion to the Founder. What will we offer to him on his birthday? We do not mean monuments only, but concrete simple signs of our special love and care for the Benjamins, (the poorest) of our St. Louis Guanella. Let us share what each community has planned to do along this line.

Thank you for your creativity in spreading the spirit of charity.

## Religious Sports-Fest 2011



SAIGON - All the missionaries of Vietnam celebrated with a Religious Sports-Fest on November 19th. The sports fest started in the morning and lasted until the evening. Our students took part in various games and won some prizes.



## Vietnam Represented at Canonization

SAIGON - Canonization is the deepest act of faith by which the Holy Church proclaims to the people that a particular Christian person's life fulfilled the will of God. It says that the person lived a life fully imitating Christ and, after his death is with the

Heavenly Father, joining the company of saints singing God's Glory forever. The

canonization of Fr. Guanella was a grace-filled event

in the history of the Servants of Charity. Fr. Felicks represented the Vietnam community at the event in Rome.

From the community of Vietnam, a statue of Our Lady of Lavang (Mary of Vietnam) was given to the house of St. Guanella in Fraciscio. It was nice to see the Vietnam flag displayed in front of the house.

We hope and pray, through the intercession of St. Guanella,

for vocations and the works of mercy to flourish in Vietnam.



## Seminar for Seminarians

**CHENNAI** - "Temptation comes in through a door which is deliberately kept open". Sexuality is a gift of God; unfortunately this gift has been misused because of our inadequate knowledge of how to channel this gift given by God. Rev. Fr. Devadoss gave enlightening thoughts and views to the students of Don Guanella Major Seminary about "Affective Maturity" November 23-24th. He clarified doubts and answered questions of the participants making the program lively, participatory and beneficial. Affective maturity in sexuality is a capacity to experience emotions and sentiments in an appropriate way. It is a competence in giving mature love, and an aptitude of self mastery and of emotional control. It is also the capacity of considering sexuality as an integrated value. Religious sisters from neighboring communities also participated in this program.



## Youth on a Leisurely Tour

**CHENNAI** - The Guanellian fathers and brothers of the Chennai community take pastoral care of the faithful at Muvarasanpet church. Going on a leisure tour as a group is memorable and cheerful in the hectic life of the modern world, so, on November 20th they took 40 children and youth of the substation on an educational and enjoyable picnic to the ancient city of Mamallapuram and Golden Beach. The event was organized in commemoration of the historic event of the canonization. Everyone was nourished, had fun, and learned a little. The children of the poor quarry workers will never forget this day spent in the name of St. Guanella.



## ATM Card Distribution

**CHENNAI** - Don Guanella Evening School benefits some 70 poor children from in and around the Servants of Charity house in Poonamallee through a special education program. The regent, seminarians and teachers care for their learning, discipline, clothing, medication

and moral instruction. Showing concern for their future, to make the students independent and to cultivate a saving mentality, the confreres opened bank accounts for them at the South Indian Bank. For the initial savings, the confreres offered a sum to each child to facilitate their future progress. Ten students were eligible to receive ATM cards from the bank. On Nov 17th, Miss Valentina Giulio and Rev. Fr. Piero Lippoli visited Don Guanella Evening School and distributed the ATM cards. It was a memorable day with gifts and delicious food.



## Mass of Thanksgiving

**CUDDALORE** - Cuddalore is the Motherhouse for the Servants of Charity in India, therefore it was meaningful to celebrate the Thanksgiving Mass in honor St. Louis Guanella in the Diocese of Pondy - Cuddalore. On November 19th, a long procession with a relic and statue of St. Guanella began at Sahaya Matha Church. Many parishioners, orphans, Seminarians and other



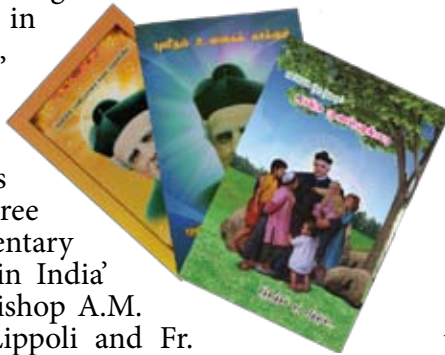
Christians participated, overjoyed about the new saint to their land. Boys carried pictures in the rally, and the crowd was enormous when it reached Carmel Church, Pudukkuppam, Cuddalore, from where Sahaya Matha Church was cleaved from the Archdiocese and was handed over to the Servants of Charity.

