

News and Views

Divine Providence Province



THE BEGINNING OF A HISTORY: THE PROFESSION OF MARCH 24, 1908

Dear Confreres!

Month of March is historically important to the Servants of Charity around the world. It is a special month that invites us to remember our origin, to remain thankful, to rediscover our roots in order to incarnate it and to renew it in the present. It is good that we revisit the pages of the beginning of the history of the Congregation of the Servants of Charity.

From 1893 to 1908 had elapsed 15 years; during those years, especially in the House of Divine Providence in Como priests, brothers, adult men, young people, students came in close contact with Don Guanella and they intended to be with him and to serve the poor who were gathered around him in the house. Don Martino Cugnasca describes the first seed bed of the Servants of Charity: "Since the beginning, the Servant of God (Don Guanella) had an idea to form, parallel to that of women, a men congregation; conceived at first a pious society united only by the bond of charity. However, after the foundation of the House of Como, he thought decisively about a religious congregation, because a pious society would not have received the approval of the Holy See, would have been subjected to the various diocesan authorities and would have created other setbacks".

Meanwhile with his disciples Don Guanella began to live "a kind of religious life", where the community was formed together by associated priests and laymen "with annual temporary vows professed only for devotion". "At first he wanted them be called Sons of the Sacred Heart". In 1894, he got printed with the approval of the diocesan Superiors an Organic Statute, in which some precepts of juridical character had been



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fixed, destined to guide this initial group of disciples. In 1896, he matured the idea to ask for the Pontifical approval so as to enter also legally in the religious life recognized by the Church.

He would succeed neither in this first attempt, nor in the other two which followed in 1899-1901 and in 1905-1906. Rather he would succeed the goal only partly in 1908: He would found himself again in fact in the heart of the Church through the profession of the simple perpetual vows, professed with his disciples on March 24 in accordance with the norms of the Sacred Congregation of the Bishops and Regulars in fulfillment of the desire which he had expressed and cultivated for a long time.

We do not know with what clarity Don Guanella fixed the date of the celebration for March 24 and it was Tuesday. But the testimonies reveal the significance of that event. Sr. Marcellina Bosatta mentions, "I am aware of the profession of the vows made by the Servant of God, Don Luigi Guanella on 24th March 1908 and to it other Servants of Charity participated... I know about the ceremony only before that day." It is certain that there was an immediate preparation. Don Guanella wrote in the Minutes at the end of the celebration: "(Perpetual profession) was preceded by three days of preparatory preaching". According to Don Aurelio Bacciarini who was present at the historical event, "I remember the retreat that he preached to us in 1908 for 3 days".

Sr. Marcellina has further testified about the ceremony. She mentions: "The ceremony happened in the evening and the doors were closed". Why in the evening? Don Guanella chose the evening schedule, because at the end of the day all could be free from their own occupations and worries; and he closed the doors in order not to disturb the rhythm of the house in which more than 300 persons lived. In fact, the house where the celebration took place was that of the Divine Providence in Como and in it the part considered the most sacred: the Church of the Sacred Heart. The tradition also results rich of details that those to profess were 12. They were: Don Luigi Guanella, Don Samuele Curti, Don Paolo Panzeri, Don Marcello Magoni, Don Gulielmo Bianchi, Don Lorenzo Bignotti, Don Leonardo Mazzucchi, Don Giovanni Bruschi, Don Salvatore Alippi, Don Aurelio Bacciarini, Don Bittorio Pontoglio and Don Sperandio Filisetti. **"In that late evening... a small Congregation (Servants of Charity) was juridically born in the Church (and in the history) through the public act of profession".**





The number of people those were bound to the Congregation during the course of 1908 was considerable. Perpetual profession of the confreres began in Como with 12 confreres on March 24 as mentioned above and it continued with other 23 confreres in the other houses of the Congregation up to June 26 of the same year. Don Martino Cugnasca insisted the fact that not all were able “to participate in the profession of Como due to various assignments in their respective houses”, where they naturally exercised their ministry. Their presence was needed in their ministry places and there was no one who could replace them.

