



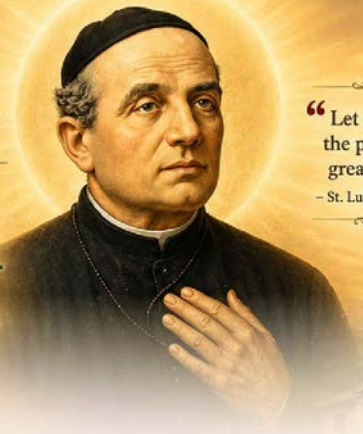
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DIVINE PROVIDENCE PROVINCE

40 Guanellians
— PRESENCE IN —
INDIA

Rooted in Charism, Growing in Mission.
Transforming Lives



“Let us serve
the poor with
great love.”
— St. Luigi Guanella




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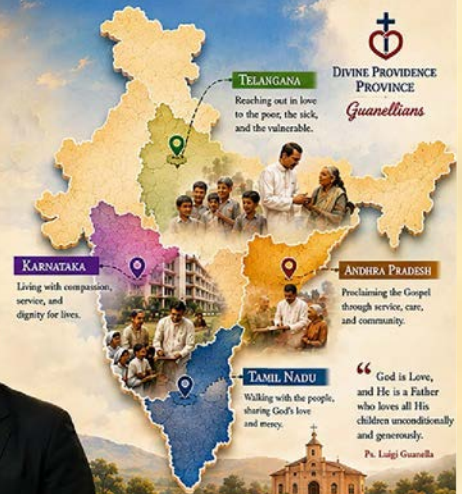
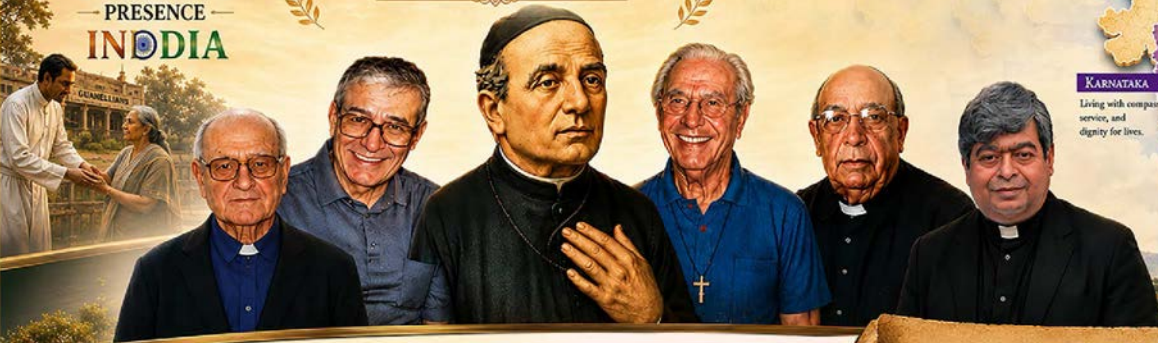
“The whole world is your homeland, because your homeland is where God dwells, and God is present throughout the whole world” (St. Luigi Guanella)

It was July 3, 1986, when Fr. Tito Credaro, on the mandate of the Father General Fr. Pietro Pasquali, stepped off the Air India plane first in Bombay for customs and then in Madras, accompanied by the seminarian John Bosco, for the first visit to this blessed land. A historic date that marks our first response to the call of the Spirit, urging us to pitch the tent of our charity in India as well. The following year, in 1987, it would be Fr. Domenico Saginario and Fr. Piero Lippoli—great pioneers of India—who began the great *implantatio* of the Guanellian charism in India.

The charity of Saint Luigi Guanella didn't just settle for seeking, loving, and serving the poor, the abandoned, and the marginalized in his homeland, but through the Spirit, he planted in the hearts of his priests and sisters the desire to support every people, because His image is reflected in each of them. In his first Encyclical, *Magnifica humanitas*, Pope Leo XIV confirms this universal dignity of the human person: ***“Ontological dignity belongs to every human being simply by the fact of existing, of having been willed, created, and loved by God”—and therefore—“it transcends the individual circumstances of the person.”*** The task of those who follow in the footsteps of St. Luigi Guanella is clearly described in our Constitutions, n. 3: ***“Like Don Guanella, we too are sent to evangelize the poor, revealing to them the Father's love and stirring up in them reasons for hope.”*** This is what the confreres have known and wanted to do in these first forty years: responding to the call of the Spirit, they have set out in the Founder's footsteps, offering Bread and the Lord to a countless multitude of their compatriots. Forty years ago, only Fr. Tito Credaro stepped off the plane, accompanied by the first Guanellian seminarian John Bosco, whom the Lord has already called to Paradise for his eternal reward.

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Thankful for the past.
Committed to the present.
Hopeful for the future.

*Together in Charity,
for a Better India.*

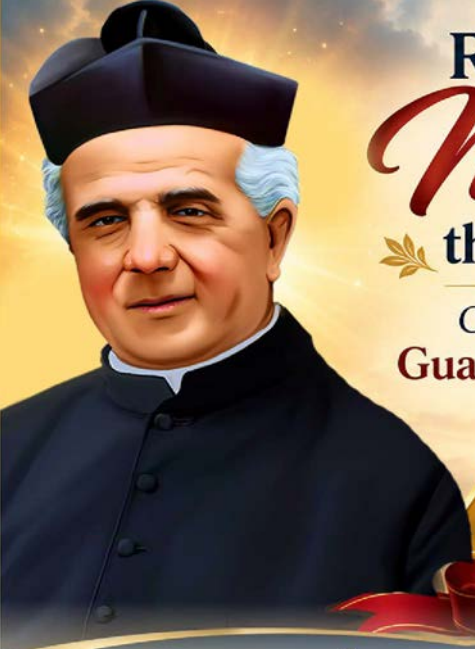
Today, Opera Don Guanella in India includes a hundred priest confreres who spread, as Pope Leo XIV said, the fragrance of Christ: *“In this dark hour of history, it has pleased God to send us to spread the fragrance of Christ where the stench of death reigns”*—in this land where, in some areas, the persecution of Christians still rages. These confreres, sisters, and Guanellian lay people are today the hymn of our *Magnificat* to the Lord, who has done great things for us and with us, beautiful things, and holy things. Holy is His name!

