



News and Views

Divine Providence Province

A Season of HOPE

My dear Confreres!

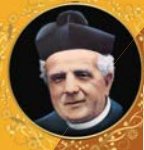
Advent represents a profound season of hope, extending beyond the anticipation of Christmas gifts. It is fundamentally a time of awaiting God's arrival. While we often discuss Advent as a period of preparation for the birth of Jesus, it is important to recognize that His birth was an unexpected event for the world at that time. Most individuals were largely unaware of its significance; the birth of Jesus did not capture public attention. The primary individuals who acknowledged this momentous occasion were His parents, a handful of shepherds, a few wise men, and, of course, the vast assembly of angels from the heavenly realm.

What people possessed during that era was hope. They were uncertain about the how and when, yet they firmly believed that God would enact something remarkable and extraordinary. They held onto the conviction that God cared for them, that He would not abandon them, and that assistance would come in some form. The prophetic words of Isaiah, penned centuries prior to Jesus' birth, served as a guiding light of hope for generations. These words provided solace during times of exile, poverty, and oppression, and were recalled after their nation faced invasion and defeat.

Hope can be likened to a hidden candle, illuminating the darkness. It is the anchor we cling to when all else seems lost. Hope embodies the remembrance of God's past deeds and the belief that He is capable of performing great wonders once more. The Christmas Eve of 2024 is going to be a special year. The papal bull, titled "Spes Non Confudit", meaning "Hope Does Not Disappoint," declared that the Jubilee Year will officially begin with the opening of the Holy Door of St. Peter's Basilica on Christmas Eve 2024 and will officially conclude with the closing of the Holy Door in St. Peter's Basilica on Jan. 6, 2026, on the solemnity of the Epiphany of the Lord.

Pope Francis wrote in the papal bull, "May the Jubilee be a moment of genuine, personal encounter with the Lord Jesus, the 'door' (cf. Jn 10:7,9) of our salvation, whom the Church is charged to proclaim always, everywhere, and to all as 'our hope' (1 Tim 1:1)". He concluded the Bull with a final note of hope, praying that "the

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coming Jubilee will be a Holy Year marked by the hope that does not fade, our hope in God”; and that it might help us recover “the confident trust we require in the Church and in society, in our interpersonal relationships, in international relations, and in our task of promoting the dignity of all persons and respect for God's gift of creation.” Holy Father has invited the Dioceses, Parishes and the Faithful to celebrate the jubilee year in the possible ways and so our Congregation has come with a module to celebrate the jubilee year as a Guanellian Family in three stages that you will find in the following pages.

We let ourselves be the constant incarnation of Jesus Christ in the flesh for the life of the world. As Saint Teresa of Avila said,

“Christ has no body but yours.

No hands, no feet on earth but yours.

Yours are the eyes through which He looks compassion on this world.

Yours are the feet with which He walks to do good.

Yours are the hands through which He blesses all the world.

Yours are the hands, yours are the feet, yours are the eyes, you are his body.

Christ has no body now on earth but yours.”

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

1. We are reminded as part of tradition and time for preparation for the Jubilee year to celebrate an Intercontinental Eucharistic Celebration in memory of the birth of our Holy Founder St. Louis Guanella.
2. We wish and pray for Bro. Ajis and Bro. Dipak who will be receiving the ministry of Lector on 19th December, 2024
3. We wish and pray for the members of Pious Union of St. Joseph in India who will be renewing their promises on 19th December, 2024.

FR. RONALD. J SDC

Provincial Superior

PROVINCIAL CALENDER DECEMBER 2024

3 & 4 - Ongoing formation Program

5 - Marriage Mass in Ambatur

6 - DPP Council Meeting

9 - Episcopal Ordination in Vellore

13 & 14 - Ongoing Formation Program

13 - Mass in Tambaram

15 - World Day of Persons with disabilities in Chennai

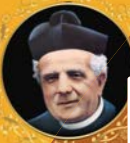
19 - Intercontinental Mass & World Day of Persons with disabilities in Vatluru

20 - Visit to Koppaka

21 - Visit to Warangal Residence

22 - World Day of Persons with disabilities in Warangal Residence

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JUBILAEUM

The Holy Year!