The mass was presided over by Mons. Antony Anandharayar, Archbishop of the Pondy - Cuddalore Diocese, in the presence of more than 50 priests and religious. His Excellency invited the assembly to follow the new saint, Louis Guanella, who is an apostle of Charity. Fr. Piero Lippoli, Secretary General, was present to represent the whole congregation. There was a small program after mass; students who are beneficiaries of the Guanellian Institute in Cuddalore thanked the Servants of Charity and the function ended with a sumptuous meal.



## DVD and Books Now Available in Tamil

**CHENNAI** - On the evening of November 12, 2011 in Santhome Cathedral, Indians in the name of St. Guanella gathered and echoed Guanellian hymns to our new saint. Three books and a documentary movie on 'Guanellians in India' were released by Rev. Bishop A.M. Chinnappa, Fr. Piero Lippoli and Fr. Soosai Rathinam.



Guanella Irai Pugazh Malai is a handy prayer book which includes traditional Christian prayers, prayers invoking St. Louis Guanella and other prayers in which Guanellian Spirituality is expressed. 'Anbin Thiruthuthar' Punitha Guanella is an interesting comic which is meant for children to read. This book was prepared with the help of theology students in Chennai. The third book 'Punitham Ulagai Kaakum' released to briefly portray the life history of a simple and great saint and the history of our congregation in India.

Anbin Thiruthoothar Guanella (Apostle of Charity; St. Guanella) is a documentary film. It presents the holiness of Fr. Guanella and also gathers various activities of all Guanellian communities, including that of the sisters, in India. The DVD was shown during the celebration of the Canonization for the Tamil people to learn about the simple and humble "Saint of Charity." An anthem for canonization in Tamil was also composed and included on the DVD.



## Evening School a New Initiative

**SIVAGANGAI** - On November 15th 2011, the garden at Yesuvanam was filled with children from in and around the villages to celebrate the opening of a new children's



program and the Canonization of Fr. Guanella. The chief guests were Rev. Fr. Piero Lippoli, the Secretary General, and Ms. Valentina, the representative from ASCI. While speaking to the children, Fr. Piero and Ms. Valentina encouraged them to study well. Looking at the condition of the poor children, it was decided to offer educational help. 'Evening school' is now offered in four villages, Puliyaadithammam, Pallithammam,

Kalluvazhi and Nedungulam. About 120 poor children benefit from this program. Teachers are appointed in each village to lead the class for them. School begins at 6:00 p.m., and the children are taken for a small prayer service before they are divided into groups for study until 7:00 p.m. Bro. Arivazhagan read the report of the Evening School, and noted that the goal of evening school is "Promoting Life."

## Grace of St. Guanella on Vatloru

**ANDRHA PRADESH** - People of Andra felt thankful to the new "Saint Louis Guanella" in the land of Andra. The holiness of God was shared with human beings. St. Guanella was a man of God and father of the poor. The Church of Andhra gave praise and thanks to the Lord with Most. Rev. Bishop Mallavarpu Prakash, Apostolic Administrator of the Eluru Diocese, Most Rev. Matthew Cheriankunnel, bishop emeritus of the Karnool Diocese, Fr. Soosai Rathinam and Sr. Victoria. Many other fathers, religious and sisters also gathered and praised God. More than two thousand people participated in the Holy Eucharist and the meal that followed.