I thank the entire DPP for all that has been done and all that will still be done for the good of this people of God who live in India. To all: confreres, sisters, lay people, and guests in our homes, relatives, and benefactors, the blessing of the generous Lord, who is never outdone in goodness and mercy. To my dear confreres, I offer the wish that the Founder himself left us in a circular letter of 1912 on the occasion of the Solemnity of the Sacred Heart of Jesus: “To the beloved Servants of Charity, grace and peace. Let the most fervent thanks be given to the Sacred Heart of Jesus for the proofs of assistance and blessing with which He has favored and continues to favor our dear Institute. Our Works have sprung from the Most August Heart of God, who has made them fruitful and sustains them, and we cannot do better to make them prosper and to kindle in ourselves the fire of charity than by uniting ourselves to the Heart of Jesus Christ, learning His virtues and drawing from Him His favours. May each one of us, honouring the Most Sacred Heart with a special devotion, join in this duty of gratitude and iān imploring further graces and mercies. And the most pleasing and best homage to Him will be to cultivate in our souls the most noble priestly and religious virtues, making them the nourishment of our spirit and applying the holy Rule as exactly as possible. Thus, the love that Jesus has shown us until now will continue in the multitude of divine favours, which will not fail us in the future.” (Circular Letter, June 1912)

Happy Anniversary, DPP! Ad Multos Annos!



**Rev. Fr. Umberto Brugnoli SdC
General Superior**



Remember the *Marvels* the Lord Has Done

Celebrating 40 Years of the
Guanellian Presence in India



“Great is
what the Lord
has done for us;
we are filled
with joy.”
Psalm 126:3

—> *A* Years of Grace, Gratitude, Renewal, Mission <—

Dear Guanellian Family!

With hearts filled with gratitude to the Divine Providence, we stand at a sacred threshold in the history of our Province as we celebrate the 40th Anniversary of the Guanellian Presence in India (first visit of Fr. Tito Credaro SdC to India) A historical and grace-filled journey that began in faith, courage, and missionary zeal on 3rd July 1986, the liturgical feast of St. Thomas- the apostle of India. As we contemplate this significant milestone, we are invited not merely to remember dates and events, but to rediscover the loving hand of God guiding our Congregation through these forty blessed years.

1. Forty Years: A Biblical Time of Grace and Transformation

In the Sacred Scripture, number forty is never accidental. It is a sacred number that signifies: preparation, purification, transformation, fidelity, and divine encounter.

1. For forty days and nights, the rain purified the earth during the time of Noah.
2. For forty years, the people of Israel journeyed through the desert toward the Promised Land.
3. Moses remained forty days on Mount Sinai in communion with God.
4. Elijah walked forty days strengthened by heavenly bread.
5. Above all, Jesus spent forty days in the desert preparing for His public mission.

Today, as the Guanellian family in India completes forty years, we recognize that our history too has been a sacred pilgrimage: a journey of faith, moments of struggle and hope, times of sowing and harvesting, sacrifices hidden in silence, and countless signs of Divine Providence. This historical year invites us not simply to celebrate achievements, but to renew our covenant with God and recommit ourselves to the charism entrusted to us by Saint Luigi Guanella.

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2. The Dream of Don Guanella Reaches India

The Guanellian mission in India was born from the missionary heart of Saint Luigi Guanella himself. During his theological studies in Como between 1862 and 1866, Don Guanella was deeply inspired by the missionary movement of the P.I.M.E. Fathers who were preparing to leave for India, especially for Andhra Pradesh. Together with Giovanni Battista Scalabrini, he requested permission from Bishop Giuseppe Marzorati of Como to join the foreign missions in India. However, the Bishop replied to the young Luigi Guanella with the memorable words: “Your India is here.”

Though he obediently accepted the decision, Don Guanella never abandoned his missionary longing. In a letter dated April 24, 1870, to Archbishop Calcaterra, he recalled his repeated requests for the foreign missions. Again, on October 1, 1881, writing to Archbishop Pietro Carsana, he mentioned how for more than ten years he had sought permission to leave for the missions. Even in a draft letter to the Holy See dated July 21, 1882, he expressed his sorrow that his desire to go to the missions had not been granted.

Divine Providence preserved this missionary dream to be fulfilled later through his spiritual sons. Exactly one hundred years after the opening of the first Guanellian house in Como on April 6, 1886, the doors of India were providentially opened to the Congregation.

A decisive role in this history was played by Rev. Fr. Domenico Saginario SdC, Rector of the Guanellian Theological Seminary in Rome, between 1982 and 1984, where Fr. Stephen Fernando stayed at the Guanellian Major seminary in Rome for his studies. During those years, friendship and missionary dialogue between the two priests gradually developed into the vision of a Guanellian mission in India. After returning to Tamil Nadu as professor at the inter-diocesan seminary in Karumathur, Madurai Fr. Stephen Fernando generously introduced the Guanellian charism to bishops, priests, seminarians, and young aspirants. He received valuable support from Fr. Lucas, a dynamic Claretian priest, and Fr. Vincent Ferrer from the Diocese of Kumbakonam. Through their encouragement, the first small group of candidates interested in the Guanellian vocation, began to emerge.

Among them was Bro. Arokiasamy John Bosco, who became the first Indian member of the Guanellian family. With the permission of his superiors, he courageously joined the Congregation and travelled to Rome with Fr. Stephen Fernando on April 13, 1986. Although unfamiliar with the Italian language and culture, he embraced formation with commitment and generosity. Soon other candidates followed him, including Bro. Gabriel Pingnol, Bro. Aloysius, Bro. Carmel, Bro. Thanasekar, Bro. John Joseph, and Bro. Panneer Raja.

