



News and Views

Divine Providence Province

ASSUMPTION OF MOTHER MARY

-COMPLETION OF GOD'S WORK

The assumption of Mother Mary is a teaching of the Catholic Church, which holds that the Immaculate Mother of God, the ever Virgin Mary, having completed the course of her earthly life, was assumed body and soul into heavenly glory, by the power of God and in the company of the angels. Each time the assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary is discussed, it often sounds as though it were a new event in the history of human relationship with God. Enoch was taken away by God: "Thus, all the days of Enoch were three hundred and sixty-five years. Enoch walked with God; and then he disappeared, because God took him away" (Gen 5:23-26). The Prophet Elijah was taken up into heaven by God: "And as they still went on and talked, a chariot of fire and horses of fire separated the two of them. And Elijah went up by a whirlwind into heaven" (2 Kgs 2:11). Thus, the idea of the assumption is not an entirely new event in scripture. If God could do this for a patriarch and a prophet, how much more the Mother of whom they prefigured and prophesied about? Her assumption was an honor to her for the role she played in the history of human salvation: "If anyone serves me, he must follow me, and where I am, there shall my servant be also; if anyone serves me, the father will honor him" (Jn 12:26).

No one knows exactly when Blessed Virgin Mary was assumed into heaven. However, the belief in the Assumption of Mary into heaven has been there right from the time of the apostles. But why then is the Assumption not in the Scriptures? The reason is simple: the Assumption was not the focus of the gospel writers and the fact that it was not the focus of the gospel writers does not mean that it is irrelevant. At the Council of Chalcedon in 451, when Bishops from all over the Mediterranean world gathered in Constantinople, Emperor Marcian asked the Patriarch of Jerusalem to bring the relics of the Blessed Virgin Mary to Constantinople to be enshrined in the capital. The Patriarch explained to the emperor that there were no relics of Mary in Jerusalem, Mary had died in the presence of the apostles and her tomb is empty to this day: an indication of the Assumption.

During the feast of All Saints, in the year of Our Lord, 1950, when some 36 Cardinals, 600 Archbishops, Bishops, Priests and Religious from different religious communities, Lay men and women; all numbering to about 700,000 thousand people gathered in Rome for the feast of All Saints, Pope Pius XII, well



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known as the Pope of Our Lady, in the Apostolic Constitution *Munificentissimus Deus* proclaimed by the authority of Christ, the glory of the Blessed Virgin Mary; that is, the dogma of the Assumption of Our Lady body and soul into heaven in these words "The Immaculate Mother of God, the ever virgin Mary, having completed the course of her earthly life, was assumed body and soul into heaven". This teaching about Our Lady attracted great rejoicing from the crowd that gathered in Rome; for in this day, what has long been settled in heaven was made known to the world; By virtue of the Assumption, the Blessed Virgin Mary was glorified.

The assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary completes God's work in her since it was not fitting that the flesh that had given life to God Himself should ever undergo corruption; after all the idea of death and corruption came with the original sin and if Mary was exempted from original sin why should she see corruption? Mary never was a victim of concupiscence, since it is also the consequence of the fall, and so lived her life without sin (Rom 7:21). The assumption turns our eyes in that direction, where we will follow when our earthly life is over. If she came in glory through the Immaculate Conception, it is fitting that she returns in glory through the assumption. The document of the Second Vatican Council *Lumen Gentium* says that, "Mary's Assumption into glory is the divine acknowledgement of her perfect conformity with Jesus her Son, the Lord of Lords and the conqueror of sin and death".

We live in the midst of tribulations, with temptations, trials, anxieties, sorrows, etc. Mary is one of the great consolations God offers to His Church. Mary's assumption is a proclamation of the fidelity of God; she manifests the happy destiny of believers who walk this vale of tears, and encourages them to bear with the hardships of this pilgrimage, assuring us with the words of St Paul (2 Cor 4:4; 14-15) that the troubles of this world are not worth comparing with the glory that will be revealed. The figure of the Blessed Virgin Mary should attract us to make the glorious Christ our target. We often forget the eternal glory that God has prepared for those who dispose themselves to merit it. We deplore so much of our energy in the pride of life, the covetousness of the eyes and in the desires of the flesh. We follow blind passions, seeking after honors, possessions or the transitory pleasures, all of which have an end with this life. Since Mary has been assumed to the highest heavens, St Paul's exhortation to us is worth considering: "look up to the things that are above and not the things that are below". He wants us to look up to Jesus to move from obeying the impulses of our flesh to live the resurrected life. St Paul in his letter to the Philippians (3:12-14) shows us how to do it, "I press on toward the goal, toward the prize of the heavenly call of God in Christ Jesus".