*What sublime thoughts this event so close to us is a source of;
how many consolations is it cause for us... the time of God's greatest mercy!*

S.L.G.

Dearest Sisters, Brothers, and Cooperators,

Don Guanella wrote these words in "La Divina Provvidenza" as the Jubilee of 1900 approached: today we can repeat them too. The Holy Year that is about to begin is another great gift that the Lord, through His Church, offers to each of us and to all humanity: a time of consolation, of renewal, and of hope.

Pope Francis writes in the Bull of Indiction of the Ordinary Jubilee of the year 2025:

"Everyone knows what it is to hope. In the heart of each person, hope dwells as the desire and expectation of good things to come, despite our not knowing what the future may bring. Even so, uncertainty about the future may at times give rise to conflicting feelings, ranging from confident trust to apprehensiveness, from serenity to anxiety, from firm conviction to hesitation and doubt...."

May the Jubilee be an opportunity for everyone to revive hope!

(Spes non confundit,1)

May the Lord help us so that we too can reinvigorate our commitment to be women and men who sow hope "to exercise a beneficial influence on the believing and unbelieving world and to animate it to faith in God and charity towards our neighbor" (Vol. IV p. 329) as Don Guanella desired. Surely, we need to "abound in hope" (cf. Rom 15:13), so that we may bear credible and attractive witness to the faith and love that dwell in our hearts; that our faith may be joyful and our charity enthusiastic.

(Spes non confundit,18)

As a Guanellian Family we want to participate fully in this ecclesial event that brings with it an extraordinary outpouring of the Father's mercy.



You will all have had the opportunity to begin to look at the celebrations planned at the universal and diocesan level, we urge you to organize yourself as best as possible at the level of Circumscriptions, Delegation, Province and local realities, to participate and to have the Guests of our Houses and Services participate. As a sign of communion, we wanted to outline a small "Guanellian" path that will make us feel united even though we are scattered across five continents, overcoming, in prayer, all distances and differences.

Three stages are offered to walk together in this Holy Year: we "meet" on some dates, through subsidiaries of common animation developed by the Commission constituted and composed of the Daughters of St. Mary of Providence, the Servants of Charity and the Guanellian Cooperators.

TIME OF PREPARATION: DECEMBER 19, 2024

A few days after the opening of the Holy Year, in memory of the birth of our Holy Founder, an Intercontinental Eucharistic Celebration should be organized in the various realities (local, or by zones, or by Province) at the most appropriate time to encourage everyone's participation.

TIME OF CELEBRATION: JUNE 21, 2025

At the heart of the Holy Year, on the name day of Don Luigi Guanella, a Jubilee Day for the entire Guanellian family is planned. The location and time of the celebration can be identified at the provincial level or by gathering as Guanellian realities of the same territory, at a sacred Jubilee place.

MOMENT OF THANKSGIVING: NOVEMBER 12, 2025

Towards the end of the Holy Year, on the solemnity of Mary, Mother of Providence, participation in the Holy Rosary transmitted online, at the most suitable time, from a Church or a Guanellian House chosen together by the Superiors of the DSMP, the SdC and the GC in each Nation.

TWO OTHER OPPORTUNITIES ARE PROPOSED TO ENRICH OUR JOURNEY IN COMMUNION:

1. Plan a Local Pilgrimage of the Guanellian Family, as an initiative to be experienced in the Jubilee Year towards a Jubilee Shrine or Church.
2. Share your initiatives related to the Jubilee Year on the Facebook page of the Guanellian Family which will be opened specifically and will be called "Jubileum Famiglia Guanelliana".

We thank the Commission for the work done and wish each and every one a Holy Year full of graces and growth in communion for the entire Guanellian Family.

Rome, September 24, 2024

Padre Umberto Brugnoli SdC

Dott. Antonio Valentini GC

Sr Neuza Maria Giordani FSMP



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INTERNATIONAL DAY OF PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES

Dear brothers and sisters!