The historic moment arrived on July 3, 1986, when Rev. Fr. Tito Credaro SdC and Bro. John Bosco landed in Bombay on the feast of St. Thomas the Apostle, patron of India, before proceeding to Madras and Madurai. This marked the official beginning of the Guanellian mission on Indian soil. Fr. Tito Credaro SdC met the Archbishops of Madras and Madurai, visited Christ Hall Seminary in Karumathur, and found extraordinary openness and support everywhere. Reflecting on that first visit, he gratefully wrote: *“There was a great welcome from everybody and everywhere. Every door was opened without any difficulty.”*

What began in 1986 as a small missionary seed has now grown into a flourishing Guanellian presence in India, bearing abundant fruits in formation, pastoral ministry, charity, education, missionary outreach, and vocations. The dream once hidden in the heart of Don Guanella has become a living history through the faith, sacrifice, and missionary zeal of many confreres guided by Divine Providence.

3. Gratitude and Honour

As we celebrate this Jubilee with grateful hearts, we remember with deep gratitude the dedicated service and sacrifices of Fr. Domenico Saginario SdC, Fr. Piero SdC, Fr. Nino SdC, Fr. Umberto SdC, our Superior General and his Council, and all former Provincials and their Councils, whose vision, guidance, and commitment have nurtured and strengthened the growth of the Guanellian presence in India.

We also pay tribute to Fr. John Bosco, the first Indian Guanellian priest, Fr. M. Thanasekar, all our confreres, the DSMP Sisters, the GC and GLM members, our benefactors, and all those whom we are privileged to serve. Through their faith, generosity, collaboration, and tireless dedication, our mission has flourished and borne abundant fruits. With profound gratitude, we commend them all to Divine Providence, praying that the Lord may abundantly bless them for their invaluable contribution to the spread of the Guanellian charism and the loving service of the poor and most vulnerable.

4. New Presence and Pastoral Mission at Katrenipadu Parish, Diocese of Vijayawada

With profound gratitude to Divine Providence, we joyfully announce the inauguration of our new pastoral mission at Katrenipadu Parish in the Diocese of Vijayawada, a significant milestone in the growth of the Servants of Charity and the expansion of our Guanellian presence in Andhra Pradesh.

5. Entrance into Postulancy

On 03 July 2026, as we joyfully celebrate the 40th Anniversary of the presence of the Servants of Charity in India, four of our brothers will begin their journey of Postulancy. This significant moment is a sign of God's continued providence and a source of hope for the future of our Congregation. As they take this important step in discerning and embracing the Guanellian vocation, let us accompany them with our prayers, encouragement, and fraternal support.

6. Arrival of Confreres for New Mission Assignments

We are pleased to inform you that Fr. Paul Francis SdC has arrived in Italy to complete the necessary documentation procedures before beginning his ministry in the SLG European Delegation. We are also happy to share that Fr. Sachinson SdC has safely arrived at our Chelsea Community in the USA. As both confreres begin their new missions in different cultural and ecclesial contexts, we entrust them to the loving Providence of God. May the Lord bless them abundantly, guide them in their ministries, and make their service fruitful for the good of the Church and the Congregation.

7. A Call to Renew the Fire of Charity

Dear Confreres, this Ruby Jubilee is both a call to remember the past with gratitude and a call to renew our commitment for the future with hope. I kindly invite you to celebrate the Holy Eucharist in your respective communities as an act of, thanksgiving, and to offer your prayers for the intentions of the Superior General and his Council, as well as for the Provincial Superior and his Council. May this Jubilee be a time of spiritual renewal, a moment of deeper fraternity, a rediscovery of our Guanellian identity, and a prophetic commitment to the future.

Let me conclude with the words of Don Guanella, who often reminded us: ***"It is God who does."***



FR. GNANARAJ SDC
Servant of God's Love

PROVINCIAL CALENDAR

- 01/07/26 - St. Joseph's Seminary - *Cuddalore*
- 03/07/26 - Entrance to postulancy - *Yesuvanam*
- 8-09/07/26 - Treasurer's Meeting @ *DGMS Chennai*
- 18/07/26 - Kunnamalai Residence
- 25/07/26 - Kumbakonam Community

The heart of a priest must burn with zeal for souls.



NEW MISSION & PASTORAL MINISTRY IN THE DIOCESE OF VIJAYAWADA

The establishment of the Guanellian presence and the commencement of pastoral ministry at Katrenipadu Parish in the Diocese of Vijayawada have marked a significant milestone in the Congregation's mission of evangelization and charitable service. Inspired by the charism of St. Luigi Guanella, the mission has been dedicated to the proclamation of the Gospel through pastoral ministry, with special attention being given to the poor, the elderly, persons with disabilities, and those living on the margins of society. The installation ceremony was presided over by His Excellency Most Rev. Dr. Thelagathoti Joseph Raja Rao, Bishop of Vijayawada, in the presence of Rev. Fr. Gnanaraj, SdC, Provincial Superior of the Divine Providence Province, together with diocesan clergy, religious, and a large gathering of the faithful.

During the celebration, the pastoral care of Katrenipadu Parish was officially entrusted to Rev. Fr. Joseph Peter, SdC, who was appointed as Parish Priest, while Rev. Fr. Jose, SdC, was appointed as Assistant Parish Priest. On the occasion, gratitude was expressed by Rev. Fr. Gnanaraj, SdC, to the Bishop for the warm welcome extended to the Guanellians into the Diocese of Vijayawada. Appreciation was also conveyed to all those whose support and cooperation contributed to the successful realization of this important milestone.

With the establishment of the Servants of Charity at Katrenipadu Parish, a new chapter in pastoral ministry has been inaugurated, firmly rooted in faith, charity, and selfless service. Following the example of St. Luigi Guanella, vibrant Christian communities are intended to be nurtured through prayer, evangelization, pastoral care, and concrete works of mercy. It is hoped that abundant spiritual fruits will be borne through this mission and that a lasting witness to God's compassionate love will be offered throughout the Diocese of Vijayawada.



FEAST OF THE SACRED HEART OF JESUS

CHENNAI, DGMS; The Feast of the Sacred Heart of Jesus, the principal feast of the Guanellian Congregation, was solemnly celebrated with deep devotion and joy. In keeping with the wish of our Founder, St. Luigi Guanella, that his spiritual sons be known as the Sons of the Sacred Heart of Jesus, the celebration was preceded by a three-day Triduum of prayer and reflection, preparing the community spiritually for the feast.

