

News and Views

Newsletter of the Divine Providence Province



Make Them Understand that You Suffer with Them

November 17th will be the 3rd World Day of the Poor, for which the holy father has given his reflection on the theme: "The hope of the poor shall not perish forever" (Ps 9:19). He very strongly points out that the option for those who are least, those whom society discards (EG 195) is the priority that Christ's followers are called to pursue. And if we are truly genuine evangelizers, every Christian must sow the tangible seeds of hope.

In today's world more than ever, new forms of poverty are emerging. Many people are not able to lead a decent and dignified life due to unjust structures. Greater connectivity is seen but on the contrary there is very poor solidarity among human beings. We are very curious to know what is happening around us, but less touched by those events. As long as anything does not trouble us, nor cost us we feel we are in a safe zone. Persons are only news for most of us. The holy father is reminding us that very little is needed to restore hope in those people who are at the fringes of the society.

When we go back to our origins, especially to those times of the first foundations of the Institute, the founder always tried any opportunity to alleviate human misery. He was running here and there; trying to connect with people; travelling a lot, to the extent of crossing the Atlantic

Ocean, mainly pushed by this hunger for the poor and their upliftment.

From his writings and his gestures, he has imparted to us, his followers, the basic guidelines which must reign in our houses in confronting the poor. It is not that I have something from which I dole out something or I do some service that is convenient to me. Instead we get a completely different picture from his life and actions. Most of his writings often bear the magic word 'Mercy' and its synonyms: compassion, goodness, love, providence which reveal his inner disposition to the poor. For example, "It is the same Lord of all and in His presence all people on this earth are equal," which must be the foundation principle in our houses in our dealings with people and which is the antidote to the unjust society which discriminates against the poor.

"Welcome all those who come to your house because they are sent by providence, it is not enough to receive the needy but rather you must also look for them, it is not enough to pray and do good at home and in church but you need to go out and look for the lost sheep."

We have to introspect ourselves today. Do we go to this extent? Let us go back where we came from, as Jesus Christ, let us begin and seek the least.

Fr. Ronald J, SdC
Provincial Superior

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St. Guanella

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Missionary Disciple

By Fr. Franklin Arockiadoss

Pope Francis, the “Pope of Mercy,” has focused the church’s mission on the theme of mercy. From the beginning of his mandate, Pope Francis promoted the message of God’s mercy; he has focused on merciful activities in and outside of the Vatican, inviting members of the church to involve in-kind activities; and, especially, he is asking the people of God to take the church’s mission to those most in need of God’s mercy. As a result, he issued a Papal bull “Misericordiae Vultus (MV)” in April 2015 announcing the “Extraordinary Jubilee Year of Mercy.” At this time Pope Francis invited all the Bishops and priests to be “Missionaries of Mercy.” Today, he is inviting all Catholics to be “Missionary Disciples.” He announced that October 2019 would be an “Extraordinary Missionary Month (EMM)” and though we have just concluded the month, the call to action continues. He continues to send an invitation to all of us, inviting every baptized person to become a “Missionary Disciple of Mercy.” He states that “Mercy [is] the bridge that connects God and man” (MV 2). He strongly recommends that “Wherever there are Christians, everyone should find an oasis of mercy” (MV 12). Therefore, the invitation is very clear to each of us that we all must become “missionary disciples.” On this earth, we are missionaries; our beloved Pope Francis emphasizes it through his Apostolic exhortation “Rejoice and Be Glad.” He says, “Christian life does not have a mission, but it is a mission” (12).

So, how are we to accomplish this mission? How are we going to become missionary disciples? Reflecting further on how can I become a missionary disciple of mercy, will enable each person to equip himself or herself for that responsibility. It is necessary because, as we read in the year of mercy prayer, “You (Jesus) are the visible face of the invisible face of the Father, who manifests His power above all by the forgiveness of mercy.” Since we are his disciples and missionaries, we have the obligation to carry it wherever we go; we are also the joyful chorus of Christ’s Good News.

