

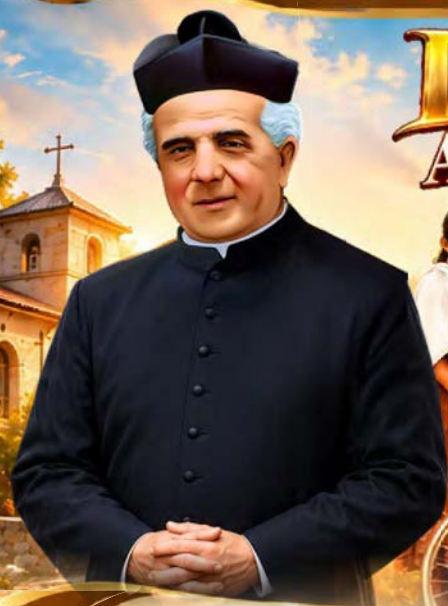


NEWSLETTER

DIVINE PROVIDENCE PROVINCE

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Don Guanella: *A Living Heart of the Poor*



Dear Guanellian Family,

As we commemorate the 110th anniversary of the heavenly birth of our Founder, St. Luigi Guanella (24 October 1915–2026), we are invited to enter into a meaningful spiritual journey as a Guanellian Family. October calls us to contemplate more deeply the Fatherhood of God revealed in the life and mission of St. Luigi Guanella, to renew our devotion to Mary through the Holy Rosary, to strengthen our fraternal communion, and to prepare ourselves to celebrate the feast of our Founder on October 24. This year, our celebration has a particular significance because Pope Leo XIV has dedicated his October prayer intention to persons experiencing mental-health difficulties. The Holy Father invites the Church to become an “Open House”, a safe and welcoming place where those who suffer may find acceptance, dignity, hope and accompaniment. He calls us to listen without judging, to draw near without fear, and to overcome every form of stigma and exclusion. This invitation touches the very heart of our Guanellian Charism.

More than a century ago, Don Guanella was already opening such a house of Mercy. The people whom society often considered poor, abandoned, disabled or socially vulnerable, he saw not a problem or a limitation, but a beloved child of God. His profound experience of God's Fatherhood transformed his way of looking at the human person and became the foundation of his



charism. He therefore created homes where those who had been rejected could experience belonging, affection and family. His mission flowed from the conviction that every person possesses dignity and remains capable of love, growth and redemption. His profound trust in Divine Providence was expressed in the attitude: "It is God who does."

Today, the suffering of many people is less visible but no less real. Anxiety, depression, loneliness and other mental-health struggles can leave people isolated and afraid to speak about their pain. The invitation of Pope Leo therefore challenges us to examine our own Guanellian homes and communities: Are they places where people can truly say, "I am accepted, I am loved, I belong"? Our response must go beyond professional or material assistance. It calls for presence, patient listening, understanding, prayer and the willingness to remain beside the person in his or her vulnerability. In this way, our ministry becomes a living expression of God's fatherhood.

As we celebrate the Feast of St. Luigi Guanella on October 24, may we renew his fatherly spirit by seeing the person before the problem and the dignity before the limitation. May we become, like Don Guanella, a welcoming presence for those who are fragile, forgotten and in need of belonging. In this month of the Holy Rosary, may Mary teach us to bring every suffering person before Christ and to unite prayer with compassionate service. May our communities become true schools of prayer, where contemplation leads us to love and serve the poor.

This October is also an important moment for our Divine Providence Province. From October 7 to 22, the Provincial Council will visit our USA communities, accompanied by Rev. Fr. Soosai Rathinam SdC, Vicar General, as an opportunity for fraternal sharing, listening, encouragement and communion. The Plenary Council Meeting, October 14 -15, will be a moment of prayerful discernment and renewed responsibility for our Province. May these encounters strengthen our unity, deepen our fraternity and help us discern together the path God is opening before us.

On October 20th 2026, we joyfully celebrate the Golden Jubilee of Priesthood of Fr. Enzo Addari, SdC.



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We thank God for his fifty years of faithful priestly and missionary service and pray that the Lord may continue to bless him with joy, strength and renewed apostolic zeal.

May this October deepen in us a heart that welcomes rather than excludes, listens rather than judges, accompanies rather than abandons, and hopes when others see only limitations. May our homes become places where people find not only care, but family; not only assistance, but affection; not only service, but dignity, hope and belonging. Through the intercession of Mary, Mother of Divine Providence, and St. Luigi Guanella, may we remain faithful to our charism as children of the Father and brothers and sisters of the poor, bringing the tenderness of God's fatherly heart to the suffering and vulnerable of our time.



FR. GNANARAJ SDC
Servant of God's Love

PROVINCIAL CALENDAR

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07/10/26	- Divine Providence Community - <i>East Providence - Rhode Island</i>
12/10/26	- Sacred Heart Community - <i>Philadelphia - Pennsylvania</i>
14-15/10/26	- DPP Plenary Council Meeting
17/10/26	- Chelsea Community - <i>Chelsea, Michigan</i>
20/10/26	- Presenting New Constitutions and Regulations, Golden Jubilee & Guanella Feast





ANNUAL GENERAL BODY MEETING

The three Societies of our Congregation held their Annual General Body Meetings during September 2026 at different locations. These annual gatherings provided an opportunity to review the activities of the past year, examine the administration and financial matters, and discuss plans and priorities for the future.

The Society of Don Guanella Major Seminary held its Annual General Body Meeting on 6 September 2026 at Don Guanella Major Seminary, Poonamallee. The meeting began with the welcome by the Secretary, followed by the presentation of the objectives of the Society by the President. The Secretary presented the Annual Activity Report, while the Treasurer presented the Auditor's Report. The members then discussed the future plans and proposed activities of the Society and considered other matters with the permission of the Chair. The Society of Servants of Charity held its Annual General Body Meeting on 14 September 2026 at Guanella Karunai Illam, Dindigul. The members reflected on the objectives and activities of the Society through the presentations of the President and Secretary. The Treasurer presented the Auditor's Report, followed by discussions on the Society's future plans and proposed activities. The meeting also provided an opportunity for the members to share their suggestions and reflections for the continued development of the Society.