✓ Congratulations to **Fr. Satheesh, Fr. Jeyaseelan** and youth members from USA who partook in the World Youth Meet in Lisbon on behalf of the Divine Providence Province. It is also a gentle reminder to initiate, guide and follow up the Guanellian Youth Movement in our local communities and residences.

✓ I invite you to pray for our Deacons **Kota Yesu Babu** and **Philomin Raja** that their forthcoming ordination to the priesthood (19th August, 2023 at 6 pm) may go on well and they may lead a worthy priesthood.

✓ Our heartfelt condolences to our confrere Fr. Maria Julian Bernad, on the death of his beloved father Mr. Lourdu Samy.

✓ A reminder to the Superiors of the communities and Residence In-charges to prepare the annual project with the annual calendar and to accompany the community members toward their personal projects of life.

✓ A reminder to all the confreres to submit to the Provincialate your Passports and other certificates.



FR. RONALD. J SDC
Provincial Superior

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MESSAGE OF THE HOLY FATHER FRANCIS TO THE PARTICIPANTS IN THE YOUTH FESTIVAL



Dear friends,

I joyfully address you who are participating in the Youth Festival in Medjugorje, an occasion to celebrate and renew your faith. I hope you will live these days as a spiritual pilgrimage that will lead you to encounter the Lord Jesus in the Eucharist, in Adoration, in Confession, in biblical catechesis, in silent prayer and the Rosary, and also through testimonies.

The theme proposed for your reflection this year is: "Here are my mother and my brethren!" (Mt 12:49). The evangelist Matthew recounts that while Jesus is speaking to the crowd, someone tells him that his mother and brothers are standing outside looking for him. Jesus responds with a question: "Who is my mother, and who are my brethren?" (Mt 12:48). And pointing to his disciples, he says: "Here are my mother and my brethren! For whoever does the will of my Father in heaven is my brother, and sister, and mother" (Mt 12:49-50).

We are very struck by Jesus' gesture and words because, at first sight, they appear to be a lack of respect towards his Mother and his relatives. In reality, with this expression He wanted to show us that it is adherence to the Father's will that establishes us in union with Him, a bond superior to the closest ties of blood. Dear young people, God's will is a priceless treasure! That is why the Virgin Mary forged a bond of kinship with Jesus even before she gave birth to him. She becomes disciple and mother of her Son the moment she accepts the words of the Angel, responding: "Behold, I am the handmaid of the Lord, let it be to me according to your word" (Lk 1:38). From that moment, her whole life was a continuous fulfilment of God's will.

And yet, we often find ourselves in contrast with this will; at times we struggle to understand it and accept it, we would like a different life, without challenges, without sufferings; we would like ourselves to be different, perhaps more intelligent, richer in talents or natural aptitudes. However, for us there is no will better than that of the Father, which is the plan of love for us in view of His kingdom and our complete



happiness. Often, we fear this will, because we are afraid that God may impose on us something purely arbitrary and not for our good; we are afraid that accepting his will means renouncing our freedom. Instead, we must seek intensely, asking God the Father to let us know His will and ask that it be fulfilled in us. And the deepest reason for wishing this is shown to us precisely by Jesus: doing the will of the Father makes us His children, brothers, sisters, mothers, and it makes us grow in love towards Him and towards others.

Dear young people, God has a plan of love for each one of you. Do not be afraid of His will, but place all your trust in His grace. For Him, you are precious and important, because you are the work of His hands (cf. Apostolic Exhortation *Christus vivit*, 115). Only He knows your heart and your deepest desires. Only He, who loves you with an absolute love, is capable of filling your aspirations. No-one, besides God, can give you true happiness. Following Mary's example, know how to give Him your unconditional "yes". Let there be no place in your life for selfishness or for idleness. Make the most of your youth to lay, together with the Lord, the foundations of your existence, because your personal, professional and social future will depend on the choices you make during these years.