With the sweat of our forefathers, our congregation has reached different parts of the world today and we are thankful to them. We, the descendants continue this journey with a vision and the dream to fulfill the mission and vision of our founder in our province. We learn from our forefathers to preach the message of faith to the generations to come. I wish you all the best for your ongoing Lenten journey.

- Ø We congratulate and thank all the confreres who participated in the Vocation Promoters Meet (Accompaniment of the youth) that was held in DGMS, Chennai
- Ø We congratulate and thank all the Evening School teachers who participated in the Evening School teachers Meet and the Superiors who encouraged them to participate in the meeting.
- Ø We wish and pray for our brothers Kota Yesu Babu and Sesuraj Philomin Raja who will make their perpetual profession (25th March, 2023 at 10.30 am) and will be ordained as deacons on 25th March 2023 at 6.30 pm. Kindly note the date in your calendar and pray for them.
- Ø Our condolences and continuous prayers to Fr. Praveen Raj who lost his beloved father Mr. Louis on 25th February, 2023

FR. RONALD. J SDC
Provincial Superior

PROVINCIAL CALENDAR - MARCH 2023

02 & 03	Vocation Coordinators Meet at Chennai
04 & 05	Evening School Teachers Meet at Chennai
06 to 11	Visit to Sri Lanka
12	Sunday Mass in Chennai
15	Council Meet
17	Online Formation
22	Major Superiors Meet in Trichy
25	Perpetual & Diaconate in Chennai
27 & 28	Evaluation at DGMS Chennai



INTERNATIONAL DAY OF PRAYER AND AWARENESS AGAINST HUMAN TRAFFICKING

HUMAN TRAFFICKING

LARA'S FIGHT TO SAVE LIVES

Today we remember Saint Bakhita, patron saint of victims of human trafficking. I join you in celebrating the Ninth International Day of Prayer and Awareness Against Human Trafficking, on the theme “Journeying in Dignity”, which involves young people as protagonists.

I address you, young people, in a special way: I encourage you to care for dignity, yours and that of every person you meet. I heard that it was you who chose this theme: “Journeying in Dignity”. It is very important: it indicates a broad horizon for your commitment against human trafficking: human dignity. In this way you can contribute to keeping hope alive, and I would also add joy, which I invite you to preserve in your hearts, along with the Word of God, because Christ is the true joy!

Human trafficking disfigures dignity. Exploitation and subjugation limit freedom and turn people into objects to be used and discarded. And the system of trafficking exploits the injustice and inequality that force millions of people to live in conditions of vulnerability. Indeed, people impoverished by the economic crisis, by wars, by climate change and many forms of instability are easily recruited. Unfortunately, trafficking is growing at an alarming rate, affecting, above all migrants, women and children, young people like yourselves, people full of dreams and the desire to live in dignity.

We know that we are living in a difficult time, but it is precisely in this reality that all of us, in particular young people, are called to join forces to build “networks of good”, to spread the light that comes from Christ and his Gospel. The light that will be symbolically handed over in these days to the young people who have come to Rome to represent the organizations, which for years, have collaborated in this Day of Prayer and Awareness against trafficking. With this gesture, you are sent

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forth as missionaries of human dignity, against human trafficking and every form of exploitation. This inaugurates a special year of the involvement of young people, until the next Day in 2024. Guard this light and you will be a blessing for other young people. Never tire of seeking pathways to transform our societies and prevent the shameful scourge of human trafficking.

Journeying for dignity, against human trafficking, without leaving anyone behind. I would like to repeat some of the beautiful expressions you have written: "Walking with open eyes to recognize the processes that lead millions of people, especially young people, to be trafficked for brutal exploitation. Walking with an attentive heart to discover the daily paths of thousands of people in search of freedom and dignity. Walking with hope guiding our feet to promote anti-trafficking actions. Walking together hand in hand to support one another and build a culture of encounter that leads to the conversion of hearts and inclusive societies, capable of unmasking stereotypes and protecting the rights of every person".

I hope that many people will accept your invitation to walk together against trafficking: walking together with those who are destroyed by the violence of sexual and labour exploitation; walking together with migrants, displaced persons, those who are searching for a place to live in peace and family. Together with you, young people, to reaffirm courageously the value of human dignity.

