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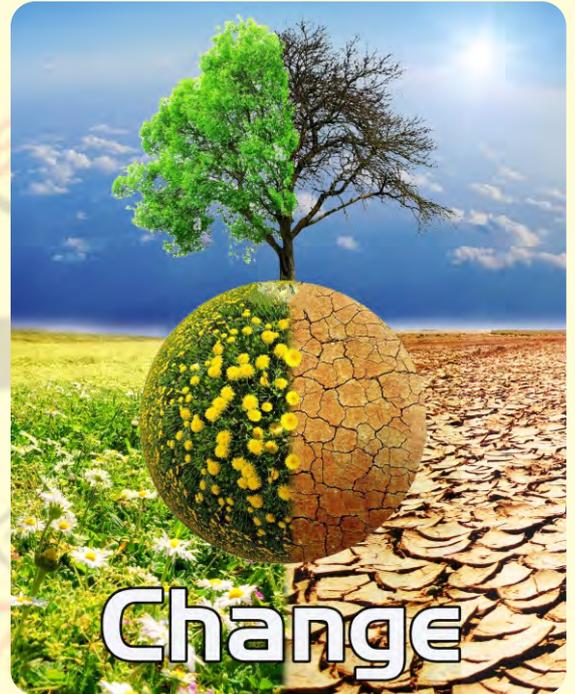


Every season in nature is a new time, and the change each season brings about is very obvious. In terms of our spiritual life, we are now beginning the liturgical season of Lent, leading to Easter. In general, we can say that the northern hemisphere of the globe celebrates the Lenten-Easter season during the Spring season when new buds are emerging and temperatures warming, while the southern hemisphere's celebration occurs in the Autumn season when the leaves begin to fall with temperatures cooling. The image, however, is stark; there is clearly a visible change happening.

Change is what the season of Lent is all about. It is the opportunity offered to us to hear deeper and follow the core message of Jesus and the Gospel: the call to CHANGE (μετάνοια – metanoia) that is to renew, reform and restructure (Mk 1:15; Mt 4: 17). As human beings, who are prone to go our own way, we are constantly in need of the 'change of mind' to which Jesus invites us. Therefore, as we begin this new Lenten season, let us all once again accept the invitation and seize this opportunity offered to us by fighting against the resistance to change which is so strong and which we so easily justify.

However, the process of **metanoia** is not easy. It is very challenging and deeply painful, as the prophet Joel proclaimed: "Let your hearts be broken, not your garments torn." (Joel 2:13) Rather, the 'change of mind' demands us to 'let go' (surrender) our habits, attitudes, acts and justifications which are so deeply ingrained and which we have grown used to live with comfortably, but in truth, we know that they are destructive toward our relationships and connectedness with God, with others, with oneself and with the natural world. Taking the direction of renewal and reform may seem too much to handle by our own efforts.

However, in faith, we can cooperate with the graces which the Lord surely grants to those who trust in Him. The opportunity is fresh, and new, and now! Let us not pass by the opportunity. Seize the moment! If we are serious about responding in this joyful season when our God is close to us, encouraging us with mercy and embracing us in love, then we will make



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special efforts to devote time and practices to listen to the Spirit who will bring to our consciousness the specific matters in our personal and communal lives which we know we must change because they are leading us “up the garden path” to emptiness and infertility, rather than “down the narrow path” to fullness and life.

Let us make time to consider and chart a new plan for our lives by reflecting on the three Gospel virtues: almsgiving, prayer and fasting (Mt. 6:1-6, 16-18) which the Church puts before us each year (at the beginning of Lent on Ash Wednesday) as a broad backdrop by which we can examine those more personal and specific matters which the Spirit has cast light upon for our attention. As always, these three virtues must be considered from both the personal and the social-communal perspectives. Further, the fruits borne by the process of conversion must be manifested not just in acts, but in actions.

Jesus makes it quite clear when addressing his disciples about these three evangelical areas, that they are not just to perform good acts (make a show) which can look nice externally for everyone to see and applaud (a pretence = hypocritical act), but, rather, that they take action which is motivated by a loving and life-giving desire emerging out of a deep reflection and humble listening to the God within. This is what generates true internal (and external) change, because it is founded on the Word of God.

The path of poverty and self-denial (fasting), concern and loving care for the poor (almsgiving), and childlike dialogue with the Father (prayer) make it possible for us to live lives of sincere faith, living hope and effective charity. Pope Francis wrote in the Encyclical 'Fratelli Tutti n.183', it is only love that will enable humanity to rise above this time of increased isolation and build a civilization of love where effective paths of development are available for everyone.

The call to experience Lent as a journey of conversion, prayer and sharing of our time, talents and goods, helps us – as communities and as individuals – to revive the faith that comes from the living Christ, the hope inspired by the breath of the Holy Spirit and the love flowing from the merciful heart of the Father.

I would like to communicate to you some of the happenings of the Province:

1. Congratulations to the Confreres who attended the Tutelage Program and Treasurers' Meet.
2. Congratulations and assurance of continuous prayer support to the missionary confreres who participated in the Mission Chat through Google Meet.
3. Please, take note in your calendar that the Perpetual Profession and Diaconate Ordination of Bro. John Bosco and Bro. Sachin Son will be held at Don Guanella Major Seminary, Chennai on March 24 and March 25, 2022 consecutively.
4. Regarding the status of Fr. Robert Arockiam: Fr. General Superior, with decree on 31st January, 2022, has declared that Fr. Robert Arockiam, is declared untraceable since May 2015, according to the provision of Canon 694

I wish you all a fruitful Lenten season!