## Sports Day at DGRC

**CHENNAI** - Every one notices the black mark in pure white clothe, and a competition of differently abled people attracts the attention of many. Providing an atmosphere similar to the one for mainstream students is the vision and mission of the Don Guanella Rehabilitation Center. A Sports Day was called for special children on World Disabled Day. Around 250 children from nine special schools came for the event. Devis Elangovan, Chair of the Parent/Teacher Association, raised the national flag to open the festivities. Children were categorized into two ability groups, C.P. Children and M.R. Children, for the different events. Tea and tiffin was served during the competition, and children and staff were fed vegetable Biryani at the end. Winners will receive their prizes on World Disabled Day.

## Charity of the Benz Car Company

**BANGALORE** - On November 27, 2011, software engineers came to Guanella Preethi Nivas and planted coconut saplings as a charitable act in order to raise awareness for the need to protect our natural resources. Mrs. Stella, lay collaborator, organized the program and shared the Guanellian mission with her team mates. They were edified by the charitable activities and appreciated our work. Fr. Visuwasam thanked them for helping the poor.

## Mass of Thanksgiving

**SIVAGANGAI** - The Yesuvanam community celebrated the canonization of our Founder on November 19th at 10.30 am. The celebration began with a procession of our Founder's Relic from Yesuvanam to Bosco Maiyam with the 'good children,' oratory students and laity. The Mass of Thanksgiving was celebrated by Bishop Dr. Soosaimanikam, Rev. Fr. Soosai Rathinam, Vice Provincial, Guanellian priests from many communities and other Diocesan priests and religious. After the Holy Mass a short program was presented to honor our Founder and his mission as well as facilitating our special guests. In his address, the Bishop said, "There is a new saint for our church and it is the right time to thank the Lord for the presence of Guanellians in the diocese. They are doing a wonderful service, which many others are not able to do." The good children from many different institutions were invited to add strength and happiness to the event. A meal was served for 1500 people.

## Christmas Season Opens at Mall

**MANILA** - On November 12, 2011, the special children of Guanella Center were invited to witness the grand opening of the Christmas season at SM South Mall. The event was the mall's outreach activity for the benefit of these special children. Almost 50 special children with their guardians and the staff were picked up by SM South Mall's special vehicle service. Upon arrival, the special children were kindly assisted by the staff and security of SM South Mall. The program began with the UP choral's singing of well-loved Christmas songs. The choir was followed by the event's guest star, singer Gab Valenciano. The performance was a blast as Gab's upbeat presentation had the children on their feet. Gab really caught the eye of our special children.

After the lighting of the SM South Mall's giant Christmas tree, Gab Valenciano called Fr. Eduardo Cerbito to begin giving the gifts to the special children.



The children were filled with joy when they received their gift bags. After the event, the children took pictures with the benefactors and Gab Valenciano. The entire outreach program celebration ended in a simple dinner that was provided by SM South Mall.

## Guanellian Lay Movement

**MANILA** - The Guanellian Lay cooperators in Manila gathered October 20, 2011 for their meeting with Rev. Fr. Luigi, Provincial Superior, in the Formation house. The Lay cooperators expressed their gratitude to the Guanellian Family for the blessings received from St. Guanella. Fr. Luigi welcomed and exhorted them to the constant renewal of their commitment to the Church and to St. Guanella. During the meeting, Fr. Luigi highlighted the homily of His Holiness, Pope Benedict XVI, on the canonization of Father Guanella:



- Guanella loved the poorest of the poor in his Heart because he sees God in them. Love of neighbor becomes true witness of God's love.
- Guanella lived with determination the Gospel of charity towards one's neighbor.
- God's love stirred in him the desire to do good to everyone who was entrusted to his care. Guanella was a man capable of "carrying" and "caring" for anyone in need, especially the least, the last and the lost.
- Guanella gave complete care and total attention to each person. Hence, a poor soul who is considered a "nobody" in the eyes of other people is a "somebody" for St. Guanella. He was able to make the person feel like he, indeed, is a child of God, that he has a Father who loves him.