I thank you and say to you: go forth with courage! Go forth with courage! May the Lord bless you and may Our Lady protect you. May Saint Bakhita pray with us and for us. I offer my heartfelt blessing to all of you who work against trafficking and every person you meet on this journey for dignity. Thank you!



Pope Francis

Franciscus



Human trafficking is a crime against humanity. We must unite our efforts to free the victims and stop this increasingly aggressive crime which threatens not only individuals but the basic values of society.

— Pope Francis —

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ANNUAL GATHERING OF GC & GLM AND RELEASING GC GENERAL STATUTES' TAMIL TRANSLATION



CHENNAI : Tamil translated general statutes of Guanellian cooperators which had been already published in Italian (original source) and translated into English, was released during the Canonical visit of Br. Frnco Lain and annual gathering of GC and GLM on 12th February 2023 at DGMS Chennai. Guanellian Cooperators, Aspirants and Representatives of GLM members from different communities actively participated in the gathering. The Tamil translated GC statutes was the fruit of the group of confreres who worked under the supervision and guidance of Rev. Fr. Ronald Provincial Superior. The translated statutes will be an instrumental for the Tamil speaking aspirants of GLM and GC to understand better the norms, rules and functioning of Guanellian Cooperators' Association in an organized manner in the path shown by Fr. Louis Guanella

AN EYE CAMP FOR THE ELDERLY

BANGALORE: On the 13th of February, a team of 8 doctors, along with technicians and modern equipment from Zamindar Hospital, visited GPN in a mobile medical caravan to assist our elderly destitute residents with their eye issues. They treated 65 patients, including staff. They suggested cataract surgeries for 15 patients and spectacles for others. This event was organized by Fr. Kulandaisamy under the guidance of Fr. Mathias for our residents; many of them suffer from eye issues due to their old age. This camp was successful and effective under the guidance of a superior of the community.



CHARITY SAVES THE WORLD

BANGALORE: The GPN community always follows the path of our founder in assisting the poor around the community. Since the winter is severe in Bangalore this year, people residing near the slum

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area are affected by the situation. The community arranged a camp in which mattresses and pillows were distributed to the poor. People from Gunduthoop and Geddalahalli benefited from this act of charity. We distributed 60 mattresses and 120 pillows, for 55 poor families benefiting. Our sincere thanks to the donor who helped the poor have a comfortable stay this winter.

PURE WATER FOR THE ELDERS OF GPN

BANGALORE: Fr. Kulandai, Director of the Old Age Home, approached many NGOs for a water purifier. We are currently buying drinking water for the home almost daily. The Bank of Baroda Kolhapur Branch stepped forward to help by providing us with a BLUE STAR water purifier with a capacity of 100 liters per day. On the 16th of February 2023, Mrs. Rajani, Branch Manager, and other staff visited our home for the destitute to deliver the water purifier. This is a significant help, and we are very appreciative to the manager and all those who aided with this noble endeavor to help to the needy.



DAY OF JOY TO OUR ELDERLY MEN AT GPN



BANGALORE: Young volunteers from ELDERSADDA, an association that tries to improve the lives of the elderly, visited our old age home. These young people arranged for games and other activities to engage our residents and raise their spirits. On the 18th of February, Mr. Rakish and his team came to GPN and helped our elderly men feel young again

by conducting games like carom, chess, and other cultural activities. The visitation lasted for 3 hours, and the group was able to make our grandpas to feel comfort, relax, and enjoy themselves. Fr. Mathias, the Superior, welcomed the team and honored them for entertaining our elderly, and for their part, team ELDERSADDA assured us they would return in the coming months.