Fr. Ronald J. SdC
Provincial Superior

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MESSAGE OF HIS HOLINESS POPE FRANCIS FOR LENT 2022

“Let us not grow tired of doing good, for in due time we shall reap our harvest, if we do not give up. So then, while we have the opportunity, let us do good to all” (Gal 6:9-10)

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

Lent is a favourable time for personal and community renewal, as it leads us to the paschal mystery of the death and resurrection of Jesus Christ. For our Lenten journey in 2022, we will do well to reflect on Saint Paul's exhortation to the Galatians: “Let us not grow tired of doing good, for in due time we shall reap our harvest, if we do not give up. So then, while we have the opportunity (kairós), let us do good to all” (Gal 6:9-10).

1. Sowing and reaping

In these words, the Apostle evokes the image of sowing and reaping, so dear to Jesus (cf. Mt 13). Saint Paul speaks to us of a kairós: an opportune time for sowing goodness in view of a future harvest. What is this “opportune time” for us? Lent is certainly such an opportune time, but so is our entire existence, of which Lent is in some way an image. [1] All too often in our lives, greed, pride and the desire to possess, accumulate and consume have the upper hand, as we see from the story of the foolish man in the Gospel parable, who thought his life was safe and secure because of the abundant grain and goods he had stored in his barns (cf. Lk 12:16-21). Lent invites us to conversion, to a change in mindset, so that life's truth and beauty may be found not so much in possessing as in giving, not so much in accumulating as in sowing and sharing goodness.

The first to sow is God himself, who with great generosity “continues to sow abundant seeds of goodness in our human family” (Fratelli Tutti, 54). During Lent we are called to respond to God's gift by accepting his word, which is “living and active” (Heb 4:12). Regular listening to the word of God makes us open and docile to his working (cf. Jas 1:21) and bears fruit in our lives. This brings us great joy, yet even more, it summons us to become God's co-workers (cf. 1 Cor 3:9). By making good use of the present time (cf. Eph 5:16), we too can sow seeds of goodness. This call to sow goodness should not be seen as a burden but a grace, whereby the Creator wishes us to be actively united with his own bountiful goodness.

DO YOU WANT TO FAST THIS LENT?
In the words of Pope Francis

- Fast from hurting words and say kind words.
- Fast from sadness and be filled with gratitude.
- Fast from anger and be filled with patience.
- Fast from pessimism and be filled with hope.
- Fast from worries and have trust in God.
- Fast from complaints; contemplate simplicity.
- Fast from pressures and be prayerful.
- Fast from bitterness; fill your hearts with joy.
- Fast from selfishness and be compassionate.
- Fast from grudges and be reconciled.
- Fast from words; be silent and listen.

Hope amidst isolation
VICARIATO DEL CENTRO

What about the harvest? Do we not sow seeds in order to reap a harvest? Of course! Saint Paul points to the close relationship between sowing and reaping when he says: “Anyone who sows sparsely will reap sparsely as well, and anyone who sows generously will reap generously as well” (2 Cor 9:6). But what kind of harvest are we talking about? A first fruit of the goodness we sow appears in ourselves and our daily lives, even in our little acts of kindness. In God, no act of love, no matter how small, and no “generous effort” will ever be lost (cf. Evangelii Gaudium, 279). Just as we recognize a tree by its fruits (cf. Mt 7:16, 20), so a life full of good deeds radiates light (cf. Mt 5:14-16) and carries the fragrance of Christ to the world (cf. 2 Cor 2:15). Serving God in freedom from sin brings forth fruits of sanctification for the salvation of all (cf. Rom 6:22).

In truth, we see only a small portion of the fruits of what we sow, since, according to the Gospel proverb, “one sows, while another reaps” (Jn 4:37). When we sow for the benefit of others, we share in God's own

benevolent love: “it is truly noble to place our hope in the hidden power of the seeds of goodness we sow, and thus to initiate processes whose fruits will be reaped by others” (Fratelli Tutti, 196). Sowing goodness for the benefit of others frees us from narrow self-interest, infuses our actions with gratuitousness, and makes us part of the magnificent horizon of God's benevolent plan.

The word of God broadens and elevates our vision: it tells us that the real harvest is eschatological, the harvest of the last, undying day. The mature fruit of our lives and actions is “fruit for eternal life” (Jn 4:36), our “treasure in heaven” (Lk 12:33; 18:22). Jesus himself uses the image of the seed that dies in the ground in order to bear fruit as a symbol of the mystery of his death and resurrection (cf. Jn 12:24); while Saint Paul uses the same image to speak of the resurrection of our bodies: “What is sown is perishable, but what is raised is imperishable; what is sown is contemptible but what is raised is glorious; what is sown is weak, but what is raised is powerful; what is sown is a natural body, and what is raised is a spiritual body” (1 Cor 15:42-44). The hope of resurrection is the great light that the risen Christ brings to the world, for “if our hope in Christ has been for this life only, we are of all people the most pitiable. In fact, however, Christ has been raised from the dead, as the first-fruits of all who have fallen asleep” (1 Cor 15:19-20). Those who are intimately united to him in love “by dying a death like his” (Rom 6:5) will also be united to his resurrection for eternal life (cf. Jn 5:29). “Then the upright will shine like the sun in the kingdom of their Father” (Mt 13:43).