On this journey, dear young people, may Mary Most Holy accompany you and teach you to discern and welcome the will of the heavenly Father in your lives. With youth, imprint the present time with hope and enthusiasm. Be enthusiastic missionaries of the new evangelization! Bring to those who suffer, to those who are searching, the joy that Jesus wants to give. Bring it into your families, into your schools and universities, into your workplaces and groups of friends, wherever you live. If you allow God's grace to work in you, if you are generous and persevering in your daily commitment, you will make this world a better place for all. I bless you from my heart. And I ask you, please, to pray for me.



Franciscus

Pope Francis

'Don't be afraid,'

**Jesus knows the hearts of each one of you,
the successes and the failures, he knows your hearts,**

Pope Francis



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SILVER JUBILEE CELEBRATION

DON GUANELLA BOYS' HOME



CUDDALORE : The Don Guanella Boys' Home Community rejoiced as they celebrated the Silver Jubilee of the Foundation Day of the House. The community members thanked Almighty God for protecting the boys for the past 27 years. Indeed, it is an appropriate time to show great reverence to our Founder, St. Luigi Guanella, the Apostle of Charity, who won over the world with great love and faith. He brought dignity and respect to the lives of the aged, orphans, and persons with disabilities.

The Boys' Home was the first mission that our Congregation instituted in India. It was opened on the 29th of July 1996 in the old building, which was adjacent to the Sagayamatha Parish Church. We would have held our Jubilee Celebration in 2021; however, due to the pandemic and a vacancy in the Curia of the Archdiocese of Pondicherry- Cuddalore, we were forced to postpone it. It was decided, instead, to celebrate the Silver Jubilee on the Foundation Day of the new building.

We felt honored to lay the foundation stone for the new building on the feast of St. Thomas, the Apostle of India. St. Thomas came to India in the first century and spread the faith. He won the hearts of the faithful for Christ and became a model and martyr for the faith. This occasion was a wonderful day in the history of the Indian Church.

The educational services provided by the members of the Guanellian mission are a way of evangelizing and contributing to the church's mission. In keeping with this spirit of the mission, the Don Guanella Boys' Home has as its main objective the noble task of helping orphan and semi-orphan students to attain excellence in their education. Our mission has a specific system of life and education. We are thankful to our Confreres, who worked for the Indian Guanellian mission. Rev. Fr. Domonico Saginario who was the Provincial Superior of the Roman Province; Rev. Fr. Tito Credaro, the first Italian priest who visited India on the 3rd of July 1986; Rev. Fr. Piero Lippoli, a pioneer who visited India more than 32 times and loved the boys' home mission; Rev. Fr. John Bosco who was the first Indian Priest and First Delegate Superior; Rev. Fr. Dhanasekar who was the First Director; and Rev. Fr. Soosai Rathinam who was the first Regent and first Indian Provincial Superior for the Divine Providence Province. We also extend my sincere gratitude to the Most. Rev. Dr. Michael Augustine, the Archbishop of Pondy-Cuddalore, who contributed to our mission.

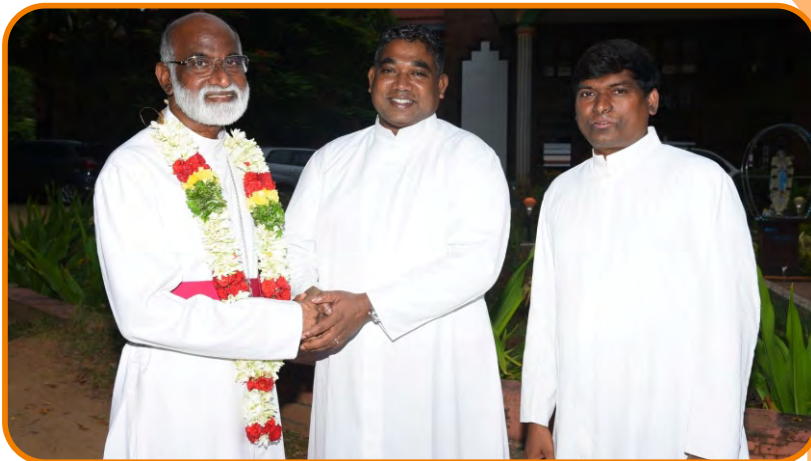
The community is thankful to Most Rev. Fr. Umberto, the Superior General and his councilors,