The Guanellian Society held its Annual General Body Meeting on 16 September 2026 at Soosai Thoottam, Madurai. Following the welcome by the Secretary, the President presented the objectives of the Society, and the



Secretary presented the Annual Activity Report. The Treasurer presented the Auditor's Report, after which the members discussed future plans and proposed activities. Other relevant matters were also considered with the permission of the Chair. Though held at three different places and on different dates, the meetings shared a common spirit of responsibility, transparency, collaboration, and commitment to mission. The review of activities and financial administration helped the members to appreciate the progress made, while the discussions on future plans encouraged collective discernment and renewed commitment.

These Annual General Body Meetings were not merely administrative gatherings but important moments of review, reflection, and renewal. In the spirit of St. Luigi Guanella, may the Societies continue to exercise responsible stewardship of the resources entrusted to them and remain ever committed to serving the poor and those in need with trust in Divine Providence





LOVE IN EDUCATION

DINDIGUL- On Monday, September 7, 2026, Teachers' Day was celebrated with great joy and gratitude at the Guanella Evening School, Kallathupatti, Dindigul. A heartfelt tribute was offered to the dedicated teachers for their loving and selfless service.

The teachers were honoured with thoughtful gifts by Fr. Edal Vinoth SdC, the Administrator, as a token of appreciation. Their commitment and dedication to the education and formation of the students were gratefully acknowledged. The students also participated joyfully in the celebration. A special snack was shared by the students, adding warmth and happiness to the occasion. The gathering was enriched by an atmosphere of gratitude, fellowship, and appreciation. The importance of teachers in shaping the lives of young people was beautifully remembered. It was reaffirmed that education is not merely a profession but a mission of love and service. Gratitude was offered to God for the gift of these committed educators, and prayers were offered for their continued strength, wisdom, and guidance. May their loving service continue to inspire and transform the lives of many young people.

TEACHERS' DAY CELEBRATION

KUMBAKKONAM - Teachers' Day was celebrated on 12 September with great joy and enthusiasm. The programme was begun with a prayer song led by Rev. Fr. Bernandas, invoking God's blessings upon all the teachers and students. The ceremonial kuthuvilakku was lit by a priest, a teacher, a student, and a nun, symbolizing the light of knowledge, wisdom, and service. A variety of entertaining and meaningful cultural programmes, including dance, singing, storytelling, and drama, were presented by the students.



The performances were warmly appreciated by everyone and added colour and joy to the celebration. As a special gesture of appreciation, beautiful handbags were presented to the teachers, who received the gifts with great happiness and gratitude. Rev. Fr. Jayaraj, the special chief guest, addressed the gathering and delivered an inspiring message to the teachers. His words encouraged the teachers to continue their noble mission of educating, guiding, and shaping the lives of young people. Sweets and snacks were distributed to the students and teachers during the programme. Following the celebration, a delicious lunch was served to everyone. The gathering was concluded on a joyful note, and all the students and teachers returned home safely. Thus, the Teachers' Day Celebration was brought to a happy and successful conclusion, filled with gratitude, joy, appreciation, and memorable moments.

MOTHER MARY'S BIRTHDAY

WARANGAL- The birthday of the Blessed Virgin Mary was celebrated with great devotion at Guanella Prema Nivasam, Yesu Gutta, Warangal, on September 8. The feast of Our Lady of Good Health was observed with prayer and joyful participation. The celebration was begun with the recitation of the Holy Rosary, followed by the celebration of Holy Mass. The Eucharistic celebration was presided over by Fr. Paul Raj, together with Fr. Simon Reddy, the local Parish Priest, and the resident priests.

The faithful and members of the community participated prayerfully in the Holy Eucharist. The occasion provided an opportunity to honour Mother Mary and seek her maternal intercession. Following the Holy Eucharistic celebration, cakes were distributed to everyone as a joyful expression of fellowship. The celebration created an atmosphere of faith, devotion, gratitude, and



togetherness. The feast was concluded with prayers seeking the continued protection and intercession of Our Lady of Good Health. Our Lady of Good Health, pray for us!

PROVIDENCE OF GOD



WARANGAL- The providence of God was gratefully experienced at the Don Guanella Day Care Centre, Mahabubabad, Warangal, through the generous gift of a television.

The gift was received with great joy and gratitude by the children and staff of the Day Care Centre. On behalf of the entire centre, sincere appreciation is expressed to the Guanella Bhavan Minor Seminary, Koppaka, for their generous support. A beautiful television was sponsored by the community Fathers as a loving contribution towards the education, recreation, and development of the children. Their generosity and concern for the well-being of the children were deeply appreciated. The gift will provide the children with opportunities for educational learning, recreation, and joyful engagement.



TEACHERS' DAY CELEBRATION

WARANGAL- Teachers' Day was celebrated with great joy and enthusiasm at the Guanella Day Care Centre, Warangal. A special homage was offered to Dr. Sarvepalli Radhakrishnan, whose birth anniversary is commemorated as Teachers' Day in India.

The celebration was attended by the priests, staff, and special children of the centre. A joyful and meaningful atmosphere was created through various activities and games. The children and staff actively participated in the games, which brought much happiness and laughter to the gathering. As a gesture of appreciation, the teachers were honoured with thoughtful gifts for their dedicated service and care. Their valuable contribution towards the education, development, and well-being of the children was gratefully acknowledged.