The Solemn Holy Eucharist was celebrated by the Provincial Superior together with the confreres of the Provincialate and Don Guanella Major Seminary communities. In his homily, Rev. Fr. Periyamayagam reflected on the infinite love and mercy revealed through the Sacred Heart of Jesus, inviting everyone to become living witnesses of Christ's compassion through generous service to the poor and the abandoned. A significant moment of the celebration was the renewal of religious vows by the priests in the presence of the Provincial Superior, reaffirming their commitment to live the evangelical counsels of poverty, chastity, and obedience in faithful service to God and His people. The celebration concluded with a vote of thanks, expressing gratitude to all who contributed to the prayerful and meaningful observance of the feast.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION

KUMBAKONAM: On 31 May, eighteen children of our parish received the ****Body and Blood of Christ**** for the first time through the Sacrament of the Holy Eucharist. The children were well prepared by the Parish Priest and the Sisters through catechetical instruction. They learned the basic prayers, deepened their understanding of the significance of the Eucharist, and were spiritually prepared to receive the sacrament. Dressed in white, they participated devoutly in the Holy Mass as a sign of their commitment to grow in faith and in their relationship with our Lord Jesus Christ.



PASTORAL VISIT TO OUR PARISH

KUMBAKONAM: A pastoral visit was made to our parish by Dr. Jeevanantham, Bishop of Kumbakonam, on 27 and 28 June. During the first day of the visit, the Bishop visited the parish and several substations, namely Santhanalpuram, Chinnamal Kalarai, College Road, Jebamalaipuram, Auto Nagar, Assur, and Perumbandi. Owing to time constraints, a few substations could not be visited. During the visit, time was generously devoted to meeting the faithful. Their concerns were patiently heard, and their questions were answered with pastoral care. The Bishop was warmly welcomed with great joy and enthusiasm in every substation. A traditional reception was accorded to him by the village leaders and the parishioners. As this was the Bishop's first pastoral visit to the parish since his episcopal ordination, the occasion was considered both memorable and spiritually



enriching. The faithful were encouraged to cooperate wholeheartedly with the Parish Priest and to continue growing in faith and Christian commitment.

SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION



KUMBAKONAM: On 28 June, the Sunday Holy Mass was celebrated by the Bishop, during which the ****Sacrament of Confirmation**** was conferred upon fifty children of the parish. In his homily, the Bishop explained the meaning and importance of the sacrament. He also interacted with the children by asking them questions and encouraged them to grow as committed Catholics, serving their families, the parish, and society with faith and responsibility. The presence of the Bishop was greatly appreciated by the children, who actively participated in the celebration and enjoyed his warm interaction with them. The Holy Mass commenced at ****8:30 a.m.**** and concluded at approximately ****11:25 a.m.**** The celebration was conducted in a prayerful and joyful atmosphere, and all the arrangements were carried out successfully, making the occasion a memorable one for the entire parish community.

CORPUS CHRISTI CELEBRATION

CUDDALORE: The Feast of Corpus Christi was solemnly celebrated on 21 June 2026 at Cuddalore Parish with deep devotion and the active participation of the parish faithful. The celebration commenced with the Holy Eucharist in the morning, followed in the evening by a solemn Eucharistic Procession and Adoration.

The procession began at St. Joseph's Minor Seminary and proceeded through the parish with three stations of Eucharistic Adoration. The first station was conducted at the Seminary Chapel by Rev. Fr. Samson, the second at Don Guanella Boys' Home by Rev. Fr. Arun David, and the third at the Parish Church by Rev. Fr.



Mathias. At each station, inspiring reflections on the Holy Eucharist were delivered, encouraging the faithful to deepen their faith and devotion to the Blessed Sacrament. The celebration concluded with the solemn Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament. Rev. Fr. Vincent, the Parish Priest, expressed his sincere gratitude to all the priests, volunteers, parishioners, and benefactors for their generous support and active participation in making the celebration prayerful and successful. The faithful then gathered for fellowship over tea and refreshments generously sponsored by the parishioners, bringing the grace-filled celebration to a joyful conclusion.

BEGINNING OF THE ACADEMIC YEAR 2026-2027

CUDDALORE: The Academic Year 2026-2027 commenced on 20 June 2026 at Don Guanella Boys' Home with the celebration of the Holy Eucharist, bringing together the confreres and the boys in a spirit of prayer, hope, and thanksgiving. The Holy Mass was celebrated by Rev. Fr. Superior, who invoked God's blessings upon the new academic year. During the gathering, the confreres were introduced and their respective responsibilities were explained to the boys. In his homily, Rev. Fr. Superior encouraged the students to grow in discipline, moral values, responsibility, and faith. The newly admitted boys were warmly welcomed into the Home and were motivated

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to make the most of the opportunities provided for their academic, personal, and spiritual development. The community also renewed its commitment to faithfully carrying out the regular programmes of the Boys' Home through unity, collaboration, and dedicated service. The celebration marked a joyful and grace-filled beginning to the new academic year, entrusting the entire community to God's guidance and protection.

WITNESS OF FAITH: RENEWAL OF VOWS AND MISSION



VATLURU: On 12 June 2026, the priests of Guanella Karunalaya solemnly renewed their religious vows and their consecration to the Sacred Heart of Jesus with deep faith, joy, and devotion. This cherished Guanellian tradition, inspired by the profound love of ****St. Luigi Guanella**** for the Sacred Heart, serves as a visible expression of the priests' renewed commitment to live the evangelical counsels and to continue their mission of charity and service. The renewal of vows was carried out in the presence of the parish faithful, offering a powerful witness to the beauty of religious life and total dedication to God. Through this celebration, the faithful were invited to deepen their own relationship with the Sacred Heart of Jesus and to participate more fully in the spirituality and mission of the Congregation. The solemn celebration became a meaningful occasion of thanksgiving and spiritual renewal, strengthening the commitment of the religious community while inspiring the faithful to grow in faith, love, and service.