Rev. Fr. Ronald, the Provincial Superior, and his councilors who are animating the confreres in the light of the Gospel and the ways of St. Luigi Guanella. On

the 3rd of July 2023, the Most Rev. Dr. Francis Kalist, Archbishop of Pondy-Cuddalore, celebrated a Holy Mass of Thanksgiving at 6 pm. Rev. Fr. Provincial Superior read the gospel and gave the homily. In memory of the Silver Jubilee,

we gifted widows and the poor with twenty tailoring machines. Also, we donated five wheelchairs to physically challenged individuals. Rev. Fr. Francis, Superior, gave the vote of thanks. Our Guanellian Priests, Diocesan Priests, Religious Sisters, and nearly 1000 people participated in this event.



On this joyous occasion, we acknowledge and are grateful to all the previous Superiors, Directors, and Administrators who worked for the enchantment of boys home. I remember all the previous students who spread the Spirit of Guanella in society. May our Father, St. Luigi Guanella, continue to intercede for this house so that we can celebrate the Golden and Diamond Jubilees.

GUANELLIAN FORMATION PROGRAM IN ITALY

Eight confreres from Divine Providence Province, two confreres from Stella Maris Delegation and one confrere from Vice Province of our lady of Hope partook in 'Sui Passi di Don Guanella' that was organized from 20th June to 3rd July, 2023 under the title "Followers of St. Guanella : Servants of Charity together". The purpose of organizing this formation program was to listen closely to the voice of the Church and to look attentively at the example of St. Guanella to continue his mission among the poor in our context by getting into the roots and experiencing the real spirit and charism of our Founder.

This experience of permanent formation program started in our Generalate with the introduction by Bro. Franco. We spent the days in Rome from June 20 to 22 by visiting some of the important shrines and Basilicas in Rome; listening to the conference about Italy and Church in the time of Don Guanella by Bro. Franco and the orientation talk by Fr. Bruno Capporoni about St. Joseph's shrine and the pious union of St. Joseph.





After the initial session in Rome, we moved to Campodolcino. We stayed in Campodolcino from 23rd June to 28th June. During these days, we meditated on 'the call of Don Guanella by climbing the mountain from Campodolcino to Fraciscio and from Fraciscio to Gualdera; 'labor and Providence' at Savogno by climbing the mountain; 'trials and education' at Traona and Nuova Olonio; 'discovering the Father' at Olmo; 'priestly ministry' at Prosto. The meditative path during our stay in Campodolcino was organized by Fr. Marco Maesani. On 29th June, we walked by the lake and arrived at Gravedona and visited the parish house at Pianello and did the meditative path at Camlago.

After the meditating on the first part of the life of Don Guanella, we went to our mother house at Como. We stayed in our mother house from 30th June to 3rd July. On 30th June, we went to Turin to visit the Little House of Providence (St. Joseph Cottolengo) and the museum of Don Bosco. Then, on 1st July, we spent the day by visiting our saints: Bacciarini and Vaccari at Lugano and Barza respectively. On 2nd July, we visited our Guanellian Museum at Como, mother house of our sisters at Lora and the ordination chapel of Don Luigi Guanella. On the final day, we had the evaluation and concluded our pilgrimage and the formation program with the Eucharistic celebration at the altar of Don Luigi Guanella

The entire program was animated by Br. Franco and Fr. Samson. Our sincere gratitude to the General Superior and the Council and the Provincial Superior and the Council for organizing such a memorable pilgrimage to experience the Guanellian Charism, Spirituality and Mission.

Inauguration of Don Guanella Evening School

DPP, Chennai: Don Guanella Evening School at DPP, Chennai was reopened for the academic year 2023-24 on 15th June, 2023 and the inaugural function was organized on 27th July, 2023. The program began with prayer song. Later, the students honored the dignitaries with shawls. Fr. Arun David and Dn. Philomin Raja were the chief guests for the program.