A delicious lunch was served to everyone, adding further joy and warmth to the celebration. The occasion provided an opportunity for togetherness, gratitude, and joyful fellowship. The celebration was concluded with hearts filled with happiness and gratitude. It was truly a memorable day, enriched by love, laughter, appreciation, and shared moments of joy.

WORLD SENIOR CITIZENS' DAY

BENGALURU - World Senior Citizens' Day was celebrated in Bengaluru by the District Disability Welfare Office, Department for the Empowerment of Persons with Disabilities and Senior Citizens. Senior citizens from various institutions, including Guanella Preethi Nivas, were invited to participate in the whole-day celebration. Breakfast, lunch, tea, and snacks were provided, along with

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awareness sessions on government welfare schemes, healthcare, and social security for senior citizens. The elders of Preethi Nivas enthusiastically participated in songs, storytelling, games, and various interactive activities. Their joyful participation added warmth and happiness to the celebration.

The senior citizens were also honoured with tokens of appreciation in recognition of their presence and contribution. The occasion became a meaningful celebration of life, dignity, and the wisdom of the elderly. Their smiles, stories, and joyful participation served as a reminder of the valuable experience, wisdom, and inspiration possessed by senior citizens. The celebration was concluded with a renewed commitment to cherishing, respecting, and caring for the elderly. It was hoped that every senior citizen would continue to be supported in living with dignity, love, respect, and happiness.

TEACHERS' DAY CELEBRATION





BENGALURU - Teachers' Day was celebrated at Don Guanella Preethi Nivas Evening School with great joy, gratitude, and fellowship. The celebration was graced by the presence of Rev. Fr. Kulandai Samy SdC, Community Superior, Rev. Fr. Jesu Dass SdC, and Rev. Fr. Antony Samy SdC. The programme was begun with an inspiring address by the Principal, Mrs. Amali, highlighting the vital role of teachers in shaping the lives, values, and future of young learners. The teachers were felicitated with garlands, traditional shawls, and gifts as tokens of appreciation for their dedicated service.

A cake-cutting ceremony was also conducted as part of the celebration. The students added colour and joy to the occasion through dances, songs, and skits, expressing their love and gratitude towards their teachers. The celebration was concluded with a community dinner, where students, teachers, management, and guests were brought together in a joyful spirit of fellowship and gratitude. The occasion beautifully reflected the Guanellian spirit of love, care, and service. It served as a meaningful reminder that education is not merely the imparting of knowledge but a journey of nurturing young lives with dignity, compassion, and hope.

HONOURING MOTHER TERESA

ANDHRA ,VATLURU - On September 5, the feast of Saint Teresa of Calcutta was celebrated with great devotion at Vatluru Church. The members of the Mother Teresa Group were spiritually prepared and actively participated in the Holy Mass.

During the Eucharistic celebration, gratitude was offered to God for the inspiring life and selfless service of Mother Teresa. Following the Holy Mass, the members prayerfully proceeded to the grotto of Mother Teresa, where she was honoured with deep love and reverence. Prayers were offered for her intercession for the personal intentions of the members, their families, and the entire parish community. The celebration served as a reminder of Mother Teresa's compassion towards the poor, the elderly, the sick, and the neglected.





Inspired by her exemplary life of love and service, a midday meal was offered to the elderly people of the parish. They were welcomed and served with kindness, dignity, and affection. The gesture brought happiness, warmth, and fellowship to all those who were present. The celebration became a meaningful expression of prayer, charity, and loving service. The occasion concluded with gratitude to God and a renewed commitment to follow Mother Teresa's example of humble and selfless service to those in need.

HONOURING TEACHERS



ANDHRA ,VATLURU -On September 5, 2026, Teachers' Day was celebrated at Guanella Karunalaya with gratitude and joy, honouring all those dedicated to teaching, guiding, and caring for children.

The valuable service and commitment of teachers, Fathers, staff members, and supporters were gratefully acknowledged. Their year-round guidance, patience, affection, and care were recognized as an essential part of the children's growth and development. In the evening, a special programme was organized by the boys as an expression of their love and gratitude. The entire programme was conducted enthusiastically by the boys in a joyful and respectful atmosphere.

The Fathers, staff members, and other supporters were warmly welcomed. Beautiful songs and energetic dances were presented by the boys, adding colour and happiness to the celebration. The importance of teachers and guides in the lives of the children was expressed through heartfelt words and reflections. The care, encouragement, and guidance received by the children were sincerely appreciated. Special gratitude was expressed to all the Fathers of the community and to Mr. Ravi, the Warden, for their constant presence, dedicated care, and support. The contributions of all those involved in the education and well-being of the children were also gratefully acknowledged. The celebration strengthened the bond between the children and those who



accompany them on their journey. It served as a reminder that education extends beyond the classroom through love, guidance, and compassionate care. The joyful evening was concluded with gratitude, unity, and a renewed appreciation for everyone who continues to educate, inspire, guide, and support the children of Guanella Karunalaya.

MOTHER MARY'S BIRTHDAY



ANDHRA ,VATLURU - The Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary was celebrated with great joy and devotion at Vatluru Parish on September 8. The celebration was preceded by a three-day spiritual preparation known as the Triduum.

On the first day, the feast flag was solemnly hoisted by Rev. Fr. Dr. Inje Paul, marking the inauguration of the celebrations. The faithful gathered in large numbers and prayerfully participated in the ceremony. Throughout the Triduum, spiritual preparation was carried out through prayer and active participation in the Holy Mass. The church and its surroundings were beautifully decorated, creating a prayerful and festive atmosphere. On the feast day, the solemn Holy Mass was celebrated by Rev. Fr. Prasath, a son of Vatluru Parish. His presence was warmly welcomed, and the faithful participated devoutly in the Eucharistic celebration. Through the liturgy, the faithful were encouraged to imitate Mother Mary's faith, humility, and obedience to God. People of all ages joined together in prayer, thanksgiving, and fellowship. Following the spiritual celebrations, a beautiful live presentation on the life of Mother Mary was performed by the parish youth. Significant moments from her life were creatively portrayed through music, costumes, acting, and narration. The youth were warmly appreciated for their dedication, creativity, and enthusiastic participation. The memorable celebration concluded with gratitude to God and a renewed commitment to follow Mother Mary's loving example.