Fr. Luigi also encouraged the Lay Cooperators to grow in friendship with the Lord in order to commit to the love of the poorest of the poor, in accordance with St. Guanella's practice. Let us take the initiative to give God's love to the poor around us because "God is Love". We must proclaim that "Holiness will Save the World". Following Fr. Luigi's discourse about the new saint, the lay cooperators shared their feelings and gave witness to love. At the end of the meeting, there was time for unstructured togetherness which impressed the larger Guanellian Family.

## Honoring Our Loved Ones Through God's Work

Before leaving for the Arab Emirates, we would like to give you an update on the work we've done in the weeks



Virgilio Rovatti is the father of Andrea, a friend and benefactor of the shelter homes in the Philippines.

since our unforgettable pilgrimage to Rome. During the canonization, Inge and I invited a group of former philosophy students who live near the Italian capital to join us in St. Peter's Square to celebrate the 12 year Guanellian experience we shared. So after several decades we felt reunited again in the same spirit. Lucia, wife of Saturno Cantoni who died at the end

of December 2010, his cousin Vladimiro Cantoni and Luigi Moretti and their wives remembered the glory days of Father Guanella, our deceased former formation brothers, and those religious and simple laity who are still bound to the Guanellians.

Just before the canonization, Lucia and Vladi sponsored a small shelter for disabled children and foster parents, offering 2000 Euros. During the funeral of Saturno, 2000 Euros for the Guanellian missions were presented to Fr. General Emeritus, Nino Minetti, a

school mate of ours from long ago. Juan Bautista Aguado, the writer of a biography about St. Guanella, wanted to honor his former professor and mentor, so he too became a donor to a small shelter in Quezon City.

During a few free moments I spoke with Juan Bautista about a new project in memory of Fr. Dominic Saginario, our dear Mimì. In his honor, it will be named the, Fr. Mimì Leprotic Children at Risk Center. Just before he died, Fr. Mimì wrote a testament asking our procura to erect a clean and well equipped medical

center for children born in such critical aminance. This was a duty undertaken by the Procura and I, because Fr. Mimì was assisting us and urging me to continue in the undertaking of establishing our solidarity entity. We also discussed translating Fr. Mimì's biography of Fr. Guanella into German in order to have



Don Mimi in February 2009

some literature in our language to be offered to the increasing number of friends and cooperators in our country. We hope to have a better chance to spread the Guanellian charism in our neighboring German-speaking countries. Through Divine Providence, the procura will work diligently to carry out this specific

project, with help from cooperating entities, during the next few months. Provincial Father Luigi has requested that we work on a project for the sisters managing the leprosy center, allowing us to address the need, and the many children we would assist in such a shelter. We praise the Lord and His Holy Mother to help us in our daily

mission to extend our action to

other countries where our support is requested.

The General Chapter of the Knights of St. Lazarus will be at the beginning of a new era of practical solidarity on December 26th in many countries where our charism has not yet arrived, as in Eastern Europe. To all our readers, best wishes for a grace filled Advent and a peaceful and God-Blessed Christmas.



Gero and his classmates at a reunion in July of 2009.

*Gero Lombardo, German Procura*

## Afterglow and Joy of the Canonization

**SPRINGFIELD** - In the afterglow and joy of the canonization, a Mass of Thanksgiving was celebrated by Archbishop Charles J. Chaput, O.F.M. Cap., Archbishop of Philadelphia, on November 27th at St. Pius X Church in Broomall, Pennsylvania. It was a liturgy in which the church of 1200 was nearly full and the congregation included a wide swath of the Guanellian family-Daughters of St. Mary of Providence; residents and staff of Don Guanella Village, Divine Providence Village and St. Edmond's Home and some of their family members; friends and associates of the various programs and our ministries. Bill Glisson, Jr., the recipient of the miracle through the intercession of St. Louis Guanella, was present, as well as his wife, mother and father, sister and Noreen Yoder, who gave the family the relics of Don Guanella after Bill's accident, and her family. Ten priests, four of whom were Servants of Charity, joined the archbishop in concelebrating the Mass.