Fr. Arun David in his speech addressed the students to concentrate on their studies with the narration of a story and encouraged them to equip themselves in extracurricular activities. Then, the children entertained the gathering with their motivational speech on education and colorful dance. We also celebrated the birthday of the children who celebrated their birthdays in the month of June and July with the cake cutting and Dn. Philomin distributed gifts to the Birthday celebrants. Afterwards, students were gifted with 1kg rice, notebooks, and other stationery items needed for their studies. The program ended with the sumptuous dinner. Every one thanked God and wished the children for a good year and progress in their studies.

INAUGURAL HOLY EUCHARISTIC CELEBRATION

Vatluru: Inaugural Holy Eucharistic celebration was held in Don Guanella Karunalaya Boys' Home, Vatluru, on the 17th of July 2023. Rev. Fr. J. Ronald SdC, Provincial Superior of DPP, was the celebrant for the Mass, and Rev. Fr. Kulandai Samy, the Vice Provincial of DPP, delivered the homily. Fr. Samy



preached on two important aspects of a student's life: education and discipline. In the words of a famous American scientist and inventor, George Washington Carver, "Education is the key that unlocks the golden door to freedom." Maimonides, a Jewish philosopher during the Middle Ages, is often attributed with the proverb, "Give a man a fish, and you feed him for a day; teach a man to fish, and you feed him for a lifetime." The Guanellian Spirit focuses on these two important characteristics of a child's life. As part of the day's festivities, the boys were gifted with school bags and umbrellas. It was a joyous and meaningful day for our boys.



VICARIATE MEETING



Vatluru: We were honored and privileged to host the Vicariate Meeting in the Sacred Heart Church, Vatluru. The auspicious chance to preach the monthly recollection was given to Rev. Fr. Francis Assisi SdC on the topic of "Let us build a bridge of fraternity." It was a day of fraternal gathering.

PROVINCIAL SUPERIOR'S VISIT

Koppakka: On the 22nd of July, Fr. Ronald, the Provincial Superior, visited our community to finalize our community project and to officiate the new academic year 2023-2024. The Holy Eucharist was presided over by him. Fr. Ronald spoke about the challenges that are part of our formative journey and how they mold us to be better human beings. He welcomed the newcomers and encouraged everyone to commit themselves to Christ.





CHARITY TO THE ELDERS



Koppakka: On the 13th and 27th of July, the Guanellian Lay Movement distributed grocery items to the differently abled and elderly for their sustenance. A small prayer service was arranged in two places, one in Guanella Bhavan, and the other in Jeganathapuram. Twenty-one recipients benefited from these charitable

distributions. May God continue to bless this charitable work.

RELAXATION OF THE INMATES IN THALAKADU



Thalavadi: The Nazareth Illam Community has introduced a new relaxation program for the inmates. The program is named “Kaanbom Karpom.” Inmates are taken to a place outside the community and encouraged to mingle and get involved with others. Thus, the Nazareth Illam inmates were taken to “Thalakadu” for their relaxation on the 11th of July. They were accompanied by Fr. Lourduraj, Fr. Arun David, and some community staff. Altogether, 56 inmates participated in this program and were happy to experience different places and engage with new people. Although it appears to be a contradiction, sometimes the most productive thing you can do is to relax. This new relaxation program helps the inmates involve themselves with the people and will help them forget the stress and overthinking that causes them upset.

A WALK DURING FULL MOON AND NEW MOON DAYS

Thalavadi: For centuries, physicians and philosophers attributed behavioral changes on the moon's pull. The word “lunatic” stemmed from the idea that changes in mental states were related to lunar cycles. The connection between these two is even supported in historic legal treatises. For instance, famous British jurist, William Blackstone, wrote that people gained and lost their ability to reason according to the moon's shifting phases. The Nazareth Illam community organized a walk to a nearby temple and church during the full and new moon days. Thus, on July 3rd (the day of the Full Moon), the inmates



walked to Bannary Amman Koil, and on July 17th (the day of the New Moon), they walked to Soosaipuram Parish Church. This exercise helped the inmates increase energy levels while improving memory, mood, and sleep. An added benefit was that they received spiritual assistance since they walked to temples and churches. The walks helped to make them tired and improved their sleep quality.