2. Let us not grow tired of doing good

Christ's resurrection enlivens earthly hopes with the “great hope” of eternal life, planting the seed of salvation in our present time (cf. BENEDICT XVI, Spe

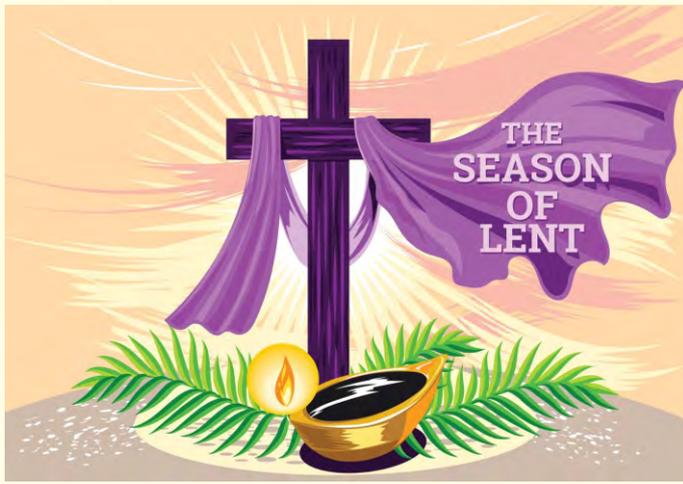
Salvi, 3; 7). Bitter disappointment at shattered dreams, deep concern for the challenges ahead and discouragement at the poverty of our resources, can make us tempted to seek refuge in self-centredness and indifference to the suffering of others. Indeed, even our best resources have their limitations: “Youths grow tired and weary, the young stumble and fall” (Is 40:30). Yet God “gives strength to the weary, he strengthens the powerless... Those who hope in the Lord will regain their strength, they will soar on wings like eagles; though they run they will not grow weary, though they walk they will never tire» (Is 40:29, 31). The Lenten season calls us to place our faith and hope in the Lord (cf. 1 Pet 1:21), since only if we fix our gaze on the risen Christ (cf. Heb 12:2) will we be able to respond to the Apostle's appeal, “Let us never grow tired of doing good” (Gal 6:9).

Let us not grow tired of praying. Jesus taught us to “pray always without becoming weary” (Lk 18:1). We need to pray because we need God. Thinking that we need nothing other than ourselves is a dangerous illusion. If the pandemic has heightened the awareness of our own personal and social fragility, may this Lent allow us to experience the consolation provided by faith in God, without whom we cannot stand firm (cf. Is 7:9). No one attains salvation alone, since we are all in the same boat, amid the storms of history; [2] and certainly no one reaches salvation without God, for only the paschal mystery of Jesus Christ triumphs over the dark waters of death. Faith does not spare us life's burdens and tribulations, but it does allow us to face them in union with God in Christ, with the great hope that does not disappoint, whose pledge is the love that God has poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit (cf. Rom 5:1-5).



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Message of His Holiness Pope Francis for Lent 2022



Let us not grow tired of uprooting evil from our lives. May the corporal fasting to which Lent calls us fortify our spirit for the battle against sin. Let us not grow tired of asking for forgiveness in the Sacrament of Penance and Reconciliation, knowing that God never tires of forgiving. [3] Let us not grow tired of fighting against concupiscence, that weakness which induces to selfishness and all evil, and finds in the course of history a variety of ways to lure men and women into sin (cf. Fratelli Tutti, 166). One of these is addiction to the digital media, which impoverishes human relationships. Lent is a propitious time to resist these temptations and to cultivate instead a more integral form of human communication (ibid., 43) made up of “authentic encounters” (ibid., 50), face-to-face and in person.

Let us not grow tired of doing good in active charity towards our neighbours. During this Lent, may we practise almsgiving by giving joyfully (cf. 2 Cor 9:7). God who “supplies seed to the sower and bread for food” (2 Cor 9:10) enables each of us not only to have food to eat, but also to be generous in doing good to others. While it is true that we have our entire life to sow goodness, let us take special advantage of this Lenten season to care for those close to us and to reach out to our brothers and sisters who lie wounded along the path of life (cf. Lk 10:25-37). Lent is a favourable time to seek out – and not to avoid – those in need; to reach out – and not to ignore – those who need a sympathetic ear and a good word; to visit – and not to abandon – those who are lonely. Let us put into practice our call to do good to all, and take time to love the poor and needy, those abandoned and rejected, those discriminated against and marginalized (cf. Fratelli Tutti, 193).