Today, sharing Christ’s Good News is challenging because of our own personal and societal difficulties. It is true that evangelization demands both contemplation and concrete action. When we look at the difficulties and challenges, it is always advisable to look at St. Paul VI’s invitation through Evangelii Nuntiandi (41), “Modern man listens more willingly to witnesses than to teachers, and if he does listen to teachers,

it is because they are witnesses.” St. John Paul II offers the same insight in Redemptoris Missio (42), “People today put more trust in witnesses than in teachers, in experience than in teaching, and in life and action than in theories.” Today, Pope Francis gives us a clear view through these statements in Evangelii Gaudium (120): “we no longer say that we are ‘disciples’ and ‘missionaries,’ but rather that we are always ‘missionary disciples.’” Therefore, it is very important that both aspects of life - contemplation and action - are fulfilled in the life of missionary disciples. Teaching and living as a witness of mercy fulfills a missionary disciples’ life.



St. Paul could be the best example for this cause, for he was a missionary with a burning zeal, a disciple of Christ with a great passion to preach about Him. One thing must be very clear: according to Emil Brunner, “The Church exists by mission, just as fire exists by burning,” “Where there is no mission, there is no Church; and where there is neither Church nor mission,

there is no faith.” This is the greatest lesson we have to learn: where there is no mission, there the church of Christ does not exist. Christ Himself came from the Father as the first great missionary (Jn 7,29). He came to share with us the richness of God’s mercy and kindness, (Eph 2,4). In doing so, he showed the need to turn to the poor, the sick, the disadvantaged, the outcasts - those most in need of His mercy.

It is very important to understand that showing mercy is challenging; its demands are often inconvenient and unpredictable. Practicing mercy must spring from God’s love in our hearts. Showing mercy consists not only of words or in giving material things, but it is giving oneself completely. Therefore, every missionary disciple of mercy is invited to give himself or herself completely without reserve. We are called to be Christ’s hands, feet and voice to carry His mission of mercy to the world. The Blessed Mother is the best example and star of the new evangelization. She was the first missionary disciple; she knows the way. She can guide, intercede and strengthen her sons and daughters to become like her. As Mother Teresa demonstrated, the greatest joy of being “Christian” is to become a joyful missionary disciple.

The mission is for all of Jesus’ disciples, all baptized Christians, not just the special twelve apostles. Nor is it the responsibility of only the pope, bishops, and priests. So, becoming a missionary disciple of mercy is very important for each of us; each Christian is called to fulfill his or her role as a missionary disciple.

Ayudha Pooja

BANGALORE - The Guanella Preethi Nivas community celebrated Ayodhya Pooja on October 2nd. We washed all the vehicles and tools and decorated them. Fr. Kulandaisamy blessed the vehicles and instruments. A Holy Spirit song and the liturgy started by Fr. Kulandaisamy and reading read by Fr. Adaikalam and intercession read by Fr. Gabriel and end of the blessing we sang a worker's song. Then, Fr. Kulandai gave keys to those who got licenses and asked them to drive. They took the vehicle happily once around GPN, and dropped them off.



long talk then Holy Mass was celebrated. Games were organized for the children in the evening. Brothers from Jananampet cooperated and conducted the event.



Inter-Novitiate Program

BANGALORE - From October 7th-14th, the inter-novitiate program was held at Guanella Preethi Nivas on the topic "Discernment of Spirit" by Fr. Tarbes, OSD. There were 5 days of classes and on the final day there was a cultural program by brothers and sisters that ended with prayer.



Welcoming and Thanksgiving

CUDDALORE - On October 3rd, the St. Joseph's Seminary community celebrated Holy Mass integrating two grace filled moments, the welcoming ceremony to our confrere Fr. Arul and farewell to Fr. Johnson. The community was filled with joy and happiness in welcoming Fr. Arul as a new member of the community, expressed gratitude and said good bye to Fr. Johnson to his new ministry in Tanzania. Fr. Johnson was the main celebrant and Fr. Arul delivered the homily. The



DSMP Sisters, Boys Home and Seminary community together

implored the Lord blessings upon the confreres for their new assigned ministries. After Mass, the confreres shared their joy by cutting the cake. The day was full of grace and blessings by their presences. May they give witness by following in the footsteps of St. Louis Guanella.