It was fitting that the Mass was celebrated during Thanksgiving weekend and especially fitting that the Eucharistic liturgy was celebrated in St. Pius X Church whose patron was a contemporary, friend, patron and collaborator of the future St. Louis Guanella. Archbishop Chaput noted the connection between these two saints in his homily and said that it was no accident that saints "often grow up together, they come in bunches.



The easiest way to become a saint is to have a friend who is a saint." Then he encouraged everyone to act saintly, particularly husbands and wives. "Husbands, that's your job - be a saint for your wives. Wives, be a saint for your husbands," he said. He also said the difference between a saint and "you and me is they stayed faithful. Most of us stopped somewhere along the line in our fidelity to God." With this, he spoke of the season of Advent and the

call for us to "be awake", to listen, to grow closer to Jesus Christ.

The Springfield community decided to present a first class relic of Don Guanella to the archbishop on behalf of the Archdiocese of Philadelphia. The relic was presented by Bill Glisson, Jr. and his family after the closing prayer and the archbishop received them warmly and, with his arm around Bill, Jr., brought the family together at the side of the altar and elicited a rousing ovation from the congregation. After the Mass ended, Archbishop Chaput patiently greeted many people outside of the church for nearly an hour. The day of celebration concluded with a delicious Italian style repast which many enjoyed.



## Confirmation Day

On Saturday, November 12th, the solemnity of Our Lady of Providence, a Confirmation Mass took place at St. Anastasia Church in Newtown Square, Pennsylvania.

The celebrant was Bishop Timothy C. Senior, Auxiliary Bishop of the Archdiocese of Philadelphia and who, for fourteen years, was chaplain to the Daughters of St. Mary of Providence and the residents of Divine Providence Village in



Springfield. On the surface, it seemed to be like any other Confirmation Mass with confirmandi filling many pews of the church and the sponsors, family members, and friends bringing the congregation to an overflow in the church. The bishop preached the homily and quizzed the boys and girls, who were to be filled shortly with the Holy Spirit, about their faith. However, one of the boys to be confirmed was Michael Malloy, a growing 15 year old teenager with Down Syndrome. Michael and his family chose the name of St. Louis Guanella for his confirmation name. Although this is not confirmed, Michael may have been the first person to choose the newly canonized saint for his confirmation name.

Why St. Louis Guanella? Well, there is certainly the connection to the ministry of the Guanellian family of persons with developmental disabilities. But the reason is much deeper than that. The family believes that Michael owes his life to a “miracle” through the intercession of the then Blessed Louis Guanella. On March 3rd of this year, Michael had a terrible choking incident at lunch in his school, went into cardiac arrest, and was rushed to one hospital and then to the world renowned Children’s Hospital of Philadelphia (CHOP). The doctors did not hold out much hope for Michael’s survival- there was suspected brain damage because of a loss of oxygen and both of his lungs were completely filled with fluid. He developed a severe staph infection and serious pneumonia while in the hospital. He was in a comatose state for 8 days and the doctors chose to treat him with a hypothermic blanket for 5 days- a treatment that had only been used for 113 children in the world up to that point. On March 4th, Sr. Mary and Sr. Sue, pastoral associates at Divine Providence Village,

brought a first class relic of Fr. Guanella, obtained through Fr. Paul Oggioni, to the family and the family prayed constantly to Don Guanella.

In the end, Michael did survive, and Mary Beth, Michael’s mother, said that when she sees the ER doctors at CHOP, they attribute Michael’s recovery to a miracle. He has only minor brain damage which will more than likely will be restored over time, his MRI is normal and he is leading a full life at this time while still regaining some skills that he lost. So that is why Michaels’ name is now Michael Edward Louis Guanella Malloy.