CELEBRATION OF OUR LADY OF LOURDES FEAST



CUDDALORE: On the 11th of February, we celebrated Our Lady of Lourdes Feast in our Sagaya Madha Parish, Cuddalore. Fr. Ronald, Provincial Superior, in the presence of Bro. Franco Lain, General Councilor, blessed the car procession at 6 pm and recited the Holy Rosary. Then he celebrated Holy Mass and preached the homily. In his homily, Fr. Ronald told the story of the Lady in the cave who invited Bernadette to pray. After Mass Bro. Franco Lain was honored with a shawl. Bro. Lain thanked the parishioners for their presence and participation. He also, mentioned that he had attended the inauguration of the new Church. Then Fr. Vincent, Parish Priest, thanked everyone for their cooperation and collaboration which contributed to the success of the event. We provided snacks to all, and the attendees left with smiling faces. Continue to intercede for us, Our Lady of Lourdes.

INCLUSIVE BOOK FAIR AND LITERATURE FESTIVAL

SIVAGANGAI: The Book Fair and Literature Festival was an awesome day organized by the government in Sivagangai. At the request of the Collector, a new initiative was designed to include all the special schools and give them an opportunity to participate in the Book Fair and Literature Festival. Our school children took part in the celebration and enjoyed programs from various schools, colleges, and other institutions. The children experienced a wonderful evening visiting the historical heritage exhibition, mobile planetarium, and literary and cultural stage performances. Mr. Kathirvel, DDAWO, gave the welcoming address and then at the conclusion thanked all the children and staff. It was a very good exposure and a pleasant evening for our children.





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VISIT OF THE NODAL OFFICER AND DDWAO

SIVAGANGAI: The day began with preparation for the visit of Mr. Arvind, Nodal Officer, Commissionerate, Mr. Kathirvel, DDAWO, and Mr. Senthil Kumar (Asst.), Sivagangai. The children gathered at the entrance and welcomed the guest with a shawl and a flower bouquet. The officers then visited every classroom, physiotherapy room and sensory room. Then, Mr. Arvind then conversed with the staff about the work plans and the activities that they give to the children. Later, he inspected all the records of the school. Finally, Mr. Arvind provided feedback suggesting follow-up activities for the children and adhering to Madras Developmental Programme System, (MDPS). His feedback was appreciated.



FRATERNAL VISIT OF VICAR GENERAL OF DSMP



KOPAKKA: On the 11th of February Rev. Sr. Neuza DSMP (Vicar Mother General), Rev. Sr. Esther DSMP (General Councillor), and Rev. Sr. Mary DSMP (Delegate Superior for India), visited Guanella Bhavan. Vicar General addressed the candidates, saying “It is good to know each other. Invest your talents in the growth of the congregation.” Later that day, the delegation visited the miraculous statue of Mother Mary procured in our chapel for veneration. Tracing back to the roots of the spirituality of our founder, St. Louis Guanella, we shared some moments of fraternity with each of us reflecting on our own personal faith experience. May God continue to bless the Daughters of St. Mary of Providence.

A JOURNEY OF A THOUSAND MILES MUST BEGIN WITH A SINGLE STEP

KOPAKKA: Paolo Coelho says that travel is never a matter of money, but of courage. Rev Bro Franco Lain, (General Link Councillor) on the 16th of February, along with Rev. Fr. Provincial Superior, displayed the courage to travel a long-distance visit to our community. The day started with the



celebration of the Holy Eucharistic presided over by Rev. Fr. Ronald, Provincial Superior. This was followed by a small prayer service at the cemetery of our confrere Rev. Fr. Visampali Bala Yesu, cultural program, personal chats with confreres, and common meetings with candidates. The candidates were encouraged to cultivate a Guanellian attitude and give importance to academic excellence. Rev. Bro. Franco met the candidates in common and shared his vocational history which edified many of them. He also met the priestly confreres in common and reminded them of their religious commitments and convictions. Recommendations were given by the Provincial Superior for the smooth running of community life. May God continue to bless all the Major Superiors for the ministry they carry out in the name of the Church.

LOSS CAN REMIND US THAT LIFE ITSELF IS A GIFT

KOPAKKA: On the 13th of March, confreres and candidates of the Guanella Bhavan Community remembered the third anniversary of the death of Rev. Fr. Visampali Bala Yesu. The memorial Mass was offered in the tomb of our beloved confrere and was presided over by the community's superior. The remembrances and simplicity of the deceased confrere were articulated to the candidates as an example of holy living. In the evening Holy Rosary was recited and offered for all the departed souls of our congregation and especially for the repose soul of our beloved confrere Rev. Fr. Visampali Bala Yesu.



