



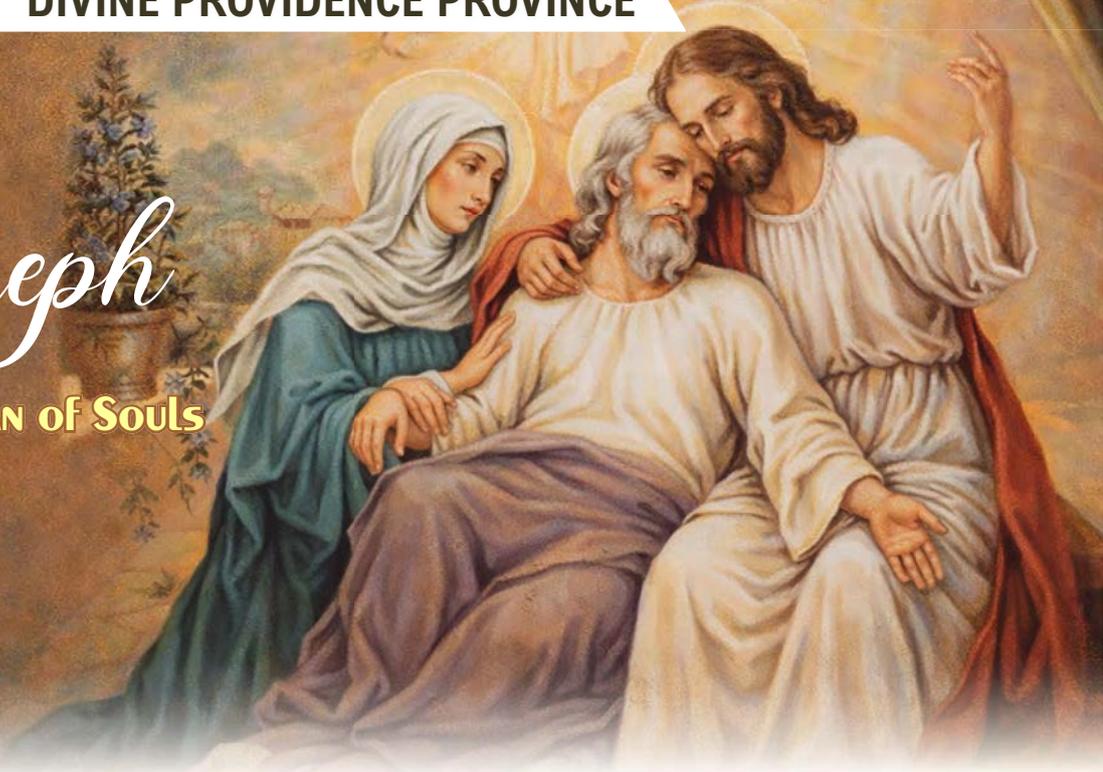
NEWSLETTER

DIVINE PROVIDENCE PROVINCE

MARCH 2026

St. Joseph

COMFORTER & GUARDIAN OF SOULS



As we enter the sacred month of March, traditionally dedicated to St. Joseph, our hearts turn toward him, to whom the Church invokes as the Patron of a Happy Death, the Silent Guardian of the Redeemer, and the Tender Comforter of Souls at the threshold of eternity. In a world that fears death, hides suffering, and often abandons the elderly and the dying to isolation, the Guanellian charism calls us to stand where others withdraw, beside the fragile, the forgotten, and those making their final passage to the Father's house. The Pious Union of St. Joseph, founded by St. Luigi Guanella at the Basilica of San Giuseppe, Trionfale in Rome, was born from this profound evangelical intuition: that all souls could cross into eternity with the embrace of prayer. Inspired and encouraged personally by Pope St. Pius X, who enrolled himself as its first member, this "Global Crusade of Prayer" unites millions across the world in daily intercession:

"O St. Joseph, foster father of Jesus Christ and true spouse of the Virgin Mary, pray for us and for the dying of this day."