3. “If we do not give up, we shall reap our harvest in due time”

Each year during Lent we are reminded that “goodness, together with love, justice and solidarity, are not achieved once and for all; they have to be realized each day” (ibid., 11). Let us ask God to give us the patient perseverance of the farmer (cf. Jas 5:7), and to persevere in doing good, one step at a time. If we fall, let us stretch out our hand to the Father, who always lifts us up. If we are lost, if we are misled by the enticements of the evil one, let us not hesitate to return to God, who “is generous in forgiving” (Is 55:7). In this season of conversion, sustained by God's grace and by the communion of the Church, let us not grow tired of doing good. The soil is prepared by fasting, watered by prayer and enriched by charity. Let us believe firmly that “if we do not give up, we shall reap our harvest in due time” and that, with the gift of perseverance, we shall obtain what was promised (cf. Heb 10:36), for our salvation and the salvation of others (cf. 1 Tim 4:16). By cultivating fraternal love towards everyone, we are united to Christ, who gave his life for our sake (cf. 2 Cor 5:14-15), and we are granted a foretaste of the joy of the kingdom of heaven, when God will be “all in all” (1 Cor 15:28).

May the Virgin Mary, who bore the Saviour in her womb and “pondered all these things in her heart” (Lk 2:19), obtain for us the gift of patience. May she accompany us with her maternal presence, so that this season of conversion may bring forth fruits of eternal salvation.

Pope Francis
Holy Father

Rome, Saint John Lateran,

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TUTELAGE PROGRAM

Synopsis - Day 1 (February 21, 2022 - Monday)

- The Tutelage program of Divine Providence Province began on 21st February at 7 am with the Holy Mass celebrated by the priests in fifth of their priesthood.

- After that, the young priests invoked the presence of the Holy Spirit, followed by the lighting of the lamp by Rev. Fr. J. Ronald, the Provincial Superior, Rev. Fr. A. Michael Duraisamy, Rev. Fr. V. Johnson, Rev. Fr. S. Packiyaraj, Rev. Fr. M. Arun David.

- Then Fr. Provincial Superior welcomed everyone present for the Tutelage program by quoting the life history of St. Peter Damian and invited everyone to partake actively in the sessions. He also invited everyone to pray for the health of the mother of Fr. A. Maria Arockiadoss and father of Fr. C. Lourduraj.

- Afterwards, Fr. A. Arun Kumar presented the motions and proposal of 5th Provincial Chapter and invited everyone to read and reflect. All the proposals and motions of the 5th Provincial Chapter were read for further reflection and Fr. Provincial Superior clarified whenever the priests asked for clarifications.

- Subsequently, Rev. Fr. A. Soosai Rathinam, General Councillor presented his elaborate and comprehensive, systematic presentation on “Guanellian Community Life: The Foundations” in which he highlighted the historical development of the community life in the Guanellian Tradition, the sources of the models of Guanellian community life such as the presence of this theme in the Cottolengo spirituality (1986 – 1842), the friendship and spiritual proximity to Fr. Lucchinetti, his visit to the Holy Land in 1902, preventive system and the bond of belonging. He also explained about the main ways to live community life through the way of dialogue, simplicity, unity of purpose, Asceticism and dedication to pray and suffer and openness of mind and heart.

- Then in the afternoon, he continued his presentation on “Guanellian Community Life: The Challenges”. In his presentation, he elaborately

highlighted the difficulties or challenges to live Guanellian community life. He drew some inspired notes from Fr. Rovira, CMF. He mentioned that Several surveys highlight that the most troubled aspect of religious life today is the hardships of living together “mutilation” or frustration. He emphasized “I-You” and “We” formation. He made it clear that all the fruitfulness of religious life depends on the quality of community life.

Then, he explained about the difference between community life and communion based on the notes of Sr. Inigo Joaquim, SSA. After that he drafted some points from the book '**Jean Vanier: Community and Growth**' that stresses some important points of the challenges of community life such as Individualistic material progress, Self-promoting attitudes: 'an exaggerated insistence on personal well-being', Consumerism and hedonism and Problems of insufficient maturity and psychological weakness. He concluded by explaining some of the challenges in living Guanellian community life such as: 'building community' is felt as an obstacle to mission, “tunnel vision' from me to us', emotional problems, danger of gossiping and multicultural community living: increase of the nationalistic factor. Afterwards, Rev. Fr. A. Soosai Rathinam clarified some questions that were posed by the fathers for clarification. Then, Fr. A. Arockiya Vanathaiyan proposed vote of thanks Finally, the first day came to an end with the prayer.



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Synopsis - Day 2 (February 22, 2022 - Tuesday)

The second day of the tutelage program began with the Holy Eucharist presided over by those in the fourth of priesthood. Bro. Sachinson began the meeting with the prayer and a hymn to the Holy Spirit was sung by the members.

Then, Fr. Arun Kumar introduced Fr. David OMI, the resource person for the day and Fr. Kumar welcomed with a shawl. Fr. David presented systematically on the topic 'Church Documents and Canonical Implications on Clerical Abuse of Minors.' His presentation created an awareness to know about the current context of the life of the Church and its mission with regard to the scandal of the abuse of minors, to know how to prevent the abuse of minors and vulnerable persons and to know how to conduct the case of an allegation of abuse of minors in one's province. His inputs were really noteworthy and he clarified some of the clarifications of the priests.

Thereafter Fr. Gustavo De Bonis was invited by Fr. C. Jesudoss to guide and orient the session on the proposed themes of the day: The Bond of Charity and Responsibility and Synodal Method in Community. In his talk on 'Bond of Charity', he mainly concentrated on the meaning and implications of the Bond of Charity that was meant by St. Louis Guanella and its relevance for us to live in today's world and how to insert and live it in our communities and daily relationships. In his presentation on '**Synodal Method in Community**', he communicated the means of journeying together through communion, participation and mission to reach our eternal end through prayer, listening without prejudice, speaking with courage and parrhesia, analyze, dialoguing with the Church, society and with other Christian confessions, discern and implement pastoral decisions.