INTERNATIONAL YOGA DAY

VATLURU: International Yoga Day was observed at Guanella Karunalaya Boys Home on 21 June 2026 with the active participation of the children and staff. The programme was organized to promote awareness of the importance of yoga for physical fitness, mental well-being, and emotional balance. The boys enthusiastically participated in various yoga postures, breathing exercises, and simple meditation



practices conducted in a disciplined and joyful atmosphere. They were encouraged to cultivate healthy daily habits and to recognize the value of yoga in improving concentration, flexibility, and inner peace. The observance provided a meaningful opportunity to promote wellness, self-discipline, and holistic development among the children, making the celebration both enriching and memorable for all .

FATHER'S DAY CELEBRATION

VATLURU: Father's Day* was joyfully celebrated on **21 June 2026** at Guanella Karunalaya Boys Home. The children expressed their love, gratitude, and respect for the Fathers through heartfelt greetings, prayers, and thoughtful gestures. The celebration highlighted the Fathers' dedicated care, guidance, and fatherly presence in the lives of the children. It became a meaningful occasion of thanksgiving, strengthening the bond between the children and the religious community, and concluded in a joyful spirit of love and appreciation.





THE ACADEMIC YEAR 2026-2027

VATLURU: The Inaugural Holy Mass for the academic year 2026-2027 was solemnly celebrated on 22 June 2026 at Guanella Karunalaya Boys Home, followed by the blessing of the Home by Rev. Fr. Amruth, V.F., Eluru Vicariate-I**. In his homily, he encouraged the boys to cultivate goodness, discipline, responsibility, and love for the institution and the Church. The celebration was enriched by the active participation of the boys through the liturgy, choir, altar service, and cultural performances. Their enthusiastic involvement reflected their talents, unity, and gratitude. The programme marked a prayerful and grace-filled beginning to the new academic year, invoking God's blessings upon the children, staff, and the entire institution.

HANDING OVER OF OFFICE

VATLURU: The Provincial Visit to Guanella Karunalaya was held on **8 June 2026** in the presence of Rev. Fr. Gnanam, Provincial Superior, and Rev. Fr. Francis, Provincial Councilor and Indian Economo. During the visit, the life and mission of the community were reviewed, and Rev. Fr. Shantham was officially entrusted with the



responsibilities of Administrator of Guanella Karunalaya and Assistant Parish Priest of Sacred Heart Church, Vatluru. The occasion also provided an opportunity to express heartfelt gratitude to Rev. Fr. Raja Rathnam for his dedicated and generous service to the mission. On 14 June 2026, Rev. Fr. Shantham was warmly welcomed by the parish community during the Sunday Eucharistic Celebration. The faithful received him with joy and prayerful support as he began his pastoral ministry, making the occasion one of thanksgiving, hope, and renewed commitment.

WHEELS OF COMPASSION



DINDIGUL: On 15 May 2026, Guanella Preethi Nivas, Bangalore, generously donated a Bolero vehicle to Guanella Karunai Illam in a meaningful gesture of solidarity and service. The vehicle will significantly strengthen the institution's mission by providing reliable transportation for residents, medical emergencies, rehabilitation activities, and various outreach programmes.

The management, staff, and beneficiaries of Guanella Karunai Illam expressed their heartfelt gratitude for this valuable gift, recognizing its importance in enhancing their ministry of compassionate care. Special thanks were conveyed to Rev. Fr. Gnanaraj, Provincial Superior, for initiating this generous support, and to Rev. Fr. Kulandaisamy for his openness and generosity in making the vehicle available to Guanella Karunai Illam. This thoughtful contribution will continue to support the institution in reaching out more effectively to those in need.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION & ADULT BAPTISM

KUNNAMALAI: A joyful celebration of the First Holy Communion was held at Kunamalai Parish, where five children received the Sacrament of the Holy Eucharist after completing their catechetical preparation. Despite the challenges of mission ministry, dedicated efforts were made by the Parish Priest, Assistant Parish Priest, and parish youth to provide faith formation and sacramental preparation. The



celebration was further enriched by the Adult Baptism of a woman who embraced the Christian faith after completing the required legal and ecclesiastical procedures. Following her Baptism, she also received her First Holy Communion, bringing great joy to the parish community.

The occasion was made even more special by the celebration of the 24th Wedding Anniversary of **Mr. Paramesvaran** and **Mrs. Rajeena**. A cake-cutting ceremony was held, bringing together the First Holy Communion candidates, the newly baptized member, and the parish faithful in a spirit of thanksgiving and fellowship. The celebration served as a beautiful witness to faith, community participation, and God's abundant blessings.

CHARISMATIC PRAYER SERVICE

KUNNAMALAI: The monthly Charismatic Prayer Service for Kunnamalai Parish was held at Kanthampalayam Substation, bringing together the faithful from all six substations and the main parish for a spiritually enriching gathering. The Holy Mass was celebrated by Rev. Fr. Rajesh, Administrator of the Thalavadi Community, whose inspiring homily encouraged the faithful to deepen their Christian commitment. Eucharistic Adoration was led by Rev. Fr. Francis Xavier, Parish Priest of Pallipalayam,



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and was prayerfully animated by the parish choir. Transportation was arranged by the Assistant Parish Priest using the mini-vehicle donated by the Bangalore Community, enabling many faithful to participate. Lunch was generously sponsored by Rev. Fr. Rajesh for all those present. The prayer service concluded with a vote of thanks from the Parish Priest and served as a beautiful witness to faith, fellowship, and the spiritual unity of the parish community.

SACRED RENEWAL



KOPPAKKA: On 10 June 2026, the newly renovated chapel of Guanella Bhavan was solemnly blessed and inaugurated by Rev. Fr. Gnanaraj, Provincial Superior. Inspired by the vision of St. Louis Guanella, who described the chapel as the "beating heart" of every Guanellian community, the renovated chapel now stands as a place of prayer, silence, and spiritual renewal. Following the Holy Eucharist, the Provincial also blessed the 14 Stations of the Cross. The Eucharistic celebration was concelebrated by the Provincial Councilors, Rev. Fr. Assisi and Rev. Fr. Joseph Peter, together with the priests of the Vatluru and Warangal communities. During the celebration, the new brothers for the academic year were formally welcomed, and the Provincial Superior presented each of them with the Guanellian cross as a symbol of their commitment to religious formation and discipleship.