- This mission remains urgent for us in India today. I strongly urge that the devotion to the Pious Union of St. Joseph be actively spread throughout our Province in every community of the Fathers SDC, the Sisters DSMP, the Guanellian Cooperators, and the members of the Pious Union itself especially

through the pastoral zeal of our parish priests in all our parishes. Let every parish become a sanctuary of intercession; let every Wednesday adoration, Eucharistic celebration, catechetical gathering remember the dying; let the Golden Book of the sick grow in our communities; let priests commit themselves generously to offering Masses for those who depart this world each day. St. Joseph stands as guardian at that mysterious door of heaven.

The calendar of the month of March gathers our Province into a profound spiritual journey marked by renewal, communion, and contemplation.

1. **Formation School for** the Guanellian Family (17–19 March, St. Joseph's Seminary - Cuddalore) Fathers SDC with 10 years of Priesthood, Sisters DSMP and Guanellian Cooperators in a shared reflection on the Charism, a grace-filled opportunity to renew consecration and rekindle the apostolic fire of Don Guanella.

2. **Annual Retreat – Second Batch** (23–28 March 2026, Basilica of Velankanni) it is a sacred pause for deeper prayer and interior renewal, entrusting our journey to Our Lady, Star of the Sea, who guides every missionary heart to Christ.

3. **Holy Week Preparation** invites every community to enter the silence of Calvary with reverence, allowing the mystery of the Passion to purify our service and deepen our compassion for the suffering and the dying.

4. **Fraternal Visit of Fr. Soosai Rathinam** strengthens the bond of communion and shared responsibility within the Province, reminding us that our mission flourishes through unity and mutual encouragement. Thus, the month of March becomes not simply a schedule of events, but a spiritual pilgrimage a collective call to live as true guardians of souls in the spirit of St. Joseph.

FR. GNANARAJ SDC
Servant of God's Love



**"O ST. JOSEPH,
FOSTER FATHER OF JESUS CHRIST AND
TRUE SPOUSE OF THE VIRGIN MARY,
PRAY FOR US AND FOR THE DYING OF THIS DAY."**

Vicar General Visit to DPP (INDIA & USA)

02nd March to 25th April 2026

INDIA

- 02-03-2026** – Zonal Meeting and recollection @ Nazareth Illam
(GPN, Kunnamalai & Thalavadi)
- 09-03-2026** – Zonal Meeting and recollection @ Krishnaperi
(Sivakasi, Dindigul & Madurai)
- 11-03-2026** – Zonal Meeting and recollection @ Thanjavur
(Kumbakonam, Sivagangai & Trinity Hospice)
- 12-03-2026** – Meeting with the Bishop of Kumbakonam
- 15-03-2026** – Arrival in Cuddalore
- 17 to 19-03-2026** – Formation School, @ SJS, Cuddalore
- 20 to 21/03-2026** – Chennai DPP & DGMS
- 29 to 30 /03-2026** – Vatluru, Andhra Pradesh
- 29/03/2026** – Mass at Sacred Heart Church, Vatluru
- 30/03/2026** – Zonal Gathering & Recollection @ Koppaka
Vatluru, Koppaka & Warangal
- 05/04/2026** – Easter Ministry – Sagayamadha Parish, Cuddalore
- 07-09/04/2026** – DPP Plenary Meeting at St. Joseph's Seminary