Teaching the Faith

VATLURU - A Catechism Congress was celebrated at Sacred Heart Church on October 6th. Children from all nine substations were invited. There was an hour-

Villianur Pilgrimage

CUDDALORE - The St. Joseph's Seminary community organized a pilgrimage to our Lady of Lourdes Church, Villianur-Pondicherry on October 8th. The intention



of the pilgrimage was spiritual preparation to celebrate the upcoming feast of St. Louis Guanella. The brothers were divided into three groups; Fr. David accompanied

the college brothers who made an adventure of cycling towards Villianur. Fr. Arul and Br. Arun David accompanied the second group by bus and Fr. Vincent and Fr. Arockiaraj accompanied the third group by Xylo. The whole community gathered in the shrine around 9:30am. After some refreshments, we began to recite the holy Rosary. Holy Mass was celebrated by the confreres and Fr. Arockiaraj gave an inspiring message. The community spent some time taking pictures in and around the shrine. The day was filled with blessings from our Blessed Mother to grow in spirituality and fraternity. After our simple lunch the brothers continued enjoying the outing. Everyone left the Shrine with a lot of energy and blessings from Mother Mary. May she continue to accompany and bless our community.

Discovering Yourself in Silence

MYSORE - The month of October is dedicated to Mother



Mary, therefore the aspirants made use of this Marian month to discover in themselves the inner thirst of serving the poor and needy, following the footsteps of our beloved founder St. Louis Guanella. They went on retreat October 9th-11th under the guidance of Fr. Benson, SdC in Chennai at Don Guanella Major Seminary. The theme of this year's retreat was Vocation-Discernment.

World Mental Health Day

THALAVADI - World Mental Health Day was celebrated at Nazareth Illam, Tamil Nadu, October 10th with a variety of programs organized by the priests, staff and the public. Nazareth Illam is a home for the mentally



ill which accommodates 40 Men and 30 women who are deprived of their families and society. We provide boarding, lodging, food, medicine and rehabilitation for the patients and send them home cured. The day included a variety of programs highlighted by Yoga and Awareness. Fr. Loyola organized a Yoga program in which the mentally ill persons participated and were trained in this discipline. The special Awareness Program was organized by Fr. Gnanaraj, the director. The Erode District Criminal sitting Judge for Sathyamangalam Court, Mr. Thamilselvan, was the chief guest, along with senior lawyers. The honorable Judge addressed the gathering to make them aware of the laws which provide rights and security to mentally ill persons. He expressed his appreciation to the community for serving people who are distanced from their family and society. The lawyers expressed their interest to become involved in these activities whenever possible and to provide legal aid. After a variety of cultural programs, the celebration ended.

Birthday Surprise



CHENNAI - "There are two great days in a person's life – the day we are born and the day we discover why." Don Guanella Special School celebrated the birthday of beloved Director Fr. Lourdu on October 12th. The beautifully decorated school was literally the ambience of overflowing joy. The birthday baby gently walked onto the veranda of the school where the students, staff, and parents were waiting to wish him "Happy Birthday". They surprised Fr. Lourdu with a delicious cake and splendid gifts. All our benefactors and well wishers came to felicitate him. Fr. Lourdu said, "let us all work together as one big family, helping each other to always be happy." Our wish to him is, "Age is just a number to embark on a new journey".

Children's Sports Meet

CUDDALORE - St. Joseph's Seminary organized a sports day for the evening school children on October 12th. Nearly forty children from Samupillai Nagar

and Gunduppallavadi participated. The brothers in charge organized the day and the different games and sports. The children were enthusiastic and active in all of the events. They were cheered on by the teachers and brothers throughout the events. The fathers and brothers encouraged all the children to perform their best in all the games. The day concluded with refreshments for everyone.



Tree Planting Event

CHENNAI - A tree planting program was held at Don Guanella Special School on October 12th. Students of Accenture group actively participated in the program. Fr. Lourdu (school Principal), teachers and students planted sapling in our school premises. We planted various types of plants, some are goa, lemon, Batham,



jackfruit and papaya plants. Staff of the Accenture group had also explained about the trees and the importance of planting them and how to do it. They watered the plants and showed us how to care for them. Plants were given to each of three groups of students and they were rewarded according to their involvement and participation.

Renewal of Promises

CUDDALORE - During holy Mass the Guanellian Lay Movement members renewed their promises in the presence of Fr. Ronald, Provincial Superior. Fr. Francis, the local superior and in-charge of the GLM, guided them in spiritual preparation the same day with a recollection before renewing their promise. After Mass the confreres and parishioners congratulated them for their commitment to become part of our Guanellian family.