CANDLE-MAKING

Chennai: To develop the vocational skills of our students a new candle making machine was bought and On July 12, 2023, Rev. Fr. J. Ronald, Provincial Superior and Rev. Fr. Benson Superior blessed the machine and motivated the students to learn the vocational skills which will serve as a tool and aid in developing vocational skills for students.



VISIT OF THE DISTRICT DIFFERENTLY ABLED WELFARE OFFICER

Chennai: Mr. Srinivasan, B.Sc., MA., B.Ed., District Differently Abled Welfare Officer visited Don Guanella Special School and Residential Home on July 18, 2023. He verified all the program of the the school. He checked the attendance book and registration notes. He spoke to the faculty about the existing program and how to develop the school further . He was overjoyed with our mission and the education and development of our children through numerous activities.



FEAST OF ST. ANNE

Kumbakonam: Guanella Nagar Parish celebrated the Feast of St. Anne in the substation Santhanalpuram with great joy. The feast began at the cathedral on July 17th with a flag hoisting and



solemn Mass celebrated by Fr. Philomindoss, V.F., and parish priest. Each day of the novena, the Rosary was prayed, and the Sacrament of Reconciliation was offered. Different priests from the Diocese of Kumbakonam celebrated the Holy Mass daily. Day Seven was a special devotion to St. Paul the Hermit conducted

by Fr. A. Abraham SdC. After Holy Mass, there was a music program, and a fellowship meal was provided for more than two thousand people. Devotees came from many different places. The culmination of the celebration was on July 25th. Msgr. A. Amirthasamy, Vicar General of Kumbakonam, presided over the High Mass and blessed the car procession which followed Mass. The statue of St. Anne was taken around the streets of all the substations. The flag was lowered, officially ending the celebration.



FEAST OF OUR LADY OF PERIYANAYAGI



Kumbakonam: It was a great joy for our parish to celebrate the Feast of Our Lady of Periyannayagi at the Perumpandi substation. The celebration began on July 8th with a flag hoisting and solemn Mass by Fr. A. Maria Doss, parish priest from Aathukudi. Each day during the nine-day of novena, the Rosary was prayed, followed by Mass, celebrated by different priests. During the homily, the priests reflected on Mother

Mary and the virtues we must learn from her. After the Holy Mass, the village people shared sweets and snacks. The culmination of the celebration was the evening of July 15th, the solemn Mass and car procession that followed. The car carrying the statue of Our Lady of Periyannayagi was taken through the substations' streets. Many Hindus and Muslims participated piously by offering candles and generous contributions to the success of the Feast. Every day Fr. Bernadas, Fr. Paul, Sr. Josephine, Sr. Arokiyam Mary, and Sr. Saleth helped the people to animate the liturgy well. The parish priest's guidance and the villager's tireless work made this celebration successful and fruitful. We are blessed through the intercession of Our Lady of Periyannayagi and the grace of her Son, our Lord Jesus Christ.

INAUGURATION OF EVENING SCHOOL

Kumbakonam: Don Guanella Evening School at Kumbakonam was inaugurated on July 8th with 105 students. Fr. Bernandas, encouraged the children to develop a sense of awareness of the preciousness of time and the importance of making proper use of it. They are given today as a gift to be experienced,




used, and valued. As they venture into the new academic year, they also create their history. He asked the students to formulate clear-cut achievable goals to help them reach their destination. The day was filled with colorful events for the children. Ms. Iyal, the outgoing student who scored 517 out of 600, was honored by the parish priest and presented with a gift. He encouraged all the students to study hard and use their time well. After the program, a small prayer service was organized to remember the children who died in the fire accident in Kumbakonam a few years ago. Children carried candles, prayed for the repose of the victims' souls, and paid tribute to them.