USA

- 14/04/2026** – Departure to the USA Arrival in Michigan
- 14-15 /04/2026** – The Servants of Charity Community
SLC, Chelsea, MI
- 16-17 /04/2026** – Guanellian Renewal Gathering @ St. Louis Center
- 17/04/2026** – Memorial Mass for Rev. Fr. Joseph Rinaldo, SdC
- 18/04/2026** – Our Lady of Fatima Parish (Vigil Mass)
- 19/04/2026** – Pius Union / Shrine of St. Joseph, (Sunday Mass)
- 19 20/04/2026** – Saint Louis Guanella Residence – Mount
St. Joseph, Lake Zurich IL Drive to Lake Zurich, IL
- 19/04/2026** – Meeting Confreres and Visiting DSMP Sisters
- 21-22/04/2026** – Sacred Heart Community, Philadelphia
- 23-25/04/2026** – Divine Providence Community, Rhode Island
- 25/04/2026** – Departure to Italy



MISSION ANIMATORS MEETING *DGMS, Chennai | February 4-5, 2026*

The theme *“Guanellian Apostolic Mission in the Light of the 21st General Chapter and the 6th Provincial Chapter”* was prayerfully reflected upon during the Directors' Meeting held at Don Guanella Major Seminary (DGMS), Chennai, on February 4-5, 2026. The gathering was enriched by profound inputs, renewed missionary zeal, and a strong call to creative fidelity in the service of the poor.

The sessions were initiated under the guidance of Rev. Fr. Gnana Raj SdC, Provincial Superior, in which the governance of paternity and charismatic integrity was carefully examined. It was emphasized that mission is not initiated by offices or financial structures but is rooted in the Fatherhood of God. Directors were reminded that leadership is to be exercised as shepherds of charity rather than as mere managers. The “Family Spirit” was upheld as the essential measure of success in every Guanellian community.

The second session was animated by Rev. Fr. Leo SDB, Rector of Don Bosco, where the pedagogy of preventive care and safeguarding was presented with urgency and clarity. It was affirmed that children and vulnerable persons are to be regarded as sacred trusts. Abuse was described not only as a legal offense but as a grave violation of human dignity. The necessity of maintaining all institutions as “Safe Sanctuaries” was strongly underlined, and a culture of “Zero Silence” was encouraged so that concerns may be reported without fear. Training in trauma awareness and responsible use of authority was recommended to ensure that power is always exercised in service. The Scriptural blueprint for mission was subsequently unfolded by Fr. Viswasam

SdC, Mission Incharge. Leadership was described through the image of the Good Shepherd, where authority is to flow from communion with God in prayer. It was explained that vulnerability and humility are to be preserved even in positions of responsibility. The Samaritan methodology was proposed as a model in which professional competence is combined with human dignity. A preferential option for the most abandoned was reaffirmed, ensuring that those without voice, family, or advocate are not overlooked. The spirit of sacrifice was portrayed as fidelity in small and hidden acts of service carried out with patience and joy.

Further insights were offered by Bro. Franco SdC through the PEG Guidelines. A movement from paternalism to solidarity was encouraged, wherein the poor are recognized as protagonists of change rather than mere recipients of charity. It was emphasized that while almsgiving addresses immediate needs, structural charity must challenge systemic injustice. Every encounter with the suffering was described as a mystical encounter with Christ, elevating service from social work to a Christ-centered mission. Guanellian centers were portrayed as true homes that ensure continuity of care through collaboration and compassion. Even the “Apostolate of the Smile” was acknowledged as a meaningful expression of love and safety, particularly in ministry among the elderly and persons with disabilities.

The meeting was concluded with a strong call to “Creative Fidelity.” In the face of emerging challenges and new forms of poverty, the Guanellian mission was urged to expand rather than retreat. The apostolate was reaffirmed as a living prophecy of mercy, where the ultimate goal remains that no one in society should ever be left to say, “I have no one.” The words of Luigi Guanella were echoed as the guiding inspiration of the gathering

“We must do good always, do good to all, do good for love of God.”