Joyful Experience



CHENNAI - During the year of regency, the seminarians come to know and to serve our recipients on their journey to the priesthood. Whatever they have learned during formation about the mission, this is the period where they practice it. The province arranged a regency gathering October 15th-16th to learn the experiences of each seminarian. There was an orientation class with different topics related to our mission taught by confreres primarily from DGMS. Brothers were happy to share their mission experiences from the different communities.



They also had ample time to personally chat with Fr. Provincial. This was also a time of relaxation from their busy schedules. Brothers saw a movie related to the restoration of human dignity and freedom. The second day they went to Snow World where they experienced snow clad hills, snow falling from above and amazing landscapes.

Our Feast Day

BANGALORE - On October 15th, the Guanellian family at Guanella Preethi Nivas started the feast with the flag hoisting by our grandpa Louis and Fr. Adaikalam. A solemn Mass followed which opened the novena. On the 24th, the celebration began with a car procession followed by holy Mass. During the Mass celebrated by Fr. Ambrose, he shared our founder's words, "We can never stop doing charity as long as there are poor to be assisted and distresses to be relieved." The parish choir was very solemn. After Mass dinner was provided for everybody. The next day the flag was lowered by Fr.



Peter while our founder's song was sung. Then Fr. Peter gave the final blessing and distributed sweets.

Joy of Heavenly Birth

CHENNAI - The DGMS community solemnly celebrated the heavenly birth of our Founder, St. Louis Guanella. On October 15th Fr. Lourduraj, the vice-superior, hoisted the flag of our Founder to begin the feast of our Founder. During the novena days our priestly confreres of the community gave reflections on our Founders' life and his writings to enrich the faithful. At the culmination of the feast day Fr. Ronald, Provincial Superior, celebrated Holy Mass, enkindling our hearts with his reflection. Theology confreres Bro. Sesu Raj Philomin Raja & Bro. Kota Yesu Babu made their declaration of Intent; Bro. Sammanasanathan John Bosco & Bro. Maria Louis Sachinson received the ministry of Lector; and Bro. Sebastiyen Arockianathan, Bro. Marianathan Bosco Yesuraj, Bro. Louis Praveen Raj, Bro. Merugu Anil, Bro. Gali Raja Ratnam received the ministry of Acolyte. It was a joyful moment with the presence of the Guanellian Sisters, GLM Members, neighboring religious community members and diocesan priests. The celebration ended with a fellowship meal.

Discovering the World of Missions

MYSORE - "The whole world is your homeland," St.



Louis Guanella. The aspirants had the great opportunity of introducing themselves to the Guanellian mission in Chennai. They had mission experiences at Don Guanella Special School with differently-abled children for a day. Next they were taken to St. Thomas Mount where St. Thomas lived and preached Christ to the people. They were also taken to Santhome Cathedral and visited the tomb of St. Thomas to enrich their faith. They also went to Marina Beach and other picnic spots for moments of fraternity.

Don Guanella Sports Meet

CHENNAI - The children of St. Guanella Evening School & Divine Providence Evening School participated in a sports meet October 19th. More than 120 children eagerly participated in different events and won many prizes. The day began with a short program at DGMS. Fr. Benson, SdC, was the chief guest who inaugurated the sports meet. He gave a wonderful talk about the importance of games and shared the words of Fr. Guanella who insisted on leisure time for the children. Then the fun began. Fr. Paul Dhinakaran and Bro. Praveen Raj organized the events: running races, games with balls, etc. They also judged the participants. The campus was filled with lots of fun as the children thoroughly enjoyed themselves. St. Guanella would have been happy to see his campus filled with love of the children and



prayed for the grace of God. After the games a tasty lunch was served. The children went home with their stomachs full from the meal and their hearts full of joy.

Picnic and Prayer

KRISHNAPERI - On October 19th, a one-day picnic began with Holy Mass and praying the Rosary. Then the group set out for some fun. Upon arrival, Fr. S. P. Samy gave a short introduction about Kutralam and its nine waterfalls, of which Peraruvi, Aintharuvi and Puli Aruvi are the most prominent. The boys enjoyed



swimming in the four waterfalls that we visited. After lunch there was time for recreation, dancing, singing and action songs. On the way home we visited a famous Hindu temple, Aandal. Tea and snacks were served and the picnic ended by praying the Rosary.