NO ONE HAS EVER BECOME POOR FROM GIVING

KOPAKKA: The third Community-Based Rehabilitation program was held on the 7th of February in Jeganathapuram and on the 25th of February in Ankannagudem, with the help of the members of the Guanellian Lay Movement. There

were altogether 22 beneficiaries who were benefited from these endeavors. The program began with a prayer service followed by faith sharing, and the distribution of grocery items and toilet articles. In Jeganathapuram Mr. Raju gave away the gifts to the beneficiaries. In Ankannagudem, to sow seeds of charity in the young hearts, evening school children were invited to distribute



the gift items to the recipients. At the end of the distribution, an appeal was made to the parishioners in Ankannagudem to join the GLM group to foster the spirit of sharing our wealth with the needy in our own locality just as our founder St. Louis Guanella did. Thanks to the members of the Guanellian Lay Moment. May God bless them and their family members.

THEOLOGICAL FORUM

CHENNAI : The DGMS community had a theological forum on the topic Family, which is the vital cell of society. The first introductory talk was given by Bro. Peter titled “What is family?” and emphasized the importance of family and its positive and negative aspects. Families provide us with the comfort and security needed to lead meaningful and fulfilling lives, teach us important life lessons, and provide unconditional love, nurturing, and security. After finishing the introductory talk, Bro. Jayaseelan came forward to speak on the vital role of the family. The family plays an important role in providing a safe and secure environment for its members to grow and develop. It supports and nurtures its members, emotionally and financially, and provides guidance, structure, loyalty, morality, and basic life skills. It also provides a social network of family, friends, and neighbors that can offer support, acceptance, and companionship in times of need. Bro. Jayaseelan's PowerPoint presentation enabled the group to be more active and participate in the forum.

Bro. Yesu Babu discussed the importance of the family in light of the Bible and Church tradition. The Bible speaks of its importance as a place of love, support, and security, and calls us to honor and respect our parents and siblings. The Christian view of marriage is that it is a sacred bond between a man and a woman, and Fr. Stalin's chief guest helped us to gain insight into the family. The forum concluded with the sharing of the chief guest and with the Angelus.





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INAUGURATION OF THE NEW ROOMS

CHENNAI: In the DGMS community, we have inaugurated three new rooms for the student priests. Rev. Fr. Ronald prayed and blessed in the presence of Rev. Bro. Franco Lain. He invoked God's protection and guidance to fill the rooms with peace and joy and provide a space of love and peace to flourish in. He pronounced that these rooms must be a place of safety, joy, protection, and emotional, and physical well-being for everyone. We thank God for His blessings and protection and ask for peace and joy in our new rooms.

INAUGURATION OF THE NEWLY BUILT PRESBYTERY

ANTHONIYARPURAM: A spirit of joy filled the air at the inauguration of the newly built presbytery. On this special day, our beloved Archbishop Most Rev. George Antonysamy came to our parish to bless and inaugurate the newly built presbytery. In conjunction with this special occasion, we celebrated Archbishop George Antonysamy's 71st birthday and cut the cake in our parish. Our Archbishop spent his valuable time with our parishioners, prayed for them, and blessed them. Our parishioners gave their cooperation for the successful event, we thank the Lord for his continuous blessings and guidance.



CM TROPHY SPORTS - DISTRICT LEVEL

CHENNAI: The District Level Chief Minister Trophy selection was held at the District Sports Stadium in Thiruvallur. The students of our school participated with enthusiasm and spirit. The staff members Mr. Ezhilarasu and Ms. Shanthi accompanied them. Our students won second place as runners in the Throw Ball. Each of our students is rewarded with a cash prize of Rs.2000/- to their own bank account.