ANNUAL RETREAT 2025-2026

NILAKKOTTAI



The Annual Retreat for the priests of the Divine Providence Province (First Batch) was conducted from 14th to 19th February 2026 at Nilakottai. These grace-filled days were dedicated to silence, reflection, and spiritual renewal, offering the priests an opportunity to step away from their pastoral responsibilities and enter into a deeper communion with God. The retreat was guided by Rev. Fr. Stephan, former pioneer of the Retreat Centre, Sogathoor. Through his inspiring conferences, meditations, and spiritual guidance, the priests were gently led to grow closer to the Lord and to deepen their personal and intimate relationship with Him. The reflections were centered on priestly identity, fidelity to vocation, and the call to live as authentic witnesses of Christ in today's world.

The retreat provided a sacred space for personal examination and renewal. Through daily Eucharistic celebrations, adoration, silent prayer, and moments of sharing, the priests were encouraged to examine themselves as true Guanellians and to renew their commitment to the charism entrusted to them. A fresh invitation was extended to become witnessing priests in their priestly journey, radiating faith, charity, and pastoral zeal. The retreat concluded with heartfelt gratitude to God for the many blessings received during these days. Strengthened in spirit and renewed in mission, the priests returned to their respective ministries with a deeper sense of dedication, inspired by the spirit of Luigi Guanella.

PIOUS UNION OF ST. JOSEPH

CHENNAI , DPP: In the heart of the Church, Saint Joseph is honored as the patron of a holy and happy death. As the foster father of Jesus and the chaste



spouse of Mary, his peaceful passing in their loving presence has made him a powerful intercessor for those at the hour of death.

The Church considers care for the sick and the dying a sacred ministry. This vision was deeply cherished by Luigi Guanella, whose compassion for the weakest inspired the founding of the Pious Union of St. Joseph. The Union was established to promote devotion to St. Joseph and to unite priests and faithful in prayer and charitable works for the dying, so that every soul may receive grace and reconciliation at life's final moment. In the Divine Providence Province, India, this mission has taken root in Chennai and has now been extended to St. Antony's Church, Anthonyarpuram, Pannur. Guided by Fr. Abraham and encouraged by the Parish Priest, Fr. Ligory, eleven devoted members have committed themselves to accompany the sick and dying through prayer and intercession.

Their generous service reflects the growing strength of this ministry in India, where faith, hope, and charity continue to accompany souls at the threshold of eternity.

EVENING SCHOOL DAY PICNIC



CHENNAI, DPP: Children often express the language of their hearts through play. It becomes a natural space where joy, imagination, curiosity, and friendship are freely shared. Through games and laughter, social bonds are formed, and young minds are gently shaped. Recently, the children of Don Guanella Evening School experienced such joy during a one-day picnic to MGM Dizzee World. The amusement park, with its exciting rides, thrilling attractions, and refreshing water games, provided endless delight and enthusiasm.

Away from classrooms and textbooks, a different kind of learning was discovered one rooted in laughter, teamwork, and shared adventure. Friendships were strengthened, confidence was nurtured, and leadership qualities were gently encouraged as the children supported one another and made decisions together. More than mere entertainment, the picnic became a meaningful experience of growth and bonding. It offered the children a refreshing pause from their studies, renewing their energy and spirits as they prepared for their annual examinations

COMPASSION IN ACTION



THALAVAVADI : As part of a dedicated initiative to ensure holistic well-being, the mentally ill residents of Nazareth Illam were taken to Assisi Hospital, Thalavadi, for a comprehensive eye camp on 28th February 2026. Under the attentive supervision of the staff nurse, thorough eye screenings were conducted for all the residents. Continuous care and necessary medical attention were provided to ensure their overall ocular health and well-being.

Nazareth Illam is widely recognized for its steadfast commitment to individuals facing mental health challenges, where not only shelter but also compassionate and dignified care is provided. Through the organization of medical outreach programmes such as this eye camp, consistent attention is

given to the physical health, safety, and dignity of every resident. By such initiatives, equal access to quality healthcare is ensured, affirming that each resident is treated with the same respect and standard of care as any other member of society.