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A JOYFUL PLAY PICNIC



ANDHRA ,VATLURU - On September 4, 2026, a joyful and memorable play picnic was organized for the boys of Guanella Karunalaya. The activity was planned to provide an opportunity for the boys to cook, dine, and enjoy a day of fellowship together. Unlike a regular picnic, active participation was encouraged from every boy. The boys were divided into five teams, with specific responsibilities assigned for cooking, arranging, and serving the meal. The ingredients were prepared, the dishes were cooked, and the dining area was arranged with great enthusiasm. Throughout the activity, cooperation, responsibility, teamwork, and mutual support were encouraged and experienced.

The boys guided and supported one another while completing their assigned tasks with happiness and enthusiasm. Once the preparations were completed, lunch was served and enjoyed together. The shared meal created a strong sense of friendship, unity, and belonging among the boys. Through the activity, valuable life skills, confidence, and a spirit of cooperation were developed. The day was further enriched by cheerful conversations, laughter, and joyful moments. A refreshing break from their routine was provided, and many beautiful memories were created. The play picnic was concluded with great happiness, gratitude, and a renewed spirit of togetherness among all the boys.

PARENTS' MEETING

ANDHRA ,VATLURU - On Sunday, September 20, 2026, a parents' meeting was held at Guanella Karunalaya, bringing together parents, children, staff members, and the community. A total of 120 participants attended the gathering with great interest and enthusiasm.

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The programme was begun with a warm welcome extended to all the parents and guests. The present situation and overall progress of the children were explained, including their academic development, behaviour, talents, and areas requiring further support. The parents were also informed about the future plans prepared for the growth and well-being of their children. Through these discussions, the care, guidance, and opportunities provided at Guanella Karunalaya were better understood. The importance of communication and cooperation between parents and those responsible for the children's development was highlighted. The Academy groups actively participated, and various responsibilities were carried out with dedication.

The venue was beautifully decorated, the programme was confidently conducted by the masters of ceremonies, and colourful dances, melodious songs, and meaningful dramas were presented by the children. Their talents, creativity, teamwork, and careful preparation were warmly appreciated by the parents. The gathering was filled with happiness, appreciation, and a strong sense of togetherness. The meeting provided a valuable opportunity to strengthen the relationship between the parents and Guanella Karunalaya. The programme was successfully concluded at 4:30 p.m., and everyone returned home with joy and satisfaction.

TEACHERS' DAY

ANDHRA, KOPPAKA - Teachers' Day was celebrated with great joy and gratitude at Guanella Bhavan to honour the dedicated service of the Evening Tuition Centre teachers. The programme was begun with a prayer and a warm welcome to all the teachers. Their selfless commitment and dedicated service towards shaping the future of underprivileged children were gratefully acknowledged.

As a token of love and appreciation, all the tuition teachers were honoured and felicitated. Their valuable contribution to the education and formation of the children was deeply appreciated. The celebration was further enriched by



cultural programmes presented by the seminarians. Their performances added colour, joy, and warmth to the occasion. The gathering became a beautiful expression of gratitude towards the teachers, who serve as guiding lights in the Evening Tuition Centres. Their generosity, dedication, and commitment were gratefully recognized. The celebration concluded with heartfelt appreciation for all the teachers and their continued service in educating and guiding young lives.

MONTHLY RECOLLECTION

ANDHRA, KOPPAKA - The monthly recollection for the seminarians was held at Guanella Bhavan on 18 August. A day of prayer, reflection, and spiritual renewal was guided by Fr. James OMI. The seminarians were led into a deeper reflection on their vocation and priestly journey. The importance of silence, prayer, and discernment in priestly formation was emphasized. The seminarians were encouraged to remain rooted in Christ and to grow continually in holiness. They were also inspired to embrace their vocation with joy, dedication, and commitment.





The recollection was enriched by conferences, personal meditation, confession, Eucharistic Adoration, and the celebration of the Holy Eucharist. A serene and prayerful atmosphere was created, allowing the seminarians to renew their spiritual focus and missionary commitment. The day was concluded with gratitude being expressed to Fr. James for his inspiring guidance and timely message. His reflections were deeply appreciated and were found meaningful for the seminarians in their journey of formation.

GROCERY DISTRIBUTION



ANDHRA ,KOPPAKA - As part of its charitable mission, a grocery distribution programme was organized by the Guanella Lay Movement (GLM) members at Guanella Bhavan on 13 September.

This noble initiative was made possible through the generous support of Mr. Abraham, whose kindness and generosity continue to bring hope to many underprivileged families. Essential grocery kits were distributed to poor and needy families in the locality. The programme was begun with a short prayer, followed by the distribution of the grocery kits by the GLM members in a joyful spirit of service. The initiative was inspired by the charism of St. Luigi Guanella — “To give Bread and the Lord.” The beneficiaries expressed their heartfelt gratitude for the timely assistance received. The occasion served as a meaningful witness to sharing, compassion, solidarity, and Christian charity. Sincere gratitude was expressed to Mr. Abraham for his generous support and to all the GLM members for their dedicated service. Through this act of kindness, the spirit of St. Luigi Guanella was joyfully manifested by bringing both material assistance and hope to those in need.