INTERNSHIP OUTREACH PROGRAM

Bangalore : As part of service learning at CMR University students came to Guanella Preethi Nivas, a home for the homeless for a week in the month of July. Going to Guanella Preethi Nivas gave them an idea of what exactly people have to go through when they are socially rejected. Students were glad to see that all the people here are called by the name 'Good Children'. This is inherited from the saint and the founder Don Guanella. All they know is everyone living in the Aged Home is a part of the Guanella Preethi Nivas family. They all pray together, eat together and also dance together. No matter what they have gone through in their lives, they never forget to carry the world's most precious smile on their





face. The only thing that they need from the world is love. Their happy faces displayed their excitement on seeing on. All the people of the trust were very happy to know that students and staff of CMR University are donating food and snacks. The students showed their respect towards the people of the trust by singing a song for them. This not only made them happy but it also made them feel special. The residents of Preethi Nivas danced and sang for the students. It made them happy to know that they had rehearsed it earlier just to give a perfect performance before them. Some of the residents shared their stories with the students which made them emotional.

NIGHTINGALES MEDICAL TRUST

Bangalore: The GPN community was privileged to have 'Nightingales Medical Trust (NMT)' a well-established and reputed non-profit organization working for the well being of the elderly since 1998 in Bangalore chose our home to work for the betterment of elders organizing a workshop by implementing programmes through innovative and community-based support systems. Through their mobile active ageing



programme approach, they conducted various activities to minimize the risk of dementia, to controls hypertension, diabetes, depression and prevents of falls. Moreover the workshop made them to realize their potential for physical, social, and mental well being for the rest of their life course and to participate in social enriching activities, and with adequate protection. All our elders in the home benefited and refreshed their mind and the whole self.

PARENTS MEET AND MEDICAL AWARENESS PROGRAMME



Sivagangai: A medical awareness program on food and diet was organized and held during the parent's meet of our children in our school on 17th July 2023 at St. Guanella Anbagam Special School in Yesuvanam. Dr. Mustafa MD the Chief Doctor at Sagayarani hospital, Kalayarkovil was the resource person. He insisted the parents to provide good and veg meal to a special child at

home i.e. green, vegetables thrice in a week. A special Child may express his internal pain and trauma through anger so we must understand the child's pain. He also requested the parents to educate other children in the family to care for them in the future without hesitation. Parents have the important role in the growth of the special child so they must visit the child frequently at home. There is no scientific connection between the emotional change of the child to no moon and full moon day; it's normal that a special child getting emotional disparity once in fifteen days. The session was concluded after lots of questions and clarifications. The parents were motivated well by Dr. Mustafa MD.



FUN AT THE FAIR

On Thursday, July 13th, the Social Services staff loaded into the vans with St. Louis Center residents in the Day Program and they headed to Davisburg MI for the Oakland County Fair. It was a special day for people with disabilities; there was free carnival rides courtesy of Big Rock Amusements for people with disabilities and one caregiver. The residents enjoyed the rides, exploring the animal barn and viewing the handmade crafts. No trip to the fair is complete without a delicious lunch from the food vendors.



MEMORIAL GOLF OUTING

Pierce Lake Golf Course in Chelsea welcomed teams ready to take the course on the morning of July 15th. This year St. Louis Center honored Liz Hollo. Liz had lived in the Chelsea area since 1978, moving from Midland. She was deeply involved in the Chelsea community for many years, where she lovingly raised her family. She worked as a nurse for Chelsea Community Hospital in the head/pain unit for over 25 years and was a faithful member of St. Mary Catholic Church, where she sang in the choir and loved participating in the Lenten Fish Fry events. In addition, she was very involved in campaigning for the installation of Knights of Columbus State Council officers. Liz was one of those individuals who always did for others. She enjoyed traveling, shopping, and spending time with her family and friends, especially her children and grandchildren. Liz passed away December 29, 2021, leaving behind a legacy of love to her family and community.

Teams lined up to a shotgun start after Fr. Enzo said prayer. He asked that everyone prayed for Faith. Faith can move mountains, and with storm clouds and thunderstorms looming, a mountain would need moved. Thankfully, it worked, and the rainstorms held off for most of the morning. Golfers took to their holes for the 9:00 am shotgun start. Players enjoyed a hot dog lunch at the turn that was expertly made by volunteers. It was then a fight with Mother Nature to stay dry for just a few minutes and she gave up. The day ended with sunshine. The winners for the day were Team Klink, who are not new at winning this tournament as they are the reigning champs from last year. Dinner of Italian sausage and hamburgers were served. Residents from the Center came out to enjoy dinner and fellowship with the golfers.