A DAY OF JOY AND COMPASSION



THALAVAVADI : On 6th February 2026, a meaningful day of fellowship and compassion was shared with the residents of Nazareth Illam by the staff and students of Maria Deepthi High School. A vibrant cultural programme was thoughtfully organized by the school management, and the multipurpose hall of Nazareth Illam was filled with music, dance, and joyful laughter. Through these performances, heartfelt entertainment was offered to the mentally ill residents, and an atmosphere of warmth and celebration was created.

Beyond the cultural presentations, the true spirit of empathy was beautifully expressed through a generous act of charity. Essential provisions and thoughtful gifts were presented to the home, and meaningful support was extended to the residents. Through this visit, a powerful reminder was offered that even small gestures of love and kindness can bring immense light, hope, and comfort into the lives of the most vulnerable.

HEALTH AND WELFARE

THALAVAVADI : On 7th February 2026, the residents of Nazareth Illam were taken to participate in the “Nalam Kaakum Stalin” medical camp held in Thiginarai. This significant initiative was organized by the Government of Tamil Nadu with the objective of delivering essential healthcare services



directly to the public. With the dedicated support and careful assistance of the Nazareth Illam staff, comprehensive health check-ups were made accessible to all the residents. Necessary medical consultations and evaluations were carried out to ensure their overall physical well-being.

A major highlight of the camp was the facilitation of registrations for the Unique Disability ID (UDID) Card, through which official recognition of disability status and access to various government benefits are ensured. This important documentation process was efficiently completed for the eligible residents. Through this initiative, a significant step was taken toward safeguarding both the physical health and the legal entitlements of the residents, thereby reinforcing their dignity, security, and rightful access to social welfare provisions.

NEW HORIZON



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THALAVAVADI : On 16th February 2026, the residents and staff of Nazareth Illam were present at the official inauguration of the new Government Office Wing for the Differently Abled Department in Thalavadi. The ceremony was conducted under the auspices of the Government of Tamil Nadu. The establishment of this dedicated wing is regarded as a significant milestone in the decentralization of essential public services. Through this initiative, improved accessibility to welfare schemes, official documentation, and specialized support services is ensured for the differently abled community in the Thalavadi region. The participation of the residents of Nazareth Illam in the inaugural function was warmly acknowledged, and the importance of inclusive governance was visibly affirmed. Through their presence, the enduring collaboration and strong bond between the institution and the state welfare departments were highlighted and strengthened.

ASH WEDNESDAY



VATLURU: On Ash Wednesday of 2026, a solemn celebration was held at Vatluru Church. The boys of Guanella Karunalaya Boys' Home participated with great devotion and enthusiasm. The Holy Mass was celebrated by Fr. Assisi, the Superior, and a profound reflection on the three pillars of Lent was delivered. Furthermore, almsgiving was encouraged so that love may be shared generously with those in need, and both hands and hearts may be opened in compassionate service. Ashes were reverently imposed on the foreheads of the faithful as a visible sign of repentance and renewal. The boys devoutly received the ashes and a renewed Lenten commitment was embraced. The community was gathered in unity and hopeful anticipation, and a blessing for a transformative and grace-filled Lent was imparted by Fr. Assisi. Thus, the Eucharistic celebration was solemnly concluded, and the sacred forty days of grace were prayerfully inaugurated.

A grand feast was solemnly celebrated in the Roman Catholic Diocese of Eluru at Sacred Heart Church. The 108th year of the Church's faithful presence in the community was joyfully commemorated. One hundred and eight years of dedicated service in faith formation, spiritual growth, and pastoral care were gratefully remembered.