RELIC PILGRIMAGE

CUDDALORE – SJS - During the sacred Relic Pilgrimage of St. Thérèse of the Child Jesus, hosted by the Archdiocese of Pondicherry and Cuddalore, a grace-filled



opportunity was provided to the brothers and Fathers of St. Joseph's Seminary. The sacred relics were visited and venerated by the seminarians at the Parish of Our Lady of Mount Carmel, Cuddalore. A spirit of prayer and devotion was experienced during the public veneration of the first- and second-class relics. The life and spirituality of St. Thérèse were recalled with deep reverence. Her "Little Way" of love, humility, simplicity, and trust was reflected upon during the pilgrimage. The presence of the brothers and Fathers added a special spirit of prayerfulness and devotion to the occasion. The pilgrimage became a meaningful opportunity for spiritual renewal and reflection. The memorable event was concluded with gratitude for the grace received through the intercession and example of St. Thérèse. Her life of humble love and complete trust in God continues to inspire the faithful in their journey of holiness.



CUDDALORE – SJS - The Feast of Our Lady of Good Health was celebrated with great joy and devotion at Cuddalore. A deeply spiritual atmosphere was created through the grand car procession held as part of the celebration. The brothers



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and Fathers of St. Joseph's Seminary were given an opportunity to participate in the procession and spend time together in prayer and devotion. The beautifully illuminated car carrying the statue of Mother Mary was solemnly taken through the streets.

The faithful gathered along the route and participated prayerfully in the celebration. The priests and seminarians also joined in heartfelt prayers and thanksgiving. Their presence added to the sacred and prayerful atmosphere of the occasion. The procession became a meaningful expression of faith, love, fellowship, and devotion to Mother Mary. The celebration was enriched by joyful participation and a strong sense of community. The occasion was remembered as a grace-filled and memorable experience by all who participated. The celebration concluded with hearts filled with gratitude and renewed devotion to Our Lady of Good Health.

CHANGING GENERATIONS



CUDDALORE – SJS - On September 26, the English Classical Academy was organized at St. Joseph's Seminary under the theme “The Changing Face of the Generations.” The programme was graced by the presence of the chief guest, Mr. Arumainathan, whose dedicated service of 25 years to the formation of young seminarians was gratefully acknowledged. The auditorium was beautifully illuminated and decorated with handmade crafts prepared by the brothers. A well-organized programme was presented through four insightful talks, energetic songs, a mime, dances, and a skit. Various ideas and perspectives were presented by the students, making the programme both engaging and educational. The Academy provided a valuable platform through which stage confidence was developed and the talents of the students were brought to light. For the newly admitted students, the programme served as an enriching experience, through which areas for improvement in English proficiency were identified. The efforts and performances of the brothers were warmly appreciated by Mr. Arumainathan.



In his motivational address, the importance of mastering English grammar and developing effective communication skills was emphasized. The brothers were encouraged to become confident public speakers and to proclaim the Word of God with greater clarity and effectiveness. Overall, the programme was successfully conducted and was experienced as an opportunity for personal, academic, and spiritual growth. The brothers were encouraged to step beyond their comfort zones and continue developing their talents and communication skills.

1,000 HOLY ROSARIES



CUDDALORE – DGBH, On September 8, the Feast of the Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary, a Chain of 1,000 Holy Rosaries was organized by the parish Legion of Mary as a special prayer offering to Mother Mary. The prayer was begun at 8:30 a.m. and was continued without interruption until 1,000 decades of the Holy Rosary had been completed. The devotion was supported by the active participation of many parishioners. During the Rosary, prayers were offered for various intentions, especially for world peace, good health, the needs of families, and the personal intentions of the parishioners. Prayers were also offered for the sick, the needy, and the spiritual and material well-being of the parish community.

The occasion became a beautiful and grace-filled expression of faith, unity, and devotion. The parishioners were united as one family in prayer and entrusted their lives and intentions to the loving intercession of the Blessed Virgin Mary. The prayer chain was concluded with the final blessing imparted by the Parish Priest. The gathering was gratefully remembered as a meaningful spiritual experience filled with prayer, faith, and Marian devotion.



BRIDGING HEARTS



Thanjavur, A group of 30 male and female Master of Social Work (MSW) students from Adaikalamatha College, Vallam, Thanjavur, successfully completed a week-long rural camp at Trinity Hospice Mission House. The students were accompanied by the Head of the Department, Mr. Muthu Kumar, and three faculty members. During their stay, meaningful exposure was provided through rural outreach, community interaction, and compassionate service.

Using the Mission House as their base, the students visited nearby villages, including Arpudapuram, Vettikadu, Thangamudayan Patty, and Mettupatty. Door-to-door interactions and group sessions were conducted on human rights, gender equality, women's and children's rights, sanitation, hygiene, and preventive healthcare. Daily evaluation and reflection sessions were held each evening to review the activities and plan for the following day. The students also actively assisted the elderly residents of the hospice with feeding, personal hygiene, bathing, and the maintenance of their living spaces.

Individual case studies were conducted to understand the psychosocial needs of the elderly, while conversations, cultural programmes, traditional dances, and motivational sessions were organized for their recreation and companionship. The presence of the students brought joy, laughter, and warmth to the residents throughout the week. The peaceful environment, greenery, fraternity, and compassionate service of the Trinity Hospice staff were deeply appreciated by the visiting students and faculty. The rural camp was experienced not only as an academic opportunity but also as a meaningful journey of personal growth and social responsibility. The programme concluded with gratitude and a renewed commitment to continued service to society.

CM TROPHY 2026

SIVAGANGAI - A Proud Moment for St. Guanella Anbagam A remarkable achievement was recorded by the students of Yesuvanam Special School & Home

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at the CM Trophy 2026 – Sivagangai District-Level Sports Competition, held on September 25, 2026.