After the presentation, Fr. Gustavo happily clarified the concerns and clarifications of the Priests. With the group picture together with Fr. Gustavo, the second day came to an end.



Synopsis - Day 3 (February 23, 2022 - Wednesday)

The fourth day of the Provincial Chapter began with Holy Eucharist that was celebrated by the priests in third, second and first year of their priesthood.

At the start of the third day of the meeting, the administrators of the communities and residence also joined. Fr. Packiyaraj led the meeting with a prayer after which the priests invoked the presence of the Holy Spirit. Then Fr. Provincial Superior invited Fr. M. Periyannayagam to read out the recap of the previous day.

Then, Fr. Arun Kumar introduced Mr. Viviliya Raj, the resource person for the day and

Fr. John Paul welcomed him with a shawl. Since he had served as a Child Welfare Officer, he was able to convey the message properly and with the experience that he had handled cases. In his talk, he concentrated to explain about JJ Act and POCSO Act. In the first part, he mentioned about three types of children: Those in safe zone, those in need of care & protection and those who are in conflict with law. He explained about also Child welfare committee, its judicial power, individual care plan for every child, Juvenile Justice Board for those who involve in offence under 18 years old. He described also about the powers and functioning of state and national commission for protection of child rights, village level, block level and district level child protection committee. In the second part of his talk, he explained about the POCSO Act that was implemented in 2012 for the protection and care of female children under 18 years old.



Later, Bro. Franco was welcomed by Fr. Jeyaseelan. Bro. Franco briefed his presentation on “Guidelines for the protection of the minors and the vulnerable persons” and on “Economy and Mission” In the first part of his talk, he described the content of the manual that was released by our congregation regarding the protection and care of the minors and the vulnerable person. Then, in the second part of his talk, he explained about administering the temporal goods of the Church and the Congregation.

He stressed that we must foresee and verify the objectives, means and the economic-financial feasibility for the sustenance of the mission and the economy. He also shared that managing according to economic principles does not stifle the charism but rather allows it to pursue and achieve shared objectives, and so when insufficient attention is paid to management problems, the result is the nullification of the mission itself. He then mentioned that consecrated life must acknowledge the

greatest good that will bring benefits to all; support the differences by dialogue and discover links and relationships from local to global, from material to spiritual.

He encouraged to learn to work together, among communities, among institutes, with the laity, with all those who seek what is good and so consecrated life can help the local Church to open up to the dynamism of universality, and at the same time open itself to the spirit of the local Church where it is practised. Then, Bro. Franco clarified the doubts and clarifications of the confreres and the fourth day came to an end with the group picture with Bro. Franco.

Synopsis - Day 4 (February 24, 2022 -Thursday)

On the final day of the Tutelage and Administrators' meet, Fr. Francis Xavier led the meeting with a prayer and hymn to Mother Mary. Then, Fr. Arun Kumar shared that the morning session will be held in reading the Administrative Manual that was recently approved in the 5th Provincial Chapter. Each number of the Administrative Manual was read and clarifications were made and clarified.

Following are some of the clarifications:

Things of any sort of the community are assigned to the juridical persons of the community not to an individual confrere. All the keys of the communities must be kept in the common place and individual room keys must be surrendered to Superior



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or to the treasurer while going for holidays. No one is allowed to own credit cards.

Don't lend money or borrow money to the staff of the community. Being an administrator is not book keeping but procuring things or local source and maintenance of the house. Maintenance and construction of the house are always under the direction of the treasurer not the Superior. It was suggested to divide the mission account from the religious account to avoid the legal issues in the future. As majority of the treasurers expressed that they were not well-versed regarding the usage of Tally, it was suggested either to go to Don Guanella Boys Home community to learn or to organize a separate meeting only for the purpose of learning Tally.

Budget – While drawing out the budget for the community, the objectives of the expenses and means to contribute to the budget from the local community must be foreseen. It was suggested that the local communities must come up with the plan of bearing the partial budget by procuring local source of income especially the mission communities.

Then, in the afternoon, every treasurer individually met Fr. Provincial Superior and Fr. Francis, Treasurer of Indian Societies & Trust and submitted the annual budget plan of the year 2022-2023. With the group picture, the four days of Tutelage and Administrators' meet came to an end.

Provincialate (Chennai) -The new digital technologies are, indeed, bringing about fundamental shifts in patters of communication and relationships. Information and communication technologies are God-given gifts that can maximize the mission of our congregation to proclaim the Gospel of Jesus Christ by "Connecting the People of God." These technologies are truly a gift to humanity and we must endeavour to ensure that the benefits they offer are put at the service of all human individuals and communities. In line with this thought, Guanella Communication Centre bought an Apple iMac to improvise the efficiency of the communication process of the province and for further development of Guanella communication centre in the near future. In the presence of the Provincialate community members, Fr. John Paul blessed it. May this communication tool be an aid to become the heralds of the Good News.