JUBILEE TOWER FEAST



VATLURU: The 25th anniversary of the Jesus Jubilee Tower was celebrated with thanksgiving. Twenty-five years of prayer, service, and spiritual illumination were appreciatively acknowledged. In view of this double milestone, a three-day retreat was prayerfully conducted, during which deep reflection on faith, renewal, and commitment was encouraged among the participants. On 19th February 2026, the feast celebrations were ceremoniously inaugurated, and the flag was reverently hoisted by Fr. Bala VG of the Diocese of Eluru. The main feast day Holy Mass was solemnly celebrated on 28th February 2026, and it was presided over by Most Rev. Dr. Jeyarao, Bishop of Eluru.

A special blessing was imparted to the Jesus Jubilee Tower by Fr. Ronald, former Provincial of the Divine Providence Province. Guanellian fathers and brothers were gathered in fraternal unity, and sisters from neighboring communities were graciously present, adding joy to the celebration. The Vicar Forane, along with other priests and religious sisters, was also present, and the solemnity of the occasion was enriched by their participation. Thus, the double jubilee feast was celebrated with gratitude, unity, and renewed spiritual fervor.



RECOLLECTION

VATLURU: On 20th February 2026, a meaningful and grace-filled day of recollection was conducted at Guanella Karunalaya. The gathering was hosted by the community of Eluru Vicariate. It was organized for priests and religious serving in the region. Priests from thirteen parishes were invited and were warmly welcomed, and several other religious priests also joined the gathering. The day was devoted to prayer, silent adoration, and profound spiritual reflection. The Sacrament of Reconciliation was solemnly celebrated, and God's mercy and forgiveness were devoutly received by many participants.

The recollection was led by Fr. Assisi, and a reflective conference was delivered based on the Lenten message of Pope Leo XIV for the year 2026. The themes of repentance, renewal, and Christian hope were prayerfully emphasized, and the spiritual significance of the Lenten season was deeply explored. Moments of sharing were encouraged, spiritual insights were exchanged, and renewed zeal for pastoral ministry was fostered among the participants. The day was brought to a peaceful close in an atmosphere of unity, strengthened faith, and fraternal communion.

SPREADING JOY AND HOPE

SIVAGANGAI: A heart-warming visit was made to St. Guanella Anbagam Special School on 10th February by the team from Idhaya College for Women. The programme was led by Ms. Akliya, Head of the Physics Department, along with her dedicated team. A special session was thoughtfully organized, during which engaging educational activities, fun games, lively dances, and homemade snacks were shared with the children. Through these meaningful



gestures, joy and encouragement were lovingly spread among the students. Their kindness and compassion brought bright smiles and renewed hope to the special children, and a lasting positive impact was created. Heartfelt thanks are extended to the team for spreading love and making a genuine difference. Deep appreciation is also expressed to Idhaya College for Women for beautifully demonstrating the true spirit and power of community service.

CHEERFUL FELLOWSHIP

CHENNAI, DGMS: On 16th February, a Fraternal Night was joyfully celebrated by the DGMS community in an atmosphere marked by unity and cheerful fellowship. The programme was commenced at 6:30 p.m., and enthusiastic participation was witnessed among all the community fathers and brothers. Traditional indoor games, including kabaddi, were organized, through which excitement and friendly competition were fostered. Singing,



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dancing, and a variety of lively party activities were also conducted, and the atmosphere was filled with laughter and delight. The spirit of brotherhood was beautifully manifested as individual talents were shared and mutual companionship was enjoyed within a warm and welcoming environment. The celebration was concluded with a delicious meal. Beyond mere entertainment, the gathering was experienced as a vibrant expression of community life, and the deep bonds of fraternal togetherness were meaningfully strengthened.

VALENTINE'S DAY CELEBRATION



CHENNAI, DGSS: A grand and joyful Valentine's Day celebration was held at Don Guanella Special School in collaboration with Matha TV. The event was organized in a magnificent manner, and the differently-abled children were honored in a truly unique and heart-warming way. On this special occasion, the children were beautifully dressed and adorned as Kings and Queens, and they were proudly introduced on stage. Each child was treated as a distinguished guest of the day, and respect, dignity, and love were generously bestowed upon them. The radiant smiles that adorned their faces stood as the true measure of the celebration's success.