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

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

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

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

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

The Synod, above all by its invitation to journey together and to listen to one another, can help us understand how in the Church – also with regard to the disabled – there can be no us and them, but a single us, with Jesus Christ at the centre, where each person brings his or her own gifts and limitations. This awareness, founded on the fact that we are all part of the same vulnerable humanity assumed and sanctified by Christ, eliminates arbitrary distinctions and opens the door to the participation of each baptized member in the life of the Church. What is more, in those places where the Synod has been truly inclusive, it has permitted us to dispel deep-rooted prejudices. Encounter and fraternity break down the walls of misunderstanding and overcome discrimination; this is why I trust that every Christian community will be open to the presence of our brothers and sisters with disabilities, and ensure that they are always welcomed and fully included. We come to realize that we exist as an us and not a them whenever disability, whether temporary or due to natural aging, affects ourselves or someone for whom we care. Then we begin to look at reality with new eyes and we see the need to break down even those barriers that at first seemed insignificant. Nothing, however, can detract from our certainty that no disability – temporary, acquired or permanent – can change the fact that we are all children of the one Father and enjoy the same dignity. The Lord loves us all with the same tender, fatherly and unconditional love. Dear brothers and sisters, I thank you for the initiatives taking place on this International Day of Persons with Disabilities, and I accompany them with my prayers. I bless you all from my heart and ask you, please, to pray for me.

Pope Francis

PSYCHO-SEXUAL INTEGRATION

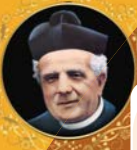


CUDDALORE: During the semester holidays, Fr. Rector organized a three-day course for college-going brothers conducted by Dr. Sr. Violet Clamencia, FSJ, a renowned psychotherapist. The course focused on the topic of psycho-sexual integration, providing a deep and holistic understanding of sexuality as a divine gift from God. Sr. Violet explained that sexual energy is not merely biological, but a sacred force meant to give life and foster creativity in all creation. For consecrated individuals, this energy requires a proper understanding, acceptance, and integration into their lives.

Sr. Violet emphasized that sexuality, a profound mystery, holds a divine element. She encouraged students to see sexuality as a sacred gift rather than a challenge to control. Her inspiring words, "Celebrate your celibacy while living a consecrated walk of life," resonated deeply. Instead of suppressing sexual notions, she urged pupils to accept and channel them positively. Addressing youth and seminarians' struggles, she provided practical insights and guidance to help navigate this sensitive dimension of their lives with clarity and maturity. The course offered them a genuine understanding of sexuality, empowering them to embrace their consecrated vocation wholeheartedly.

Following this enlightening course, the brothers embarked on a three-day retreat that deepened their spiritual journey. The retreat was centered on personal prayer and emphasizing that God is our ultimate and authentic partner in this religious lifestyle. It provided them with a profound opportunity to strengthen their bond with God, as prayer life is foundational for priestly formation.

Brothers were reminded that prayer is the key to overcoming distractions, fear of demands, anger with God, modern trends, and confusion between spiritual and



religious living. The retreat highlighted the importance of acknowledging and confessing their sins, amending our ways, and committing to a life of grace. This time of reflection and renewal rekindled their spiritual fervor and reaffirmed their dedication to their vocation. These combined experiences—psycho-sexual integration and the retreat—offered them a balanced perspective, nurturing both their human and spiritual dimensions. They reminded them that the consecrated life is a joyful celebration of God's gifts, requiring prayerful commitment and a deep understanding of themselves as His chosen ones.;;;;

BROTHERS AT KAIROS 2024

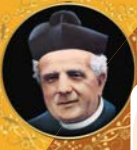
CUDDALORE: In the heart of Pondicherry, at the historic Old Port, Kairos 2024 marked a transformative event for young Catholics across India, including 14 higher secondary brothers from St. Joseph's Seminary, Cuddalore. Stepping up with Jesus, they joined over 5,000 youth from every corner of India in a journey of faith, growth, and spiritual renewal.

Our brothers arrived on October 30th, a day early, volunteering to help make the event run smoothly. With eager hands and open hearts, they served in various capacities—welcoming attendees at the reception desk, distributing ID cards, coordinating event logistics, and even serving meals to fellow participants. Through this service, they embraced the spirit of giving, learning that leadership often begins with humble acts.