COMMUNITY EXPERIENCE



SIVAGANGAI: The Postulants participated in a week of community and mission service in Madurai at Soosai Thottam. Fr. Mathias, the Director of Postulants, animated the experience by opening the spiritual eyes of the Postulants to the Guanellian mission. They were inspired and happily dedicated themselves to the service of special children by cleaning in and around the Centre. Everyone was motivated to emulate the spirit of our Founder's message and strengthen by his values. The community members were touched by our assistance and presence, especially Fr. John Doss who thanked us with heartfelt words.



PILGRIMAGE TO IDAIKATTUR

Sivagangai: On the 4th of February, the Postulants, along with the Formators, visited the Sacred Heart

Shrine in Idaikattur. Sacred Heart Church is a very old one built in a Gothic architectural style situated in Idaikattur, in the Sivagangai District of Tamilnadu. This unique church was built in 1894 AD by a French missionary, Fr. Ferdinand Celle SJ. It is a replica of the Rheims Cathedral in France. Since the church was said to be built by angels, Fr. Ferdinand Celle SJ placed 153 representations of angels in and around the church. He also included the relics of forty saints in four elliptical-shaped wooden bowls, which rest over the wooden heart in the main altar portion. Since it was the first Friday of the month, the Brothers were able to participate in a charismatic prayer service followed by the Holy Eucharist which is usual for that day. After that, the Brothers received a special blessing from Rev. Dr. Immanuel Dosan, the Rector of the Shrine.

OUR LADY OF LOURDES FEAST



Cuddalore : On the 11th of February, we celebrated the Feast of Our Lady of Lourdes in our Sagayamadha Parish, Cuddalore. The celebration began when Fr. Arulnathan, St. Joseph's School Principal, blessed the car procession at 6 pm and that was followed by the recitation of the Holy Rosary. Next, he celebrated Holy Mass and preached the homily. Fr. Arulnathan related the story of the apparition of Mary to Bernadette, in 1858 in a cave in Lourdes. Bernadette knelt and began to pray the rosary and Our Lady accompanied her over the five decades, and then, vanished. On the 25th of March 1858, in another apparition, Bernadette asked about the identity of the Lady, and Mary responded with, "I am the

Immaculate Conception”, thus confirming the title already attributed to her by the church. Since then, every year thousands of devotees make their pilgrimage to Lourdes, France. Many miracles take place there, and many people who visit the place are healed. After Holy Mass, in the portico, those who were celebrating the feast cut the cake and shared it. Hence, we provided snacks to all. Continue to intercede for us, Our Lady of Lourdes.

PRAYING FOR THE SICK

Cuddalore: On the 11th of February, the Feast Day of Our Lady of Lourdes and the World Day of the Sick, the SJS Community conducted a creative rosary. During the rosary, the seminarians along with the Provincial Superior prayed for the sick and the conversion of sinners around the world. To conclude the day, our beloved Fr. Provincial gave his blessings on this august day. His presence had increased the joy and grace in the heart of each participant.

INSPIRATION FROM THE FATHER



Cuddalore: From the 8th to the 13th of February, the premises of the SJS Community was graced with the presence of the Provincial Superior who took this opportunity to teach phonetics to the minor seminarians. It was a unique experience for the initiation brothers to enhance their knowledge of English and phonetics. The lessons benefited the young men in

several ways: they augmented their learning, filled them with vigor and energy, and inspired them to focus on their future ministry. On the final day, the community sincerely acknowledged the presence of Father and his availability to encourage the little ones. The Provincial Superior, too, felt happy in the presence of the community fathers and with the cooperation of the candidates during his visit.

THE JOURNEY OF A THOUSAND MILES BEGINS WITH ONE STEP



Bangalore: The novices were fortunate indeed to have an Ashram Experience in Mysore from January 18th to the 27th. It was a time of discernment and spiritual renewal, as well as an introspective experience. Joining the novices were 28 other participants from different congregations. The sessions were animated by Rev. Fr. Louis - Guruji of Anjali Ashram, Mysore. Following the Ashram Experience, the novices continued their journey in the school of holiness with a three-day seminar (February 14th to 16th) on spiritual discernment and choice of vocation, animated by Fr. Stalin SdC, DGMS, Chennai. The Postulants of DSMP also participated in this seminar. The sessions were filled with suggestions on how to mature in enlightenment, insight, and excellence. Different aspects of discernment were covered. Topics included: What is spiritual discernment? Discernment according to CCC, Discernment of Holy Spirit, discerning through His

gifts; the battlefield of the soul and the senses; discernment of the Spirit according to Ignatius of Loyola and communitarians discernment. The sessions challenged the participants profoundly and called for inner strength to focus the mind, body, and soul to strengthen their vocation in union with Christ and in communion with the congregation.

“WE MAKE A LIVING BY WHAT WE GET. WE MAKE A LIFE BY WHAT WE GIVE.”



Bangalore: On the 25th of February one of our well-wishers, Mr. Simon - PCA Trustee member, organized a mega wheelchair distribution project in conjunction with Shree Bhagwan Mahaveer Viklang Sahayata Samiti & Rotary Bangalore Sadashivanagar Dist. 3190. It was held on our campus, and they were able to donate five wheelchairs for our grandfathers. Thanks to the Providence of God.