Children Celebrate a Saint

CHENNAI - The feast of the Apostle of Charity was celebrated with the evening school children on October 19th in Divine Providence Province. The entire event was animated by alumni of Don Guanella Evening School. The DPP introduced a very special chief-guest from Cinema fame Mr. Tharshan, a famous figure in



Bigg Boss Season 3. The participation of the Guanellian fathers and sisters in this colorful occasion brought a moment of grace from the Founder. We believe and hope that St. Guanella also will feel happier and joy in paradise. Fr. Benson, rector of Don Guanella Major Seminary, presented the life history of our Founder; gaining admiration from the attendees. The DGES children showcased their abilities through dance, song, other cultural events, and especially in a drama about St. Guanella's presence with St. John Bosco from 1875-78. Mr. Tharshan took the stage and felicitated the children for their efforts in making the evening feast more meaningful. He told the students, "Education is the passport to the future and tomorrow belongs to

those who prepare for it today, and so you must develop a passion for learning in your academics." The students were enriched by his sensational message. At the end of the program, he distributed prizes to the sports meet winners and he encouraged them to grow and become more humane. The feast day ended by sharing an agape meal with the students and well-wishers.

Founder's Feast Day

MYSORE - On the eve of October 21st, Mysore residents invited the Bishop of Mysore for our Founder's feast day celebration. Fifteen priests and the bishop, Most Rev. Dr. K. A. William, celebrated Holy Mass in honor of St.



Louis Guanella. The 20 religious communities from the area were also invited. In his homily, the Bishop said, "St. Louis Guanella was a great missionary. He had a compassionate heart towards the needy and extended his care and concern for them. Guanellians are in line with their founder." After Mass, in the bishop's presence, cake was cut as a symbol of joy. A short video about our mission all over the world was presented to the invitees. A fellowship meal gracefully concluded the celebration.

Management Committee Visits

CUDDALORE - The Home Management committee visited Don Guanella Boys Home on October 22nd. DGBH staff was present for the meeting. The committee members are Miss Mohana, Mr. Henry Lawrence and Mr. Thirumavalavan who arrived in the morning and Fr Lourduraj, Director welcomed them. As the meeting began, they checked all the files of our boys and the reports of each student in connection with the Child Welfare Committee. They informed us that the students might not co-operate according to our expectations and opinions but it's our duty to help them and get them to study better. The government expects the boys to learn hygiene yet do not make them do any kind of manual work. The meeting ended with a prayer by Fr. Lourduraj.

Evening School Soiree

SIVAGANGAI - The Yesuvanam community joyfully hosted the evening school children for a one-day



cultural event so they could get to know each other. About 120 children from five villages attended. Fr. Peter Sebastian welcomed them with a warm heart and provided them tea, snacks and sweets. Bro. Philip planned the programs for the children. They all happily participated, enjoying musical chairs, singing, dancing and party games. There was even a sumptuous meal in the afternoon. In the evening the school bus took the children home. Everyone was grateful for the hospitality and care of the community fathers.

Founder's Celebration

KOPPAKKA - On October 24th, the feast of our founder St. Louis Guanella was celebrated at Koppakka Minor Seminary. The holy Mass was celebrated by Most Rt. Rev. Jaya Rao Polimera, DD., Bishop of Eluru. The two communities collaborated to host the feast day celebration.



Feast Day Celebration

KRISHNAPERI - On October 24th the St. Paul's Boy's Home community celebrated the feast of our holy Founder, St. Louis Guanella. Fr. Superior welcomed the gathering. Fr. Kanikkai Raj gave an introduction. Fr.

Vanathiyen prepared the liturgy. Fr. M. Appoline Claret Raj, parish priest of W. Pudupatti, celebrated holy Mass and preached the homily. In his homily, he mentioned Fr. Guanella's "ABBA" experience which he shared with his brothers and sisters on earth. He felicitated the Guanellian fathers for doing great missions in the Archdiocese of Madurai. R.C. Primary and Veeramamunivar High School teachers, students, and volunteers; and Vadappatti and Marianas parishioners were present. To prepare for and commemorate the feast day, Guanella life history quiz, essay writing and poem writing competitions were conducted for children. Prizes were distributed on the feast day. Fr. Vincent expressed gratitude during the fellowship meal.