SACRED HEART CHURCH FEAST



VATLURU: 22nd Jesus Jubilee Tower & 105th Sacred Heart Church Feast of Vatluru was celebrated in a grand manner. His grace Most. Rev. Jayarao Polimera D.D., the Bishop of Eluru celebrated the Holy Eucharistic celebration after long time on 26th Feb 2023. The annual festal mass was solemnly celebrated by Rev. Fr. Bala V.G in the presence of Rev. Fr. Kulandaisamy SdC the Vice-Provincial of DPP, diocesans, religious priests and sisters participated in the celebration. There was 3 days retreat conducted by Rev. Fr. Christuraj the founder of Society of Holy Spirit and car procession in and around the village. People participated in a devout manner.

THE BOND OF CHARITY

VATLURU: We are united with each other principally by “the bond of charity” intended by the Founder to be the Life of God poured forth into our hearts (Cons 12) As A result our Rev. Bro. Franco Lain General Councillor and Rev. Fr. J. Ronald SdC the Provincial Superior of DPP has paid a visit on 15th Feb 2023. It was a fraternal visit and had beautiful moments to share and nourish it



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2ND REGENTS MEET

The second regents meet was held from 12th to 14th February 2023 at Don Guanella Major Seminary, Poonamallee. Regents were indeed very happy to attend this meeting as a part of our formation program.

Session 1

We started our input session at 10 am at DGSS. Our resource person was Fr. M. S. Mifflin, Professor at Sacred Heart Seminary on the title “the church doesn't have a mission but the mission has the church.” At the beginning, we shared about our experiences

in our mission places and slowly moved into the topic. Fr. Mifflin shared about the etymology and the meaning of the word in today's context. He quoted saying our missionary character should be universal in nature and one should not restrict himself at one place, this means that we are to be open, broad, inclusive, positive, and enthusiastic in our mission. He also quoted from various documents of the church regarding the mission



Session 2

Bro. Franco Lain, SdC took up the second session to enrich our minds about the congregation and the importance of living in a community with different cultures. He explained about the 'bond of charity' by stating that the first charity is towards Christ and this charity of Christ pushes forward in our mission. We have so many differences with us and with fellow human beings but we are all together for his mission as one family with the title “The Servants of Charity.”

Session 3

Fr. John Paul, SdC Parish Priest of Anthonyarpuram took up the session with the title “Celebrating life and mission in intercultural and intergenerational communities”. He was very simple in his presentation and explained about the importance of culture in the mission places. Man has to be satisfied with some basic needs so first try to fulfill his needs and then move on to spirituality, for our founder himself says “bread and the lord.” We have to respect the community people and its place for everyone is unique in themselves. He also shared about the graces and the challenges of inter cultural communities. We have so many advantages than disadvantages for our founder says 'the whole world is your homeland.’

Session 4

The session was taken up by Mrs. Ezhilarasi, the physiotherapist with the title orientation to physiotherapy at DGSS. She gave a short introductory note on physiotherapy and the persons who can receive physiotherapy. She explained how this method helps our children to get better day by day and she gave some practical examples of children who have improved from worst to better. After the theory we moved on to the practical session where she exposed some of the instruments and the equipments that are used as a tool in rehabilitating the child. She also taught us some of the exercises to teach our children to keep them healthy.

Session 5

Bro. Franco, SdC took up the concluding session. He left the forum open for doubts or clarifications. We raised so many questions about the congregation, formation of formees, the possibility of opening new houses in China, the problems faced by the new confreres in the mission places, our new undertakings, our care towards the mentally ill and the retarded, our dealing with the staff members. He answered as much as possible and noted that “one cannot become Guanella but we as a family of brothers and sisters can become Guanella.” We don't expose ourselves at the front but we expose our good children for we are here to empower them. The final note was “Every mission is born out of a need, so anything which is necessary according to the science of the time will be done for sure.” On the final day, we went for outing and departed to our mission places to carry on our loving service in the path shown by Don Guanella.





PASTA DINNER WITH THE PRIESTS



On Thursday, February 9th, the Servants of Charity hosted a Pasta Dinner with the Priests at St. Louis Center. Tickets for the dinner were originally sold during the Fall Dinner Auction back in October, but many more decided to join in the fun. Nearly 50 people arrived that evening to enjoy the food, fellowship and good news about the progress happening at the Center. Ken Unterbrink, Past State Deputy of the Michigan Knights of Columbus, presented a check to Fr. Enzo on behalf of the current State Council. Each guest was given a raffle ticket as they arrived and several guests went home with a bottle of wine as a prize. The evening was filled with many great conversations and new friendships were fostered.