Faith and Fellowship in Action

Under the event theme “Stepping Up with Jesus,” the brothers engaged in powerful talks and sessions that addressed real-world challenges facing youth today, including topics on drug addiction, abortion, pornography, and mobile addiction. The





messages were honest and bold, delivered by Cardinals, Archbishops, priests, and lay leaders. These sessions provided a grounding in Catholic values and pro-life teachings, encouraging the brothers and others to understand the deeper spiritual, physical, and societal impacts of these issues. Each day began with Holy Mass and concluded with adoration, where the brothers found peace and a profound connection with Jesus. Cardinal Oswald Gracias celebrated the final Mass, a high point that filled everyone with the collective hope and resolve to carry the light of Christ beyond the event.

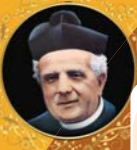
Inspiration and Impact

Through Kairos 2024, the brothers discovered a renewed passion for prayer and a commitment to a virtuous life. Praise and worship sessions opened their hearts to new expressions of faith, while quiet moments of prayer and meditation offered solace and reflection, a welcome respite from their usual seminary routine. They learned the beauty of worship, the power of being present with God, and the importance of nurturing virtues in their everyday lives.

The four-day event was a life-changing pilgrimage for the brothers, and they returned to St. Joseph's Seminary not only with a deeper faith but also with a commitment to share this joy with others. Kairos 2024 has left an indelible mark on their spiritual journey, and they carry forward a renewed spirit of community, a profound reverence for God, and the strength to live out their faith boldly in today's world. Kairos 2024 wasn't just an event; it was a milestone—a chance to pause, reflect, and step up with Jesus, allowing the brothers of St. Joseph's Seminary to return home with a strengthened faith and a renewed purpose, ready to answer God's call in their lives.

KINDNESS IN ACTION





DGSS, CHENNAI: Don Guanella Special School Celebrated Children's Day with joy and Gratitude. The Primary section of Don Guanella Special School was abuzz with excitement as the students celebrated Children's Day in a unique way. The celebration's highlight was the inauguration of newly donated furniture, including tables, chairs, and specially designed chairs for the students. The school thanked Cini actor Bjourn's family and Bailey Ltd. for their generous donation. Their kindness and support will benefit the welfare and education of our children. The new furniture will provide our students a comfortable and conducive learning environment. The Children's Day celebration was memorable, filled with laughter, music, and joy. The students enjoyed the festivities, and the new furniture was a wonderful surprise. Once again, school management thanked the generous donors for their support that will make a significant difference in the lives of our children.

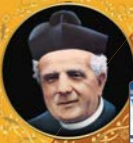
COLOURS OF JOY



DGSS, CHENNAI: In a heartwarming display of creativity and camaraderie, SRM Ramapuram students joined hands with special children from Don Guanella Special School to create stunning glass paintings. This unique collaboration highlighted the power of art in bridging gaps and fostering connections. The finished glass paintings were a testament to the participants' creativity and talent. Each piece was unique, reflecting its creator's personality and style. We extended our heartfelt gratitude to the students and special children for their enthusiasm, creativity, and joy.

CELEBRATING THE DAY FOR DIFFERENTLY ABLED

BANGALORE: On November 30, Guanella Preethi Nivas (GPN) proudly celebrated the 18th year of World Differently Abled Day, welcoming over 1200 participants, including staff, volunteers, benefactors, and well-wishers. The event commenced with a solemn Holy Mass, graciously offered by Most Rev. Soosainathan, Auxiliary Bishop of

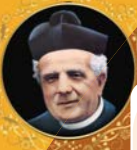


Bangalore Archdiocese. This spiritual foundation set the tone for a day of inclusivity, empowerment, and joy. Distinguished guests were welcomed warmly and recognized for contributing to the differently abled community. Talented, differently abled children and elders showcased their skills through captivating cultural performances, including music, dance, and skits. All participants received gifts symbolizing love, appreciation, and equality. The celebration culminated in a shared lunch, fostering camaraderie and a sense of belonging among all attendees. It was a powerful reminder of the importance of inclusivity, empathy, and empowerment. As we strive to create a more equitable society, we honor the differently abled community and reaffirm our commitment to supporting their rights and aspirations. The World Differently Abled Day celebration at GPN was a heartwarming experience, highlighting the talents and abilities of differently abled individuals. We are grateful for the unwavering support of our benefactors, volunteers, and staff, who made this event a resounding success.