AUGUST BIRTHDAYS

- 5 - Fr. Bakthiswalagan. A
- 6 - Fr. Periyamayagam. M
- 11 - Fr. Kumar. S
- 12 - Fr. Shantham R. | Fr. Jose Rambabu V.
- 13 - Fr. Arockia Doss. J
- 15 - Fr. David. J | Fr. Deva P.
- 16 - Fr. Franklin Arokia Doss M.
- 22 - Fr. Suresh | Bro. Yesu Babu Kota
- 26 - Fr. Samson Rajasekaran J.
- 29 - Fr. Gnanaraj / Fr. John paul
- 31 - Fr. Loyola Diraviam

FEAST DAYS

- 1 - Fr. Alphonse Maria Ligory C.
- 5 - Fr. Chandra Nevis. D
- 8 - Fr. Dominic Sebastian Baskar
- 10 - Fr. Lawrence Thampusamy R.
- 11 - Fr. Prakash Philemen Raj
- 15 - Fr. Arputharaj J.
- 20 - Fr. Bernandes. A | Fr. Bernard L.
- 25 - Fr. Louis Baskar A.

ORDINATION ANNIVERSARY

- 6 - Fr. Arokiadass/ Fr. Abraham/
Fr. Amalorpavanathan R. | Fr. Anandhan
Fr. Antony Samy A. | Fr. Arputharaj J. |
Fr. Bakthiswalagan A. | Fr. Franklin
Fr. Leo Joseph X. | Fr. Paul Francis A. |
Fr. Perianayagasamy A. | Fr. Sagaya
Raj S. | Fr. Shantham. R | Fr. Samson
Rajasegaren J. | Fr. Paulraj. P | |
Fr. Vincent S. |
- 14 - Fr. Arun Kumar / Fr. Rajarathnam /
Fr. Anil / Fr. Vijay / Fr. Stalin
- 18 - Fr. David Anburaj T. | Fr. Charles
Promiyo. S | Fr. Bernandes. A/ Fr.
Adaikalam | Fr. Paul Arockiaraj. C
- 22 - Fr. Antony Xavier / Fr. Christu Raj /
Fr. Joseph Fernandez / Fr. Fr. Micheal /
Fr. Fr. Periyamayagam / Fr. Selvakani
/ Fr. Vanathaiyan. A / Fr. Achariyam. A- |
Fr. Anil Francis. K | Fr. Arul
Fr. Charles. A | Fr. Edal | | Fr. John
Kennedy. A | | Fr. Loyola. M
Fr. Prakesh | Fr. Francis Sunil
Kumar. D | | Fr. Vincent. M | Fr. Dominic
Baskar / Fr. John Peter. A | Fr. Kanikkai
Fr. Amal Raj. S | Fr. Kalai Selvan /
Fr. Arockiaraj / Fr. Bernard. L /
Fr. Gabriel. G / Fr. Rishar. S / \
Fr. Stalin. S / Fr. Vellington
- 31 - Fr. Deva / Fr. Jeyaseelan / Fr. Packiaraj
Fr. Maria antony Rajan / Fr. Vinnarasan

PROVINCIAL CALENDER AUGUST- 2023

- 4-5 - Major Superiors Meet at Poondi
- 8-10 - Visit to Jaffna diocese
- 12 - Flag hoisting in Paruthipattu, Chennai
- 19 - Sacerdotal Ordination in Chennai
- 21 - Marriage Mass in Chengi
- 25 - Foundation for new church in Vatluru
- 27 - Meeting of Pious Union in Chennai
- 30 - DPP Council Meeting

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
PRIESTLY ORDINATION OF OUR DEACONS

Dn. Kota Yesu Babu SdC

Dn. S. Philomin Raja SdC

THROUGH THE INVOCATION OF THE HOLY SPIRIT
AND THE IMPOSITION OF HANDS BY

Most Rev. Dr. George Antonysamy

(ARCHBISHOP OF MADRAS - MYLAPORE)

IN THE PRESENCE OF

Rev. Fr. Soosai Rathinam, sdc

(GENERAL COUNCILOR)

Date: 19 Aug, 2023

Venue: DGMS, Chennai

Time: 6.00 pm

**PRIESTLY
ORDINATION**