Master Nelson, a student of Yesuvanam Special School & Home, secured First Prize in Shot Put at the District Level, bringing great pride and honour to the institution. His determination, focus, and dedication were reflected in his outstanding performance. The achievement stands as an inspiring reminder that ability can overcome challenges and limitations. A further success was achieved by the Special Children's Team, which secured Third Place in Throwball, resulting in a double victory for the institution. The achievements were made possible through the blessings and inspiration of St. Louis Guanella, the dedicated coaching of the teachers, and the determination of the children. The victories were warmly celebrated as a testimony to the talents, courage, and perseverance of the students. The occasion became a memorable moment of pride and encouragement for the entire St. Guanella Anbagam community. The students were congratulated for their excellent performance and encouraged to continue pursuing their talents with confidence and determination.

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TEACHERS' DAY





SIVAGANGAI - Yesuvanam, St. Guanella Anbagam Special School & Home Teachers' Day was celebrated with great joy and gratitude at Yesuvanam, St. Guanella Anbagam Special School & Home, on September 2, 2026. Various fun and engaging games were organized for the teachers as a gesture of appreciation for their dedicated service. The teachers were warmly honoured for their selfless commitment and compassionate care towards the special children.

As a token of love and appreciation, gifts were presented to each teacher by the management. Their valuable contribution to the education, care, and development of the children was gratefully acknowledged. The celebration created an atmosphere of joy, unity, and thanksgiving. The teachers' dedication and commitment were recognized as an important part of the growth and well-being of the children. The occasion became a meaningful expression of gratitude for the teachers who serve the children with patience, love, and dedication. The celebration concluded with happiness and renewed appreciation for the valuable service rendered by the teaching community.

PILGRIMAGE AND TOUR

SIVAGANGAI - Yesuvanam, A joyful and spiritually enriching two-day pilgrimage and tour was organized by Yesuvanam, St. Guanella Anbagam Special School & Home, on September 20 and 21, 2026. During this memorable journey, the holy shrine of Our Lady of Good Health, Velankanni, was visited, along with Tharangambadi, Chidambaram, Cuddalore, and Puducherry. Prayers were offered at Velankanni, entrusting the Yesuvanam family to the maternal care and intercession of Our Lady.

The historical beauty of Tharangambadi was explored, while the rich cultural heritage of Chidambaram was experienced. Moments of relaxation and

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recreation were also enjoyed along the serene beaches of Puducherry. The journey became a beautiful blend of prayer, recreation, fellowship, and togetherness. Great joy and refreshment were experienced by the sisters and children throughout the trip. The bond of unity and belonging as one Guanellian family was strengthened through this shared experience. The pilgrimage and tour were concluded with renewed energy, grateful hearts, and cherished memories. The journey was gratefully remembered as a meaningful experience of faith, friendship, and joyful togetherness.

KCT SCHOOL STUDENTS' MISSION



THALAVADI - On September 9, 2026, Nazareth Illam Home for Persons with Mental Illness, Thalavadi, welcomed a group of students from KCT School for a meaningful mission exposure programme.

The visit was focused on mental health awareness, social inclusion, empathy, and respect for persons living with mental health challenges. Through an interactive session, the students were provided with a deeper understanding of mental health and were encouraged to move beyond misconceptions and stigma. Various engaging activities and conversations were conducted, creating a joyful and enriching learning environment. The students were given opportunities to interact, learn, and share meaningful moments with the residents. Through the experience, greater awareness, empathy, compassion, and respect were fostered among the young participants. The visit also helped promote a more inclusive and understanding attitude towards persons living with mental health conditions. The mission exposure became a memorable and meaningful learning experience for the students. They were inspired to become ambassadors of awareness, acceptance, dignity, and a stigma-free society. The programme concluded with gratitude for the opportunity to learn through meaningful interaction and compassionate service.

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VINAYAGAR CHATURTHI 2026



THALAVADI - On September 14, 2026, Vinayagar Chaturthi was observed in Tamil Nadu with religious devotion and cultural significance.

Respecting the religious sentiments and personal faith of the residents, the residents of Nazareth Illam Home for Persons with Mental Illness, Thalavadi, were accompanied to a nearby place of worship. An opportunity was thereby provided for them to offer their prayers and participate in the worship of Lord Vinayagar. The occasion was marked by a spirit of dignity, joy, and inclusion. The residents were enabled to participate in the religious celebration according to their faith and personal devotion. The experience provided a valuable opportunity for the residents to feel connected with the wider community. Their religious sentiments were respected and their participation was supported with care and compassion. The celebration became a meaningful expression of respect for faith, human dignity, and social inclusion. The occasion was gratefully remembered as a joyful experience of belonging, fellowship, and mutual respect.

TEACHERS' DAY

CHENNAI, DGSS - On 03 September 2026, Teachers' Day was celebrated at Don Guanella Special School with great joy and gratitude. The teachers were honoured for their dedicated service on the birth anniversary of Dr. Sarvepalli Radhakrishnan. The programme was inaugurated with a warm welcome by Rev. Fr. Periyannagam SdC, Superior, and Rev. Fr. J. Arputharaj SdC, Director.

Crowns and mementos were presented to the teachers as tokens of appreciation. Flowers were lovingly offered by the students as an expression of their gratitude. The active participation of the parents added special joy to the

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celebration. Gifts, mini diaries, and pens were presented to the teachers on behalf of the parents. A vote of thanks was delivered by ****Rev. Fr. Periyannagam, Superior****, and the gathering was blessed by him. The celebration strengthened the bonds of love, gratitude, and respect within the school community.

PHYSIOTHERAPY DAY



CHENNAI, DGSS - Physiotherapy Day was conducted with the active participation of the children and staff of Don Guanella special School. Various activities were organized to develop physical abilities, coordination, balance, mobility, and confidence. The children enthusiastically demonstrated their talents, progress, and hard work. The programme was honoured by Rev. Fr. Ganaraj SdC, Provincial Superior of DPP, as the Chief Guest. The children were appreciated and encouraged to continue developing their abilities with confidence. The dedicated efforts of the physiotherapy team and teachers were also acknowledged. The occasion highlighted the value of patience, love, encouragement, and every achievement of our children.