EAR CAMP/HEARING AIDS

BANGALORE: Help Age India organized a comprehensive Ear Camp in Yelahanka, benefiting numerous seniors, including our beloved "Thathas" (residents). The camp aimed to address hearing impairments, a common challenge the elderly face. First, free hearing tests were made available by the expert audiologist Dr. S.R Chandrashekar, Institute of Speech and Hearing, who conducted thorough hearing assessments for all attendees. Later, the group distributed hearing aids to eligible beneficiaries who





received free hearing aids tailored to their specific needs. The camp provided counseling and support by trained professionals on hearing aid maintenance, usage, and overall ear care. The camp's supportive environment and expert care helped alleviate any anxiety and self-consciousness related to the hearing loss of the elders.

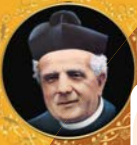
OUTREACH PROGRAM



BANGALORE: On November 28, 80 students from the 10th Standard of the United Nations International School visited Guanella Destitute Home for Men as part of their social outreach program. The enthusiastic students brought joy and excitement to the residents, displaying the value of empathy and community service. Energetic dance routines and melodious songs entertained the residents. Then, the students presented gifts to the residents, symbolizing their appreciation and care. In the end, students engaged the residents by listening to their stories and sharing their experiences. The visit had a profound impact on both the students and residents. The program brought happiness and cheerfulness to the Guanella Destitute Home community.

EYE CAMP AND PLANTATION





BANGALORE: On November 27, India Design Export Pvt. Ltd., as part of their Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR) initiative, organized a plantation program and a mobile eye camp for the residents of Guanella Destitute Home for Men. The India Design Export Pvt. Ltd. team visited Guanella Preethi Nivas (GPN) and planted fifteen saplings, promoting environmental sustainability and beautification of the premises. Simultaneously, the Lion's Club organized a mobile eye camp, which provided free eye check-ups and distributed eyeglasses to all the residents according to individual needs. This initiative aimed to improve its beneficiaries' eye health and quality of life. The combined initiative had a significant impact on the residents. The event fostered a sense of community and social responsibility.

UNDER ONE UMBRELLA



KOPPAKKA: On November 9, the DSMP sisters, Fathers, and brothers came together to celebrate the Feast of Our Lady of Divine Providence. It was a heartfelt manifestation of unity and echoed the vision of our Founder, who longed for all his children to come together under one umbrella. The celebration began with a solemn Mass presided over by Fr. Packiaraj and Fr. Assisi. Fr. Assisi delivered an inspiring homily, reminding us of the profound significance of our mission. Our Lady of Divine Providence is our guiding star, reminding us that our work is rooted in love, compassion, and service to others. She inspires us to reach out to those in need, be instruments of peace, and carry forth our Founder's legacy. This celebration was a beautiful reminder that we can achieve remarkable things together in faith. After Holy Mass, we shared a carefully prepared meal that symbolized our unity. Each dish served was not just food for the body but a reminder of the love and care that went into its preparation.

MONTHLY RECOLLECTION

KOPPAKKA: On the 23rd of this month, our brothers gathered for their monthly recollection led by the Oblates of Mary Immaculate (OMI) Fathers. It was an



opportunity for introspection and renewal, a chance to reflect on their lives and to rejuvenate their spirits. This month's theme was "Happiness." During the recollection, the OMI Fathers encouraged the brothers to explore a more profound understanding of happiness. They posed thought-provoking questions: What is happiness? When do we find ourselves genuinely happy? As the discussions unfolded, it became clear that happiness is not merely an absence of sorrow or a collection of pleasurable experiences. Instead, it is a state of being that encompasses contentment, purpose, and connection. The brothers reflected on the importance of relationships with others and oneself as a foundation for experiencing true happiness. Our fast-paced lives make it easy to overlook the simple joys surrounding us. By cultivating gratitude, we can shift our focus from what we lack to appreciating the abundance in our lives. This shift in perspective can lead to a more sustained sense of happiness.