NIGHT TO SHINE



Twenty-three St. Louis Center residents were excited to attend Night to Shine on Friday, February 10, 2023, at the 2 | 42 Community Church Ann Arbor campus. In preparation, the ladies enjoyed a bit of pampering in the comfort of Mike's House on the St. Louis Center campus. Rose Lawrence of In-Chelsea Hair Design volunteered her time and products to style each lady's hair for the event. Rose's daughter-in-law Samantha came along to help paint fingernails. Summer Reed and



Kaycie Hill-Cassibo of the Center's social services department also joined the fun. Laura Rayer, the Center's activities Coordinator, was on hand to assist with nails too. Kaycie painted nails and Summer was the make-up artist.

As everyone arrived at the church, they were adorned with a corsage or boutonniere, and a tiara or crown. Once each guest was ready, they were announced as king or queen and made their way down the red carpet and into the event space. After all of the honored guests arrived, the pastor welcomed everyone and blessed the event, and most especially the dinner which was prepared by Smokehouse 52 BBQ. Volunteers served each honored guest and their chaperones. Once everyone had eaten, it was time to dance. And dance they did!!! The DJs did a superb job keeping everyone on the dance floor. Even the St. Louis Center staff was on the dance floor making sure that the residents were having a great time.

HEART FELT THANKS TO CENTER STAFF



It's always important to recognize and appreciate the hard work of employees, and Valentine's Day is the perfect occasion to do so. This year, the Family Association decided to show their gratitude by making cookies for all the employees at St. Louis Center. The association worked together to bake and decorate a variety of cookies, including a batch of gluten-free cookies. On Valentine's Day, three association members set up a distribution table for the cookies in the gym. The employees were delighted

and touched by the gesture, and the family association was thrilled to be able to express their appreciation in such a sweet way. The family association's gesture serves as a reminder of the importance of expressing appreciation and gratitude to those around us. Small acts of kindness can go a long way in brightening someone's day, and Valentine's Day is the perfect opportunity to do just that. Whether it's with cookies, a thoughtful note, or simply a smile, expressing love and appreciation can make a big impact on those around us. This act of kindness not only showed appreciation for the employees' hard work but also brought the family association members closer together as they worked towards a common goal. The joy they brought to others only added to the sense of fulfillment.





BIRTH DAYS

- 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. Arockia Samy
- 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 Ligorì
- 30 - Fr. Dominic 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

CONGRATULATIONS ON YOUR SILVER JUBILEE OF RELIGIOUS LIFE

- 24. Fr. Chandra Nevis
- Fr. Alphonse Maria Ligorì



TO REMAIN IN HIS LOVE



(JN:15:10)

WITH JOY AND PROFOUND GRATITUDE TO THE ALMIGHTY,
WE, THE RELIGIOUS CONGREGATION OF THE SERVANTS OF CHARITY
(DIVINE PROVIDENCE PROVINCE) CORDIALLY INVITE YOU
TO JOIN US ON THE OCCASION OF THE PERPETUAL PROFESSION &
ORDINATION TO DIACONATE OF OUR CONFRERES

BRO. S. PHILOMIN RAJA SdC

BRO. K. YESU BABU SdC

PERPETUAL PROFESSION

TO BE PRESIDED OVER BY

REV. FR. RONALD SdC

(PROVINCIAL SUPERIOR)



BRO. S. PHILOMIN RAJA SdC

DIACONATE ORDINATION

TO BE CONFERRED BY

MOST REV. DR. A. NEETHINATHAN

(BISHOP OF CHINGLEPUT)



BRO. K. YESU BABU SdC

Perpetual Profession

Date : 25th, March, 2023 (Saturday)

at 10:30 am

Diaconate Ordination

Date : 25th March, 2023 (Saturday)

at 06:30 pm

Venue : Don Guanella Major Seminary, Chennai