ROUTINE TO NOURISHMENT

Kumbakonam : A break from our daily routine always strengthens us as we encounter new experiences. The youth of Divine Providence Church Parish went for a day picnic to Pichavaram, a tourist spot, known for its waterscapes, backwater cruises, and mangrove forest trees that are permanently rooted in a few feet of water. The site also has more than 400 water routes available for boating. During the boat ride, the youth enjoyed the scenic view of the countryside. This outing helped the youth to relax and to develop and nourish their



relationships with each other. On the trip, they passed their free time singing and dancing.

During a session on the banks of the river, one of the youths shared the challenges of being a young person today. The seeds of mission and vocation were sown with some of the sharing that occurred. On the return trip, they had the opportunity to visit our Cuddalore community. The picnic had been well organized by Fr. A. Bernandas, the parish priest.

BE WITH US, MARY



The Catholic Church has always held Mary, the Mother of Jesus, in high esteem and sets apart special occasions to honor her. These times of devotion help each of us to avail ourselves of Mary's intercession. We can be sure that Mother Mary always guides and protects us in all we do. We, the Divine Providence Church, Kumbakonam set aside the first Saturday of the month for a special novena to the patron of our Parish. The novena started with a car procession around the church. Following this, the people were nourished by the Word of God, preached by Rev. Fr. Ronald SdC, the

Provincial Superior. The theme of Father's homily was "Divine Providence". About 400 faithful participated in the procession and the novena. The liturgical celebration was concluded with the sharing of an agape meal by everyone present.

SEE AND LEARN



Chennai: We, the Don Guanella Residential Home residents, had an opportunity to go on an excursion to a park. The program was designated "SEE AND LEARN". Under the guidance of Fr. Acharyyam, the children were excited to experience the outdoors and learn about nature. It was a very casual day with the children mingling with other guests at the park as well as the local Park official. They were delighted to see the fish in the water, the birds, and a potting area. The children traveled along a walking path and participated in some games in the park. They thoroughly enjoyed the day and were happy to spend it outdoors. In a sense, they were real witnesses to our mission in Chennai. Other park-goers witnessed what we were doing and volunteered their services to help and guide the children. It was a beneficial day for all.

EDUCATIONAL TOUR

Chennai : It was a day of relaxation for the staff and residents of Don Guanella Special School. The day began with a visit to Divine Mercy Church to receive spiritual

nourishment to start the day. After that, we enjoyed some sightseeing by visiting tourist spots like Dahshan Chithra and Crocodile Park. We went for a boat ride in Muttukadu and concluded the day with a picnic. All the teachers and residents returned home filled with joy and in good spirits after a fun-packed d



BENEFACTOR'S DAY



Chennai: It was a day to honor and express our appreciation to all the benefactors who were generous enough to help us with our mission. There were about 60 families, and 250 persons present for the celebration. Fr. Acharyyam, Assistant Director, began the day by welcoming those gathered with kind words. Fr. David, Administrator, and Mrs. Nancy organized the cultural program which was filled with wonderful events and dance performed by the children. Afterward, Rev. Fr. Benson, Superior, offered words of encouragement and love to all present, and Fr.

Ananthan, Director, thanked each person for their generosity and service to our mission. All the brothers and staff helped in various ways and the program concluded with a meal.

MEDICAL CAMP



Chennai: The 28th of February was the day designed for the Free Medical Camp organized by ACS Medical Hospital, Thai Moogambigai Dental Hospital, and India Vision Institute. Fr. Ananthan welcomed the gathering and honored the chief Doctor Professor, Mr. Arasar Seeriyar, Head of the Department of Pediatrics with a shawl and a Memento. Later, each student was taken to the different departments (general, dental, and eye) for their checkups. The individual specialty doctors prescribed medicine and informed the patients that they could contact the hospitals for further treatment, free of charge. Many students and parents were provided with glasses also free of charge. Parents, students, and staff members benefited from this free medical camp, which concluded around 3 pm.

FEAST OF ST. JOHN DE BRITTO

Krishnaperi: We celebrated the Feast of Saint John de Britto, the patron of our parish in Vadapatti. Fr. Bodagar, the parish priest of Sathur Parish, and Fr. Jayaraj, the parish priest of Othayal, hoisted the flag of our patron on 1st February and began the novena

to St. John de Britto. Every day, priests from various communities were invited to join the parish priests and the faithful in the celebration thus adding meaning to it. All the faithful actively participated and after the Mass people were offered delicious food.



RECENT HAPPENINGS



Grass Lake - The Pious Union has been humming with action during this time as we prepare for St. Joseph's feast day. Many pilgrims will be making their way to the shrine on Saturday, March 19th. Activities will include lighting candles, prayer, and a 10:00 AM Mass in Chaldean. The shrine kicked off Lent with Ash Wednesday Mass, distribution of ashes, and confession. Many people came that morning to receive God's mercy and forgiveness.

Fr. Joseph Campbell and students from Encounter Ministries joined us on March 5th for Mass and a healing service. They prayed over people in small groups, helping them heal and also to feel the Lord's love for them.

CATHOLIC SCHOOLS WEEK



East Providence - Catholic Schools Week was observed January 30th – February 5th. One of the days was Pastor Appreciation Day! Sacred Heart School treated Fr. Silvio, Fr. Peri, and Fr. Bernard to lunch. Fr. Peri, Assistant Pastor of Sacred Heart, and Fr. Bernad, Pastor of Our Lady of Loreto joined our students during their lunchtime! Both priests took time out of their day and served as lunch monitors. We can always count on all of our pastors to jump in and lend a hand at SHS!