ALL SOULS DAY

VATLURU: Pope Francis explained, "Memory, of those who have gone before us, who have spent their lives, who have concluded this life" — both those who have done good and those who have failed in doing good "but were received into the memory of God." ALL SOULS DAY was celebrated in the cemetery of Vatluru. It has been the tradition to celebrate and offer Mass for the dead in this place. The faithful have devotedly





participated and paid homage to their loved ones in the cemetery. The Holy Eucharist was offered in memory of all the faith departed for the redemption of their souls.

SWEET MEMORIES



VATLURU: The rekindling of sweet, old memories is one of the treasures of gathering with fellow alumni. Therefore, we, the alumni of Guanella Karunalaya from 2004 to 2024 gathered on November 17, 2024. The invitees responded with immense joy and considered it a pleasure to be included in the program. A cultural fest and sports meet encompassed past and present students of Guanella Karunalaya, Vatluru. The alumni programs were well organized, and the boys were thrilled to participate. The alumni sponsored gifts and a sumptuous meal for the boys.

CHILDREN'S DAY CELEBRATION

VATLURU: On November 14, 2024, India celebrated "Children's Day," known as Bal Diwas, to honor the birth anniversary of Jawaharlal Nehru, India's first Prime Minister. This day celebrates the joy and innocence of childhood and pays tribute to Nehru's deep affection for children. We celebrated the Children's Day Program in Sacred Heart Church and Guanella Karunalaya Boys Home, Vatluru. The children were presented with gifts and sweets.





CHIKKAHOLE DAM

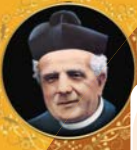


THALAVADI: "Whoever is happy will make others happy" (Anne Frank). Each person is responsible for maintaining their happiness and spreading that joy to others in their circle. On November 13, our residents were taken to Chikkahole Dam. It was a wonderful experience for them. They were overjoyed to see the waterfalls and beautiful birds. The day was celebrated with party games and dancing at the dam. Meanwhile, one group prepared chicken for the sixty-five participants, and all came together to enjoy a meal as one family. Since the weather was perfect, and the group had a wonderful day, they expressed the desire to revisit the waterfalls at another time. On the way back to home, all shared a special treat of ice cream. Later that evening, we exchanged comments and thoughts on the day's excursion with others in the group.

MISSION EXPERIANCE OF MONFORT BROTHERS



THALAVADI: "Experience is the teacher of all things." – Julius Caesar. Our mission is so precious--God gifted. It is a welcoming and accepting outreach to all people in and around our district. This exchange prompted four brothers from the Monfort



Congregation to come to our house for two weeks of shared experience. They were talented and amazing. They taught dance, music, and songs to our inmates. Each day, they taught and conducted various games for our people. They helped the residents to make a fishpond in our house. Finally, they shared that they learned many life lessons from our residents, who set a fitting example.

PHILOSOPHICAL FORUM

DGMS, CHENNAI: On November 26, 2024, second-year philosophy brothers organized a philosophical forum on "Peace and War." The discussion focused on the nature and types of war and offered philosophical insights into its origin and the importance of peace. Fr. Kalai Selvan, SDC, the chief guest, proposed viable solutions to war and the promotion of peace in today's world. The forum, which Fr. Stalin, the moderator, guided, provided a detailed study of war. Brothers gained valuable insights into the complexities of peace and war. The event concluded with a renewed emphasis on promoting peace and harmony.

PREPARATION FOR PERPETUAL VOWS

DGMS, CHENNAI: Bro. John Peter, Bro. Arokia Jayaseelan, and Bro. Arul Pandian commenced their preparation for perpetual vows on November 1, 2024. Fr. Mahesh Benson presided over the Holy Eucharist celebration. In his message, Fr. Benson emphasized the importance of living a genuine religious life. He encouraged the brothers to be authentic examples of Christ. The celebration marked the beginning of the brothers' preparation for lifelong commitment. Fr. Benson's words inspired the brothers to deepen their faith and dedication. This preparation period will be a time of intense reflection, prayer, and discernment for the brothers. Let us assure them of our prayers and support during this time.