RENEWAL OF RELIGIOUS VOWS

KOPPAKKA: On 12 June 2026, the Solemnity of the Sacred Heart of Jesus, the priests of Guanella Bhavan solemnly renewed their religious vows. Rooted in the spirituality of St. Louis Guanella, who entrusted the Congregation to the Sacred Heart of Jesus, the renewal became a profound expression of fidelity to the Guanellian vocation. The celebration provided an opportunity for spiritual renewal and reaffirmed the community's commitment to live the Gospel through charity, compassion, and dedicated service to the poor, the vulnerable, and those entrusted to their care.



EXPANSION OF THE GUANELLIAN FAMILY



KOPPAKKA: On 13 June 2026, six new members were joyfully admitted as Guanellian Co-operators (Aspirants) during a prayerful celebration held on the Feast of the Immaculate Heart of Mary. As part of their preparation, the aspirants participated in a day of spiritual recollection, Eucharistic Adoration, and the Sacrament of Reconciliation. The Holy Eucharist was presided over by ****Rev. Fr. Joseph Peter, Provincial Councilor****, during which the six aspirants made their promises and were formally welcomed into the Guanellian family. The celebration reflected the continued growth of the Guanellian charism and concluded with a festive fellowship meal, sending the new members forth with renewed faith, commitment, and the blessings of St. Louis Guanella.

BLESSING OF NEW KITCHEN



KOPPAKKA: On 12 June 2026, the newly purchased kitchen articles at Guanella Bhavan were solemnly blessed by Rev. Fr. Joseph Peter, SdC, during a brief prayer service. The blessing was offered for the new appliances and utensils that will support the daily preparation of meals for the community.

In his reflection, Fr. Joseph Peter reminded those present that the kitchen is also a place of ministry, where love and service are expressed through the preparation of food. The new facilities were procured to enhance the efficiency, hygiene, and quality of the community's kitchen services. Gratitude was expressed by Fr. Jeyaseelan, who oversees the kitchen ministry, to all the benefactors who made the purchase possible. The kitchen staff, Mrs. Joji and Mrs. Sudha, together with the community members, participated in the ceremony, which concluded with the sharing of sweets in a spirit of thanksgiving and fellowship. The new kitchen facilities are expected to strengthen the community's ministry of hospitality and service for years to come.

INAUGURATION OF THE ACADEMIC YEAR 2026-2027



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BANGALORE: The Academic Year 2026–2027 was joyfully inaugurated at Don Guanella Preethi Nivas Evening School, Bengaluru, with a vibrant celebration attended by students, teachers, and well-wishers. The programme was graced by Sr. Rita Deepak, who inspired the students through her motivating message on the importance of education, discipline, compassion, and perseverance.

The Evening School continues its mission of providing quality education and holistic care to underprivileged children, children from single-parent families, and orphaned children, ensuring that every child is given an opportunity to learn and flourish. The celebration was enriched by colourful cultural performances presented by the students, showcasing their talents and enthusiasm. The programme concluded with a prayer of thanksgiving, followed by a fellowship meal shared with all the children. The inauguration marked a joyful beginning to the new academic year and reaffirmed the institution's commitment to nurturing young minds with knowledge, values, and hope.

EYE SCREENING CAMP BRINGS HOPE TO RESIDENTS

BANGALORE: Preethi Nivas Trust, Bengaluru, in collaboration with Sankara Eye Hospital**, organized a comprehensive eye screening camp for its residents and staff as part of its commitment to promoting health and well-being. A team of ophthalmologists and healthcare professionals conducted detailed eye examinations and basic health assessments to identify individuals requiring further medical care. Following the screening, four residents were identified for free cataract surgery and follow-up treatment at Sankara Eye Hospital, offering them renewed hope for improved vision and a better quality of life. The management of Preethi Nivas Trust expressed heartfelt gratitude to the medical team and volunteers for their dedicated service. The initiative reflected the Trust's ongoing mission of ensuring accessible healthcare and enhancing the dignity and well-being of its residents.





MEDICAL CAMP

THALAVADI: On 21 June 2026, the residents of Nazareth Illam – Home for the Mentally Ill, Thalavadi, participated in a community medical camp organized by Dr. Muthu's Super Speciality Hospital, Thalavadi, for the people of the Thalavadi Hills. The initiative provided a valuable opportunity for the residents to receive comprehensive medical care and expert consultations from specialists in vascular care, mental health, diabetes, thyroid disorders, and other medical disciplines.

Detailed medical examinations and professional guidance were provided to support the residents' continued health and overall well-being. The camp reflected the importance of collaborative healthcare initiatives in ensuring quality medical services for vulnerable communities living in the hill region. Nazareth Illam expressed its heartfelt gratitude to the doctors, specialists, and healthcare professionals of Dr. Muthu's Super Speciality Hospital for their dedicated service and compassionate outreach. The programme proved to be a meaningful step in promoting the health, dignity, and well-being of the residents and the wider mountain community.

PROMOTING HEALTH AWARENESS

THALAVADI: On 18 June 2026, **Ms. Preethi and Mrs. Radha, staff nurses of Nazareth Illam – Home for the Mentally Ill, Thalavadi, conducted an informative seminar on "Seasonal Diseases" for the residents. The session aimed to create awareness about the prevention, early identification, and proper management of common seasonal illnesses while promoting healthy lifestyle practices.

The programme was conducted in an interactive manner, with the residents actively participating by asking questions and seeking clarifications. Practical



guidance on personal hygiene, nutrition, and preventive healthcare was also shared, enabling the residents to better understand the importance of maintaining good health. The seminar proved to be both educational and encouraging, reflecting Nazareth Illam's continued commitment to promoting health awareness, holistic development, and the overall well-being of its residents.

A PARK FOR RECREATION AND JOY

MADURAI: A new children's play park was inaugurated at the Soosai Thottam campus on 15 June 2026, providing a safe and joyful space for recreation and physical activity. The project was made possible through the generous financial support of the ****Archbishop Gnanathikkam Trust**. The park was solemnly blessed and inaugurated by ****Rev. Fr. Gnanaraj, Provincial Superior****, in the presence of the community, confreres, staff, and children. Beautifully prepared for the occasion, the park now serves as a valuable addition to the campus, offering the children an enjoyable environment for recreation, relaxation, and holistic development.