Wonderful artistic performances were presented, melodious songs were rendered, and lively cultural events were conducted, captivating everyone in attendance. A delicious lunch was also thoughtfully served, by which the joy of the day was further enhanced for the children. The programme was gracefully led by the Fathers of Matha TV along with the Fathers of the school. The entire celebration was marked by immense joy and happiness among the children. Indeed, the ceremony was remembered as a beautiful and unforgettable occasion, filled with love, dignity, and heartfelt respect.

SEE AND LEARN" PROGRAMME



CHENNAI, DGSS: As part of the "See and Learn" initiative organized on behalf of Karayanchavadi, the students of Don Guanella Special School and Home were taken to SP Cinema for a special outing. A total of 75 students participated in the programme, and they were accompanied and carefully guided by 13 dedicated teachers. On this special occasion, the children were seated together in an orderly manner for nearly two and a half hours, during which the movie was thoroughly enjoyed.

The outing also served as a valuable opportunity for interaction with the public, through which social inclusion within the wider community was meaningfully experienced. Sincere and heartfelt gratitude is extended to the management of SB Cinemas for providing such a joyful and enriching experience for the students. Through initiatives of this nature, self-confidence and social skills are nurtured, and the holistic development of the children is positively strengthened.

SPORTS DAY CELEBRATION

CHENNAI, DGSS: The 27th Annual Sports Day celebration of Don Guanella Special School was held on 10th February 2026 at 9:30 a.m. on the school premises. The occasion was graciously honored by the presence of Mrs. P. Velankanni, Special Assistant Inspector of the Poonamallee Women's Police Station, who attended as the Chief Guest. The programme was marked by vibrant and enthusiastic participation. A disciplined student parade was presented, and the Olympic torch relay was ceremoniously conducted. Group exercises were performed with coordination and zeal, and various sports competitions were organized to encourage active involvement and team spirit among the children. Trophies and medals were awarded to the winners of the sports events in recognition of their achievements and efforts. The celebration



was rendered both special and memorable, as it fostered confidence, joy, and a spirit of healthy competition among the students.

CARING HEARTS, COMPASSIONATE HANDS

CHENNAI, DGSS: On 21st February, “Benefactors’ Day” was solemnly celebrated at 6:30 p.m. in honor of the generous benefactors who have been continuously supporting Don Guanella Special School and Home. The celebration was conducted under the meaningful theme, “Caring Hearts, Compassionate Hands.”

On this special occasion, benefactors from 38 families, totaling 120 participants, were graciously welcomed, and their esteemed presence added dignity to the gathering. The children of the institution presented a variety of artistic performances, through which appreciation and admiration were warmly expressed by all who were present. A detailed presentation highlighting the support extended by the benefactors during the past year was delivered by Rev. Fr. Arputharaj through a PowerPoint display. The



contributions and generous involvement of the benefactors were gratefully acknowledged. As a token of heartfelt appreciation, small souvenirs were presented to each benefactor.

MERIT WINNER

CUDDALORE, SJS: The Annual Day of St. Joseph's School was celebrated with great joy and enthusiasm. The programme was formally inaugurated, and a warm welcome was extended to the Chief Guest, Dr. Lakshmi Narashiman, Dean of Apollo Hospital, along with the Principal, Rev. Fr. Nasian Gregory. A variety of colorful cultural programmes were presented by the students, through which the audience was entertained and inspired. The talents, creativity, and dedicated efforts of the students were clearly reflected throughout the celebration. A special highlight of the evening was the honoring of merit students in recognition of their outstanding academic achievements. It is with great pride that it is shared that Brother Prabhu of +1 from the Seminary was awarded a shield and certificate for his excellence in academics.



This achievement was received with joy and gratitude, and the occasion was regarded as a proud and memorable moment for the entire seminary community.