DIFFERENTLY ABLED DAY



DINDIGUL: On November 30th, 2024, the Dindigul community came together to celebrate World Differently Abled Day, promoting inclusivity, empowerment, and equal opportunities for individuals with disabilities. The event was a collaborative effort between different special schools in Dindigul, Guanella Karunai Illam, and various institutions and organizations. The celebration began with welcoming dance and solemn prayer service, Bp. Paulsamy, Dindigul Diocese, Fr. Sahaya Raj V.G., Fr. Samson (Administrator), and Fr. Samson (Senior Priest) from Bishop House, Fr. Anbarasan, Sr. Arul Devi, and Mr. Swaminathan (DDAWO) graced the occasion with their presence. Lion's Club association members and other community organizations also joined hands to make the event a success. Mr. Sasi Kumar the Chief guest gave his inspiring words and distributed gifts for the good children.

The highlight of the event was the cultural program presented by the good children from different special schools, institutions and organization in Dindigul. Their talents, enthusiasm, and joy were a testament to the power of inclusivity and empowerment. The Dindigul community's celebration of World Differently Abled Day was a powerful statement of solidarity and support for individuals with disabilities. May we continue to promote inclusivity, empowerment, and equal opportunities for all.

CELEBRATING CHILDREN'S DAY

DINDIGUL: "The children of today will make the India of tomorrow. The way we bring them up will determine the future of the country." - Pandit Jawaharlal Nehru. Dindigul community came together to celebrate Children's Day with great enthusiasm and love. The evening school children and the inmates of Guanella Karunai Illam were the special guests of honor at this joyous celebration. The chief guest Rev. Fr. Visuwasam, Director of Guanella Karunai Illam gave a sharing about the event. The event began



with a beautiful prayer service, led by the evening school teachers. The Evening school teacher welcomed the gathering and emphasized the importance of loving and caring for one another, especially the marginalized and vulnerable.

The evening school children presented a delightful cultural program. The inmates of Guanella Karunai Illam also participated enthusiastically, bringing joy and laughter to the audience. The highlight of the evening was the distribution of gifts and sweets to the children and inmates. Their faces lit up with happiness as they received their gifts, and the atmosphere was filled with love and compassion. The Dindigul community's celebration of Children's Day was a beautiful expression of love, care, and compassion for the most vulnerable members of our society. May we continue to nurture and support our children, empowering them to become the leaders and change-makers of tomorrow.

GUANELLIAN STUDY CENTER IN CHARGES MEET

DPP, CHENNAI: Guanellian Study Center in Rome organized an online meet on 26th November, 2024 for the In charges of Guanellian Study Center who are present in the various provinces, vice province and delegation. Confreres, DSMP Sisters and Guanellian Lay people also actively participated in the online meet organized via the Google Meet platform. Fr. Ronald, SdC Provincial Superior and Fr. Arun Kumar, SdC In charge of the Guanellian Study Center - DPP represented the province in the online meet. Fr. Bruno Capparoni, SdC explained the purpose of the meeting, Mr. Fabrizio and Mr. Riccardo presented in detail about the new edition 'Pagine Guanelliane and Unpublished works'. The meeting was useful as they shared the link to access the archives of the Center of Guanellian Studies in Rome. The fruit of this meeting will be





shared with the Guanellian Family during the Guanellian School that will be organized in the month of April, 2025.