## Canonization Story Featured on Catholic Radio

**CHELSEA** - The Servants of Charity in Michigan are fortunate to be located near the studios of a nationally syndicated Catholic Radio Program called “Kresta in the Afternoon” on WDEO Radio 990 AM. Al Kresta has been broadcasting his afternoon program live in the afternoon from his studios at Dominos Farms in Ann Arbor, MI for over 15 years now. And as a follow-up to an earlier broadcast featuring Fr. Joseph Rinaldo about the canonization of Fr. Guanella, Fr. Fortunato Turati and Public Relations Director Joe Yekulis were invited to participate in a second interview with Mr. Kresta on Friday November 18th. Fr. Fortunato spoke about the importance of the canonization to the Guanellian Family and the importance of the “miracle” in Pennsylvania, while Joe Yekulis shared a portion of the Holy Father’s homily written about Fr. Guanella.



## SLC Residents Celebrate



Residents at St. Louis Center started the holidays off right, pumpkin decorating at Halloween and Al Chirco’s Christmas party.

# United States

## Ministry with Latinos

**SPRINGFIELD** - In October, the Latino Community was informed about the plan of evangelization; inviting all to listen and accept the invitation of the Lord to be more committed in their personal, family and community life. The activities are taking body through programs at the Holy Family House of Chester and other pastoral centers for Latinos. Fr. Paul started visiting the houses in order to lay the foundation for future Basic Ecclesial Communities of prayer and catechesis. He conducted four Days of

Recollection for 30 men following the path of the "Cursillo de Cristiandad" and an Advent



Recollection for 60 adults. Another Advent Recollection will be held in the House of the Holy Family in mid-December for the Volunteers of the Missionaries of Charity.

Starting in 2012, Fr. Pravin will also be involved in this ministry, so that the presence among the Latinos will be more effective according to their time and spiritual needs.

## SLC Fall Auction a Sell-Out

**CHELSEA** - The 24th Annual Fall Dinner Auction for St. Louis Center was held on Saturday November 5, 2011, and a record crowd was in attendance for the second year in a row. Nearly 200 people filled the beautifully decorated dining room of Chelsea Community Hospital, and were treated to a great meal provided by the hospital staff. Silent and live auctions were featured as a part of the evening's entertainment, and Joseph Merkel, Jr. donated his time and talents once again as this year's auctioneer.



Fr. Enzo Addari, SdC., was pleased with the

turnout and grateful to the hospital for their support. "We've been in a strong partnership with Chelsea Hospital for many years now, and we'd like to thank CEO Kathleen Griffiths, her wonderful staff, and St. Joseph Mercy Health System for their continued dedication

to our cause. We continue to be blessed with a great Auction Committee and many wonderful friends in the community who support what we do. We wouldn't be here without them."

## Vocation Promotion in Philadelphia

**SPRINGFIELD** - The canonization of our Founder is a call for our Community to plan and start pastoral work to raise the awareness among the parish communities of the preciousness of our Guanellian ministry, so that the vital and salvific presence of Jesus in the context of life today may be more visible in its effectiveness.

Fr. Paul and Fr. Pravin accepted the invitation to join the Archdiocesan team in its work promoting priestly and religious vocations among the youth. The first event was held November 11th. Fr. Paul will be present at an information booth at other Archdiocesan meetings to be held in January 2012, and as many times as possible. It will be a long process of integration; however, this is the way to make our Congregation and ministry visible among the poor here in U.S. and abroad. May God inspire our youth to join the Servants of Charity.



## The Saints at Sacred Heart School

**EAST PROVIDENCE** - The Students of Sacred Heart School celebrated All Saints' Day in a special way. They dressed as their favorite saint and participated in a parade that ended at the church for the Eucharistic celebration.



In order to keep their halos in place, they led a Thanksgiving food drive in order to 'Feed the Hungry' as advised by the Corporal Works of Mercy.