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CM TROPHY – SPORTS MEET

CHENNAI, DGSS - Don Guanella special School children participated enthusiastically in the CM Trophy Sports Meet held in Thiruvallur District. Before the event, the children were blessed and encouraged by our Rev. Fr. Director. total of 16 students, accompanied by 5 teachers, participated in various sporting activities. With continuous guidance and encouragement, the children demonstrated confidence, talent, and sportsmanship. Six students won prizes, bringing great pride and joy to the school. The event helped to develop physical fitness, discipline, teamwork, confidence, and a spirit of healthy competition.

ENTERTAINMENT PROGRAMME



CHENNAI, DGSS - On 02 September 2026, an entertainment programme was organized by the World Health Organization Trust, Poonamallee in Don Guanella special School. The children were taken to Bagavathi Theatre to enjoy a movie

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and experience a joyful outing. The programme was thoughtfully organized to provide recreation, relaxation, and social interaction. A commitment was expressed by the Founder of the Trust to organize a new entertainment programme every month. The initiative was warmly welcomed, and the children participated with great enthusiasm and happiness. Sincere appreciation is extended to the Trust for its continued support towards the happiness and well-being of our children.

FUN AT THE FAIR



CHELSEA – The entire Chelsea community steps out during the week of the annual fair. The St. Louis Center residents enjoy the fun too. On August 26th they were treated to ice cream and demolition derby at the fair. They had a great time watching the races and checking out the livestock.

BACK TO SCHOOL





Chelsea – It's back to school for five of our St. Louis Center residents! Young adults with intellectual and developmental disabilities keep learning and growing with fellow students up to age 26 through Washtenaw Intermediate School District and Chelsea Schools. Happy back to school!

HEROES AND SURVIVORS



CHELSEA – On **September 11th** the residents paid tribute to those who made sacrifices for others during the events of September 11, 2001. Brad Crosier, Direct Care Worker, helped research heroic individuals, and Haylie Gottschalk, Skill Building Program Coordinator, made the presentation 9/11: Heroes, Survivors and More. The residents took turns presenting the stories of a few heroes including: Welles Crowther, Genelle Guzman McMillan, Todd Beamer, Lt. Col. Paul "Ted" Anderson, FDNY, Betty Ong, NYPD, Lt. Joseph Pfeifer, Lt. Kevin Pfeifer, Fr. Mychal Judge, Richard Rescorla and more. Brad gave a heartfelt reflection. The service concluded with a moment of silence and closing prayer by Fr. Satheesh Alphonse, SdC.

LITTLE DAUGHTERS OF ST. JOSEPH

GRASS LAKE - On Saturday, September 12, the Girls' Retreat was held as a meaningful day of prayer, reflection, and spiritual renewal. The girls learned about the Seven Sorrows of Mary and how Mary revealed these sorrows to the Seven Founders of the Servite Order. They also had the opportunity to spend quiet time in Adoration, pray the Rosary, receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation, and participate in Holy Mass. The retreat provided the girls with a beautiful opportunity to deepen their faith and grow closer to Jesus through Mary. The day concluded with a joyful pizza lunch, giving everyone a chance to relax and enjoy fellowship together.

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A TIME FOR FELLOWSHIP



GRASS LAKE - After the Sunday Mass on September 6th and 20th, coffee and donuts fellowships were hosted by the Men's Group and the Women's Guild respectively.

FUNDRAISING WITH FRIENDS



CHELSEA : On September 13, the 30th Annual Fall Harvest Fest was held at the Italian American Banquet Center in Livonia. Many thanks to the dedicated Fall Harvest Dinner Committee for their hard work and commitment in making this event a wonderful success. It was a lovely afternoon filled with great friends, delicious food, and joyful fellowship. The gathering also served an important purpose by raising funds to support the residents of St. Louis Center. We are grateful to everyone who contributed their time, generosity, and support to make this special celebration possible.

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MEN'S SOCIAL

CHELSEA – Sonny Randazzo and his family hosted the 11th Annual Men's Social on September 17th, at Randazzo's Fresh Market in Clinton Twp. Hundreds of men flocked to the store where the parking lot was transformed into tailgate party like none other. Fine Italian food paired with wine and good friends set the stage for Thursday night football and a successful event raising much needed funds for St. Louis Center. Fr. Satheesh Alphonse helped to welcome the guest; thanking them for their continued support of the Center.

RIDING DOWN THE RIVER

CHELSEA - On Sunday, September 20, 2026, Manresa Caravan treated 100+ people with special needs to a 1.5 hour cruise on the Detroit River aboard the Detroit Diamond Belle. It was a rainy afternoon, but 3 van loads of St. Louis Center residents braved the weather to enjoy the day. The guests enjoyed 34 pizzas from Little Caesars along with soft drinks and cookies. Special thanks to all the volunteers and co-chairs Julia Sydlowski and Bob Rugenski.





PREPARED FOR THE FALL



GRASS LAKE - As the seasons change from summer into fall, work and events continued at the Pious Union. Volunteers and Shrine helpers completed landscaping around the Holy Rosary Mysteries. This will greatly reduce grounds maintenance around the statues and help beautify the Holy Rosary Walk. Other upkeep projects include painting porches and doors that have begun peeling, and trimming the bushes and hedges. The Shrine will look very lovely heading into the colder months of the year.

FORMING LEADERS TO SERVE

CHELSEA - Nine St. Louis Center residents recently joined fellow Aktion Club members from across Michigan for the annual Aktion Club State Convention at Camp Henry in Newaygo September 25th-27th. Accompanied by Rick Visel and Carlie Hartwick, the group enjoyed an overnight stay filled with learning, service and plenty of fun.