ONGOING FORMATION ON GUANELLIAN MISSION



DPP, CHENNAI: Ongoing Formation on the topic 'Executing Guanellian mission effectively according to the Constitutions and Regulations of the Servants of Charity' was organized on 19-20, 2024 by DPP via Google Platform. Fr. Fabio Pallotta, SdC, presented his talk on the first day explaining the interconnectivity and difference between Charism, Spirit and Mission. Then, he focused on explaining about the origin, historical development and sources of the Guanellian Mission. On the second day, he explained in detail the constitutions 61-80 and Regulations 82-144 which deals with the Guanellian Mission. Formees from all the formation houses and confreres actively participated in the meeting and Fr. Ronald, SdC thanked Fr. Fabio Pallotta, SdC for enlightening and sharing the resources on Guanellian Mission. The meeting had the great impact as it helped the participants to understand clearly about the Guanellian mission and its effective execution.



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6TH ANNIVERSARY AND AGAPE FEAST



SIVAKASI: The Vadapatti Mission Parish joyfully celebrated its 6th anniversary on November 24, 2024. This milestone marked six years since the parish was erected and entrusted to the Guanellian community by Bishop Antony Pappusamy on November 25, 2018. The anniversary celebration commenced with a solemn Mass, followed by a heartwarming Agape feast. In the spirit of the early Christian community, parishioners came together, sharing a variety of dishes from their homes. This gesture of sharing meals echoed the biblical values of generosity, kindness, and communal bonding (Acts 2:42-47). The Guanellian parishioners' participation in the Agape feast made the anniversary celebration even more meaningful. As they shared meals together, they strengthened their bond of unity, love, and service, reflecting the core values of the Guanellian family. This special occasion will be cherished by the Vadapatti Mission Parish community, as they continue to grow in faith, hope, and charity.

ADAPTIVE WORKOUTS

CHELSEA - With the return of Caitlin Blomquist to St. Louis Center as Fitness Trainer, the residents are enjoying exercise classes suited to their age and physical abilities.





Doing chair a workout makes it possible for many to benefit from the program. Caitlin makes the classes fun for all of the participants.

ANNUAL FALL DINNER AUCTION



CHELSEA - The 38th Annual Fall Dinner Auction to benefit St. Louis Center was held on Saturday, November 9, 2024. A dedicated committee of volunteers worked for several months making plans and acquiring auction items that would entice guests and donors to be generous. Over 200 guests attended the event which was held at St. Church in Chelsea. This year, the committee helped to raise a record amount of funds to benefit the Center.

FEAST OF OUR LADY OF PROVIDENCE

CHELSEA - The Guanellian Family, priests, laity, SLC staff and residents, in Chelsea gathered to celebrate the feast of Our Lady of Providence at St. Louis Center on Monday, November 11th. Parochial Vicar Fr. Timothy McDonald was the main celebrant of Mass. The Gospel reading for the feast tells the story of the Wedding Feast at Cana. Fr. Tim described the immense size the jars of wine would have been and implored attendees to stop worrying about the future, to back to basics and listen to Mary, "Do whatever He tells you." A simple meal was shared in the Center's gym following Mass.





UPDATES FROM THE SHRINE OF ST. JOSEPH

GRASS LAKE - During November, month of the Holy Souls, the Shrine especially remembered those who have gone before us. A special board was placed near the altar, where people wrote down the names of their deceased relatives.

Many people came for Thanksgiving Day Mass, to praise God for all the blessings of this past year. The statues for the Holy Rosary Project have been completed, and they will be shipped shortly.



BIRTHDAY

08-FR. NINO MINETTI

10-FR. A. PAUL FRANCIS

11-FR. G. RAJA RATHNAM

16-BRO. P. MARIA PAULRAJ

19-FR. GUSTAVO DE BONIS

22-FR. A. KULANDAISAMY

25-FR. J. RONALD

28-FR. A. MICHAEL DURAI SAMY



ORDINATION

09-FR. S. ANTONY LOURDURAJ

21-FR. JOSEPH RINALDO

23-FR. FORTUNATO TURATI

26-FR. K.BENSON | FR. A. JAYA SOOSAI

FR. S. JOHNDASS | FR. A. KULANDAISAMY

FR. J. RONALD | FR. S.P. SAMY

27- FR. A. KURIAKOSE

29- FR. S. ROOSEWELT

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Merry Christmas
and
Happy New Year



MAY THE TRUE SPIRIT OF CHRISTMAS SHINE IN YOUR HEART AND LIGHT YOUR PATH.