OFFICIAL CERTIFICATE OF REGISTRATION

THANJAVOOR: It is with immense gratitude and joy that the official Certificate of Registration has been received for Trinity Hospice from the Department of Social Welfare and Women Empowerment. This significant recognition marks a historic milestone in the journey of compassionate service undertaken in Marunkulam, Thanjavur. A license valid for ten years, extending through January 2036, has been granted, thereby securing a decade of dedicated care for the elderly and the vulnerable. Approval has been accorded for the accommodation of 200 residents across 16 rooms, enabling wider outreach to those most in need. Through this registration, the commitment to maintaining high standards of safety, hygiene, and nutritious care has been formally

affirmed. This achievement stands as a testimony to collective prayer, generous community support, and the guiding hand of Divine Providence in the mission. Heartfelt gratitude is extended to the superiors and community fathers, whose tireless efforts and dedicated enthusiasm have been instrumental in this accomplishment. As this new chapter is entered, the promise to serve with compassion, excellence, and unwavering faith is renewed with deeper commitment and hope.

EVENING SCHOOL CHILDREN'S PICNIC



KOPPAKKA: joyful picnic was organized by the Guanella Bhavan community for all the children above 5th standard from the five evening tuition centres. The day was lovingly coordinated by Fr. Praveen, Fr. Jayaseelan, Fr. Jose, and Fr. Carlos, along with the staff and brothers who accompanied the children. The outing began with a prayer at Guanella Bhavan, seeking God's blessings for a safe journey. Two buses were arranged, and the children set out with great excitement. The group first visited a school at Thalapudi run by the OMI Fathers and later proceeded to the Godavari Matha Shrine, where time was spent in prayer and the history of the shrine was explained. Snacks, games, and a delicious lunch added joy to the day, followed by lively dances and performances. The children also enjoyed visiting the Godavari River at the Pattiseema Project, where the beauty of nature was admired. The picnic concluded with hearts filled with happiness and gratitude. It was experienced not only as a day of fun, but also as a time of friendship, learning, and spiritual growth.

WORLD DAY OF THE SICK

THANJAVOOR: World Day of the Sick was prayerfully celebrated at Trinity Hospice with deep faith and compassion. The observance brought together the

residents, staff, and congregation in solidarity with all who suffer around the world. The day was begun with a solemn Holy Mass, during which prayers were offered for the healing of the sick everywhere. Special intentions were placed for the elderly residents of the hospice, for families, and for the members of the congregation. A meaningful time of Eucharistic Adoration was conducted, and a sacred atmosphere of silence, hope, and surrender was fostered. During the healing service, prayers were offered for physical, emotional, and spiritual strength. Scripture readings and reflections were shared, through which God's closeness to those who suffer was gently recalled. Active participation was witnessed among the residents, and heartfelt prayers were offered for others who are ill and alone. The gathering strengthened faith, renewed hope, and nurtured a spirit of unity and compassion. The celebration was concluded with a special blessing for the sick, and the commitment to provide care with love, dignity, and faithfulness was reaffirmed.

BIRTHDAY

01-FR. C. JESU DOSS

02- FR. B. PRAKASH

04-FR. L. BERNARD

06-FR. A. BERNANDES

07-FR. I. CONSTANTAIN

10-FR. A. KALAI SELVAN

BRO. G. AROCKIASAMY

13-FR. P. PAULRAJ

15-FR. A. ABRAHAM

19-FR. FRANCESCO SPOSATO

20-FR. A. LOUIS BASKER

21-FR. S. RISHAR

25-FR. S. ROOSEWELT

29-FR. M. LIGORY

30-FR. S. DOMINIC BASKAR



"JOSEPH REMINDS US THAT THOSE WHO APPEAR HIDDEN OR IN THE SHADOWS CAN PLAY AN INCOMPARABLE ROLE IN THE HISTORY OF SALVATION".

POPE . FRANCIS