Six Michigan Aktion Clubs participated in the convention, bringing together 48 attendees. Each club shared highlights from its service projects and activities from the past year. Members also took part in leadership training and elected a new Aktion Club State Governor. St. Louis Center members showcased their creativity in the convention's Poster Contest, creating artwork to promote causes that were important to them. Lisa created a patriotic "God Bless America" poster, while Cathy's "Kindness Wins!" design promoted the power of kindness. Jacqui drew inspiration from Barn Sanctuary, Sarah encouraged others to "Protect Our Planet," and Emely promoted environmental responsibility with "Be Green and Recycle!"

The convention also offered plenty of opportunities for fun and friendship.

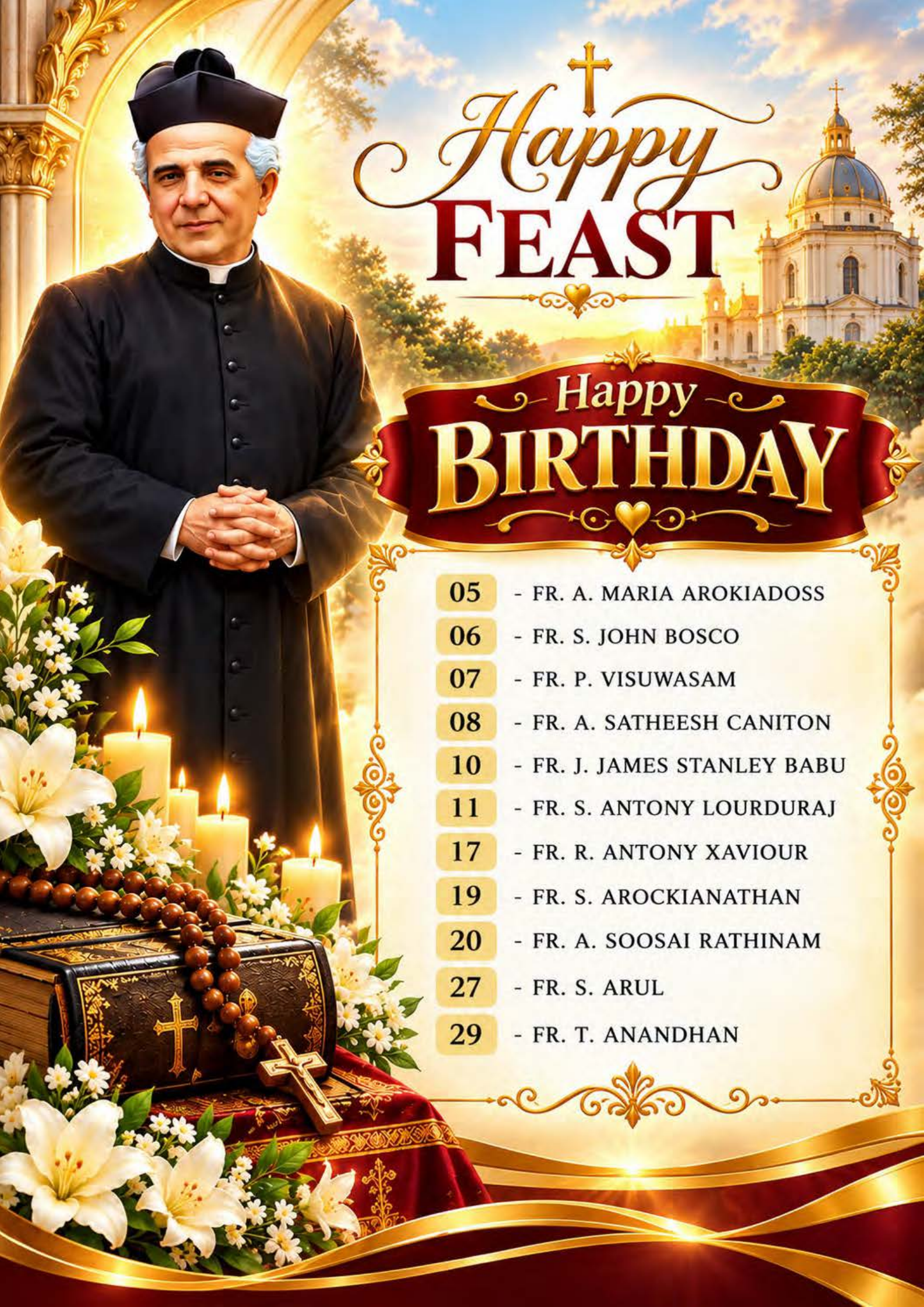


Attendees gathered around a campfire for s'mores, danced the night away at a Hawaiian-themed dance and cheered one another on during a Talent Show. The St. Louis Center Aktion Club members returned home energized and inspired to take on new service projects, strengthen their leadership skills and continue serving as positive role models in their community.

FALL PILGRIMAGE

CHELSEA : September concluded with a beautiful pilgrimage by a group of Chaldeans who visited the Shrine on September 29th. The pilgrims began their visit by sharing breakfast together in the Pastoral Center. They then walked along the Holy Rosary Walk, taking time for prayer and reflection. The group also participated in Holy Mass as they celebrated the Feast of the Archangels. It was a peaceful and spiritually rewarding visit, filled with prayer, fellowship, and devotion.





Happy
FEAST

Happy
BIRTHDAY

- 05 - FR. A. MARIA AROKIADOSS
- 06 - FR. S. JOHN BOSCO
- 07 - FR. P. VISUWASAM
- 08 - FR. A. SATHEESH CANITON
- 10 - FR. J. JAMES STANLEY BABU
- 11 - FR. S. ANTONY LOURDURAJ
- 17 - FR. R. ANTONY XAVIOUR
- 19 - FR. S. AROCKIANATHAN
- 20 - FR. A. SOOSAI RATHINAM
- 27 - FR. S. ARUL
- 29 - FR. T. ANANDHAN