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OFFERING IN HONOUR OF ST. ANTHONY



MADURAI: As an act of thanksgiving and devotion, Mr. Johnson, a well-wisher of the Soosai Thottam Community, together with his family and relatives, sponsored a special meal in honour of St. Anthony. The celebration began with the blessing of the votive lamb at the saint's grotto located at the entrance of the campus. A Holy Mass was celebrated with the participation of the donors, members of the Legion of Mary, Anbiyam members, and the community. Prayers were offered for the children of the institution and for God's blessings upon the sponsors. As a gesture of gratitude, the donors were honoured with a shawl and a memento. The celebration concluded with a fellowship meal, bringing together all those present in a spirit of faith, gratitude, and joyful communion.

A JOURNEY OF HOPE

THALAVADI: A heartwarming reunion took place on*12 June 2026 when Mr. Ashik Kumar, a beneficiary of Nazareth Illam – Home for the Mentally Ill, Thalavadi, was reunited with his family after 12 years of separation. Originally from Madhya



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Pradesh, he had been found wandering in Gobichettipalayam after being affected by mental illness and was admitted to Nazareth Illam for care and rehabilitation. Through years of dedicated treatment, rehabilitation, and compassionate care, his health improved significantly. With the coordinated efforts of the police authorities of Tamil Nadu and Madhya Pradesh, his identity was established and his family was successfully traced. After the completion of all legal and medical formalities, he was safely handed over to his family. This joyful reunion stands as a powerful witness to the transforming impact of compassionate mental healthcare and the unwavering commitment of Nazareth Illam to restoring dignity, hope, and family relationships.

SEE AND LEARN PROGRAMME



CHENNAI, DGSS: As part of the monthly **“See and Learn” Programme**, the children of Don Guanella Special School were taken on an educational and recreational visit to SP Cinema Theatre on 12 June 2026. The outing was organized to provide meaningful learning experiences beyond the classroom while promoting social interaction, community participation, and recreation. The children enthusiastically watched the movie Parimala & Co. and thoroughly enjoyed the theatre experience. The outing offered them an opportunity to build self-confidence, improve social skills, and experience greater inclusion through interaction with the wider community. The school expresses its heartfelt gratitude to Mr. Saran, Owner of SP Cinema Theatre, for his generous support and warm hospitality in making the programme a memorable one. The visit proved to be a joyful and enriching experience, contributing to the holistic development and well-being of the children.

INTERNATIONAL YOGA DAY CELEBRATION

CHENNAI, DGSS: International Yoga Day was observed at Don Guanella Special School on 19 June 2026 with a special yoga session aimed at promoting physical fitness, mental well-being, and healthy living among the children. The programme was conducted under the guidance of Mr. Shanmugam, a certified Yoga Trainer, who



introduced the students to various yoga postures, breathing exercises, and the importance of regular yoga practice. The children participated with great enthusiasm and discipline, gaining valuable insights into the benefits of yoga for improving concentration, self-confidence, emotional balance, and overall health. The session encouraged the students to adopt healthy lifestyle habits and fostered a spirit of positivity and self-discipline. The Management and Staff of Don Guanella Special School expressed their sincere gratitude to Mr. Shanmugam for his dedicated guidance and valuable contribution. The celebration proved to be an enriching and inspiring experience, supporting the holistic development and well-being of the children.

HEALTHY DAY – HAPPY DAY

SIVAGANGAI: International Yoga Day was celebrated with great enthusiasm at St. Guanella Anbagam Special School & Home, Yesuvanam, on 19 June 2026. An inspiring talk on the importance and benefits of yoga was delivered by Rev. Fr. Charles Pro, through which all those present were encouraged to adopt a healthy lifestyle. The programme was organized by Mrs. Saratha, the Yoga Teacher, who demonstrated simple yoga asanas suitable for the special children. Active participation was witnessed among all the children, who were lovingly guided and



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assisted by the staff members throughout the session. The programme was successfully conducted in a joyful atmosphere and served to promote awareness of healthy living, physical well-being, and holistic development among the children.

A NEW BEGINNING



CHELSEA – Alex and Keavan, residents of St. Louis Center, graduated from Washtenaw Intermediate School District's High Point School on **May 27th**. For Alex's mom Cheryl Sanchez, this milestone once seemed impossible for her son. "I was so proud of Alex and how far he's come," Cheryl said. "It was amazing. Life-changing." Keaven couldn't stop smiling. Proudly showing off his graduation gown and gifts, he declared, "I'm smart." He is. And so is Alex.

AMAZING ATHLETES



CHELSEA – Winning medals is exciting, but the best part of the Special Olympics may be the friendships and teamwork. Sixteen St. Louis Center residents proudly represented the St. Louis Center community from **May 28th-30th**, competing in Bocce Ball and Volleyball. Our athletes demonstrated determination, teamwork, sportsmanship, and plenty of St. Louis Center spirit throughout the competition. The

group stayed on the beautiful Central Michigan University campus, participated in the Opening Ceremony on the football field, competed throughout Friday and Saturday, and enjoyed a carnival and dance on Friday evening. On **May 29th**, Fr. Satheesh and Fr. David traveled to Mt. Pleasant to encourage the residents and cheer them on as they competed. Their presence reminded the athletes that the entire St. Louis Center family was behind them every step of the way. The friendships, memories, and experiences made this a truly special event.

MONTH OF THE SACRED HEART BEGINS



GRASS LAKE – June was a busy month at Shrine, beginning with the Feast of Corpus Christi on **June 7th**. Mass was offered in the chapel. Many people came to honor Our Lord in the Most Blessed Sacrament. Continuing to honor the Lord, and in conjunction with the US Bishops' consecration of the United States to the Sacred Heart, a local consecration was held on **June 12th** at the Shrine. During the 11:30 am Mass, a statue of the Sacred Heart was on display and the prayer of consecration and Sacred Heart Litany were prayed.