## December Calendar of Events

- 2 **Manila:** First Friday Adoration; Rehab Check-Up for PT Clients  
**Chelsea:** KofC St. Mary, Jackson Christmas Party for residents
- 3 **Manila:** Sponsored Parent monthly meeting; Philippine Outreach- Guanella Residents
- 4 **Chelsea:** Tocco Family Christmas Party  
**Manila:** TEAM Building - Lectors & Ushers
- 5 **Manila:** St. Anthony Foundation Day
- 6 **Chelsea:** Aktion Club Meeting
- 7 **Manila:** Advent Recollection- Religious & Staff; Starbucks Outreach for Pw/IDD  
**Chelsea:** Marines Toys for Tots
- 8 **The Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virigin Mary**  
**Andra:** Brothers' monthly recollection  
**Chelsea:** GLM Legacy Project
- 9 **Manila:** Pw/IDD Parent Meeting
- 9-13 **Kottar:** Frs. Rajesh and Britto Vocation Promotion
- 10 **Chelsea:** Vocational Retreat for Boys  
**Chester:** Advent Recollection w/Missionaries of Charity  
**Grass Lake:** Prayer & Pizza Girls Group  
**Manila:** National Handicapped Day Event
- 11 **Chelsea:** Resident's Christmas Program  
**Chennai:** World Handicapped Day Celebration  
**Manila:** Advent Recollection -GLM; Outreach for Guanella Residents
- 12 **Our Lady of Guadalupe**  
**Upper Darby:** Solemn Procession
- 13 **Chelsea:** GLM Christmas Party
- 14 **Manila:** Outreach- Energizer Philippines, Inc.
- 15 **Cuddalore:** Vocation Promoters Meeting  
**Manila:** NOH SPED Christmas Party; Simbang Gabi begins
- 16 **Manila:** Pw/IDD Christmas Party
- 17 **Chelsea:** Guanellian Family Celebration Mass  
**Springfield:** GLM commemorates the Canonization of St. Guanella
- 18 **Manila:** Outreach- Rotary Club for Pw/IDD
- 19 **Birthday of St. Louis Guanella**  
**Chennai:** Conferring of ministries to DGMS students  
**Cuddalore:** Alumni meeting at 'Boys Home'  
**Manila:** Prayer and Lunch w/DSMPs
- 20 **Chelsea:** Aktion Club Meeting  
**Manila:** Staff & Volunteer Christmas Party
- 22 **Chennai:** Suppose Christmas at DGMS

- 24 **Manila:** Outreach- Adorers Sisters
- 24 **Vigil of Christmas**
- 25 **The Nativity of the Lord**
- Upper Darby:** Ecuadorian Procession
- 26 **Chennai:** Christmas Holidays begin
- 30 **The Holy Family:** Jesus, Mary and Joseph

## Best Wishes and Prayers to:

- 3 **Fr. Francis, Bro. Xavier, Bro. Anil Kumar, Bro. Antony Xaviour R:** feast day
- 7 **Bro. Charles:** feast day
- 8 **Fr. Nino Minetti:** birthday; **Bro. Amalraj, Bro. Amalorpavanathan, Bro. Abraham A:** feast day
- 9 **Fr. Charlton Viray, Fr. Antony Lourduraj, Fr. Selvaraj:** feast day
- 10 **Bro. Paul Francis:** birthday
- 19 **Fr. John Bosco, Fr. Paul Oggioni:** ordination day
- 20 **Fr. Robert:** ordination day
- 21 **Fr. Peter DiTullio, Fr. Joseph Rinaldo:** ordination day
- 23 **Fr. Fortunato Turati:** ordination day
- 24 **Fr. Battista Omodei:** ordination day
- 25 **Fr. Ronald:** birthday; **Bro. Bala Vissampalli:** feast day
- 26 **Fr. Benson, Fr. Jaya Soosai, Fr. Jesuraj, Fr. Johndass, Fr. Kulandai, Fr. Pravin, Fr. Ronald, Fr. SP Samy:** ordination day
- 27 **Fr. John Kennedy, Bro John Kennedy, Bro. Shantam:** feast day; **Fr. Kuriakose:** ordination day
- 28 **Bro. Michael Durai Samy A:** birthday
- 29 **Fr. Roosewelt:** ordination day

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