Night to Shine Comes to St. Louis Center

Chelsea - On Friday, February 11, 2022 Night to Shine celebrated its 8th Anniversary as thousands from around the world came together to honor

people with disabilities. Sponsored by the Tim Tebow Foundation, this event is placed on the social calendar of the SLC residents as soon as the official date is announced each year.

Dusting off those dancing shoes, residents put on their fancy clothes, and prepared for the 2022 Night to Shine Prom. The event was held in the SLC gym due to the ongoing pandemic. The local host church, 2 | 42 Community Church - Ann Arbor, insured that each resident got an official Night to Shine swag bag, event poster, and proper royal head gear of crowns and tiaras. After getting their corsage or boutonniere (also provided 2 | 42), each resident proceeded down the balloon lined path of the SLC lobby toward the gym. Each Queen and King was crowned before being shown to their seats.

Smiles filled the room as residents arrived at their 2022 Prom. Music played, some danced, but everyone was excited to what was in the swag bags and prepared for dinner. The SLC kitchen staff prepared an Italian meal. The meal was topped off with Night to Shine cupcakes. Once everyone had a chance to eat, the music went from dinner to dance, and the residents were ready! Many of their favorite tunes were played and they even had a conga line. A large screen was set up so that the residents could watch the official 2022 Night to Shine broadcast, featuring Tim Tebow.

RESIDENTS ENJOY THE SUPER BOWL

Chelsea - "Who's your team?" was the talk of the town for the week before the Super Bowl. Gathering in the gym or in their homes, all residents felt the excitement of the biggest NFL football game of the year on Sunday, February 13th. Each team was represented by fans from both the residents and staff. Cheering, eating, and playing games as a group

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was a fun time, but nothing beats the comradery of the residents.

Not every resident enjoys watching a football game, so of course there were activities ready for everyone. Bean bag toss, coloring activities, and throwing the old pig skin around were optional activities that residents could participate in. Pizza dinner was served in residents home to start the festivities of the big game. Then, residents gathered in front of the screen to listen to the National Anthem and wait for the kickoff. Excitement filled the air as the ball went back and forth, and the score remained close.

AKTION CLUB SPREADS LOVE

Chelsea - The entire St. Louis Center Aktion Club gathered on Thursday, February 10th to prepare to spread good wishes on Valentine's Day. They made cards for the St. Louis Center staff who provide them care for their daily needs. They colored the cards and stuffed them into envelopes with some sweet treats. They delivered the Valentines to very appreciative staff members on Monday, February 14th.

SNOW MUCH FUN

Chelsea - When mother nature hurled the snow this week at southern Michigan, there was indeed a lot of it. Some grumbled, some plowed, and some went sledding.

As soon as the second shift staff arrived to work at St. Louis Center on Wednesday, February 2nd the guys in St. Joseph Hall began begging them for the sleds. The supervisors set out to be sure that everyone had the proper gear for the weather and enough sleds for everyone who wanted to partake in the fun. St. Joe Hall sits on top of a hill, so the guys don't have to go far to just get at the fun.



PROVINCIAL CALEDER

- 1 -3 - Visit to Warangal Residence
- 5 - Visit to the Vicariate Center
- 7- Funeral at Thennur
- 10 - Visit to Pannur Parish
- 14- 16 Formators Meet in Chennai
- 17 - Annual Evaluation at DGMS Chennai
- 19 - 20 Visit to Kumbakonam Community
- 24 - Perpetual Profession in Chennai
- 25 - Diaconate in Chennai

March Calendar of Events

01- Ash Wednesday

19. St. Joseph, Husband of Mary

24. First Religious Profession of Servants of Charity (1908)

25 .The Annunciation of the Lord

28 . Anniversary of the Death of Fr.Mazzucchi



Birthdays

- 1 - Fr. Jesu Doss. C
- 2- Fr. Prakash Philemen Raj
- 4 - Fr. Maria Julian Bernard. L
- 6 - Fr. Bernandes. A
- 7 – Fr. Constantain
- 10 - Fr. Antony Kalai Selvan. / Bro.
- 13 - Fr. John Bosco A | Fr. Paulraj. P
- 15 - Fr. Abraham. A
- 17 - Bro. Mark A. Lanuza
- 20 - Fr. Louis Basker
- 21 - Fr. Rishar Raffee Jegan
- 25 - Fr. Roosewelt
- 29 - Fr. Alphonse Maria Ligori
- 30 - Fr. Dominic Sebastian Baskar

Feast Days

- 5 - Fr. John Joseph
- 19 - Fr. Joseph Rinaldo
- Fr. Soosai Rathinam. R | Fr. Jayasoosai
- Fr. Edal Vinoth Joe | Fr. Vellington
- Fr. Joseph Fernandez. S

Prayer to Saint Joseph for a Happy Death

O Blessed Joseph, you gave your last breath in the loving embrace of Jesus and Mary. When the seal of death shall close my life, come with Jesus and Mary to aid me. Obtain for me this solace for that hour - to die with their holy arms around me. Jesus, Mary and Joseph, I commend my soul, living and dying, into your sacred arms.

Amen.

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