FUN ON THE FARM



CHELSEA – After the initial tour of the Barn Sanctuary in nearby Chelsea, the St. Louis Center residents have begun a long term learning relationship with the farm. The residents had a great time volunteering on **June 15th**. They made much needed progress in the garden where food is grown for the animals who live there. They also helped clear the donkey pasture of manure, which keeps the flies down. They learned new facts about the operation each time a barn worker came by. This experience is part of the Skill Building Program at St. Louis Center.

SUMMER FUN AT CAMP



CHELSEA – Some of the St. Louis Center residents enjoyed a week at St. Francis Camp on the Lake in Jerome, MI **June 14th-19th**. This amazing camp is made possible by The Order of Alhambra, a Catholic fraternal organization dedicated to serving those with intellectual and developmental disabilities. They enjoyed boat rides, crafts, hay rides, and plenty of time in the outdoors. Generous donors help fund this summer camp experience.

PETTING ZOO COMES TO THE CENTER



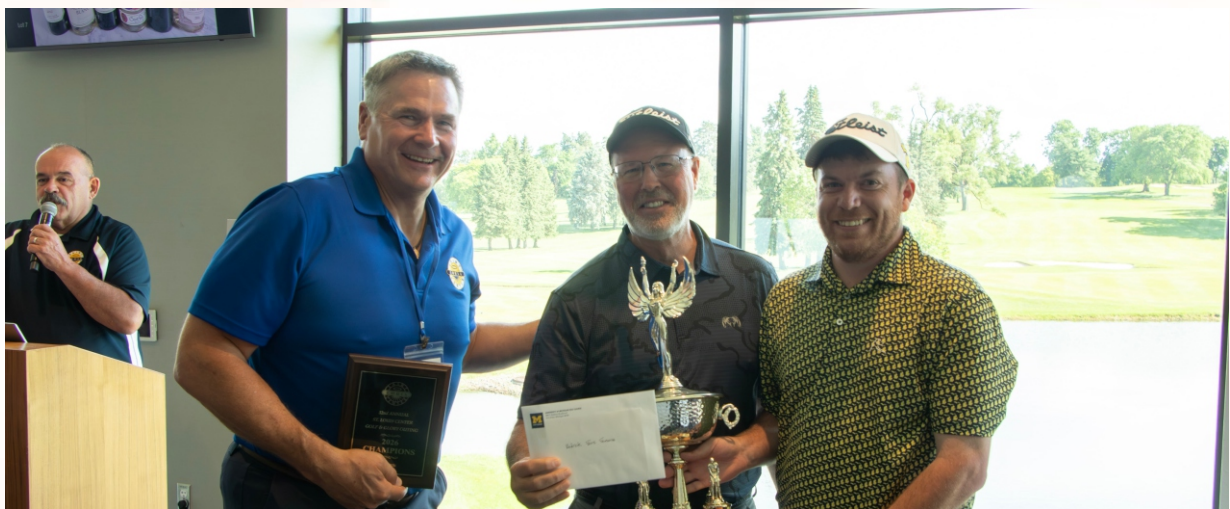
CHELSEA – A 4-H group from nearby Dexter brought a menagerie of farm animals to pay a visit to the residents at the Center. In the evening on **June 16th** the young people helped the residents hold rabbits, feed goats and pet a dog. .

SOUNDS AND SIGHTS



CHELSEA – On Thursday nights in the summer, the entire Chelsea community heads downtown to enjoy music, food, and fellowship. Robin Smith, St. Louis Center Training Coordinator, her daughter, and one of the residents served sno-cones to passersby on **June 18th**. Lee had a great time talking with all the folks who stopped for an icy treat.

FUNDS AND FRIENDS RAISED ON THE COURSE



The Annual Golf & Glory Outing was held at the University of Michigan Golf Course on Monday, June 22nd. The course was filled with golfers eager to support the mission of St. Louis Center. Fr. Satheesh was on hand to ensure that fair weather was on order for the day. Elaine Crosby, former LPGA champion, and Rich Hollo, a steadfast supporter and volunteer, were each given awards for their exemplary commitment to the Center. Fr. David brought several residents, to enjoy dinner with the golfers. Jacqui spoke to the entire crowd about how much she has grown and learned since living at St. Louis Center.

KEEPING THE SHRINE BEAUTIFUL

GRASS LAKE - New flowers were planted around all of the statues in the Holy Rosary Walk. Special thanks to Sue Beauregard, Bob Marcero, and Joe and Judy Zilke for making the landscaping possible June 25th. And landscaping materials were made available for volunteers who maintain the flower beds around the outdoor Stations of the Cross.



SACRED HEART ANNUAL FEAST 2026



EAST PROVIDENCE- The Sacred Heart Annual Feast 2026 was joyfully celebrated by the Sacred Heart Parish community from 12–14 June 2026 as part of its 150th Jubilee Anniversary. Parishioners, families, friends, and visitors gathered to participate in three days of faith, fellowship, and thanksgiving. Food stalls, games, music, and entertainment were organized, creating a joyful atmosphere for all ages. The celebrations concluded with a solemn Eucharistic Procession through the neighbourhood. The Blessed Sacrament, together with the statues of the Sacred Heart of Jesus and Our Lady of Fatima, was carried in procession as a public witness to the community's faith and devotion. The feast served as a fitting celebration of the parish's Jubilee Year and strengthened the spirit of unity among all who participated.

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BIRTHDAY

- 01 - FR. C. LOURDURAJ
- 08 - FR. A. ARULRAJ
- 10 - FR. K. MAHESH BENSON
FR. A. ARUN KUMAR
- 17 - FR. M. JAYASEELAN
- 18 - FR. M. BOSCO YESURAJ
- 20 - FR. S. PHILOMIN RAJA
BRO. DARAM MANOHAR
- 23 - FR. M. AROKIYA JAYASEELAN

ORDINATION

- 15- FR. A. MARIA AROKIADASS
- 22- FR. M. PETER SEBASTIAN
- 24- FR. A. SATHEESH CANTON
- 26- FR. D. CHANDRA NEVIS
- 29- FR. X. JOHN JOSEPH