Beloved Founder's Feast

THALAVADI - - October 24th is a special day for the whole Guanellian family. We solemnly celebrated our beloved Founder, St. Louis Guanella's, feast with a triduum. During these three days, the residents of Nazareth Illam were taught the history of our Founder and a litany was recited. The morning of the 24th began with a special prayer. Later a solemn holy Mass was celebrated by Fr. Devaraj Nicholas, the VF of Thalavadi. The priests from the Thalavadi vicariate concelebrated and graced the occasion. The religious, benefactors and friends of Nazareth Illam attended the celebration along with our residents and encouraged them.



Community Celebrates Founder

CUDDALORE - Our Founder St. Louis Guanella's feast was celebrated at Don Guanella Boys Home on October 24th. Fr. Antony Lourduraj, V.F., Parish priest



of Mount Carmel Church, presided over Holy Mass. The neighboring religious community, the Diocesan priests from various institutions, and the GLM family participated in the celebration. During Mass, Fr. Francis preached about trusting divine providence in the life of Fr. Guanella. After Mass a fellowship meal was served to everyone ending the celebration.

Founder and Diwali Celebrated

CHENNAI - Don Guanella Special School family celebrated the heavenly birth of our Founder, St. Guanella, on October 24th.

Holy Mass began the celebration with Fr. Benson, Superior and Rector of DGMS, as the celebrant. Fr. Prakash briefly narrated the history and charism of Fr. Guanella in his homily. To make the day more meaningful we conducted a quiz competition for our teachers. Questions were taken from the life of our founder and winners rewarded with splendid gifts. After this movement of joy we celebrated Diwali. Mr. Saran, Director of Sri Bhagavathi Theatre, and Mrs. Deepa were the chief-guests for this celebration. Children entertained the spectators with dance, solo songs and skits. Children were given prizes according to their performance and creativity. Mr. Saran awarded prizes for the best performers. Fireworks



were lit and the Diwali function concluded with lunch. Everyone went home with Diwali sweets.

Prayers for Sujith

THALAVADI - The day after our Founder's feast, October 25th, a tragedy took place which caught the attention of the whole nation. A two year old child, Sujith Wilson, fell into a non-functioning bore well. Though the child was pulled up without life on October



29th, everyone prayed for his safe return throughout the rescue process. The Nazareth Illam residents also prayed for him and for his family, they lighted candles and expressed their sincere prayers. Our Deepavali celebration was postponed due to the sadness that was stuck on every face.

Founder's Feast at New Church

CUDDALORE - The feast of St. Louis Guanella was celebrated at Sagayamatha parish on October 26th. Fr. Periyannayaga Samy welcomed Fr. Ronald, Provincial Superior, who celebrated holy Mass. Fr. Ronald preached about Fr. Guanella as a mountaineer and how his lifestyle was entirely different from other priests. After Mass the parish priest invited the parishioners to honor Fr. Ronald with a shawl. Then Fr. Arockiaraj presented a souvenir of Sagayamatha parish and invited Fr.





Ronald to release it to the church. Fr. Francis received the first copy, and Fr. David received the second copy. Fr. Periyannagasamy appreciated the hard work of Fr. Arockiaraj for his tireless work to have this souvenir ready for the Founder's feast. He thanked Fr. Ronald for his valuable presence. The celebration ended with a fellowship meal for all.

Diwali with Good Samaritans

CHENNAI - Diwali, the festival of lights, was joyfully celebrated with the abandoned people during the Good



Samaritan Mission at Don Guanella Major Seminary on October 27th. Fr. Thambusamy began the celebration with prayer. The Guanellian Alumni Mr. Ruban and Mr. Jerald came and shared their joy with us. They sponsored crackers and Diwali sweets to our people. They organized games and some entertainment to bring smiles to each individual, making them feel the togetherness and bonding of a family. Diwali sweets were distributed to the people and a sumptuous meal was served. Everyone left with hearts overflowing with love and delight.

Feeling One with Family

CHENNAI - The DGSS Fathers, Teachers and students had a special morning assembly during which they observed two minutes of silence on October 29th in a show of solidarity with the family of Sujith Wilson. We too observed two minutes of silence paying floral tributes to him. Special prayers were also held in our school guided by Fr. Michael, in memory of the child

Sujith who got stuck in the bore well for over 80 hours and died. Candles were also lit as children reflected on the tragedy in silence.



Staff Pilgrimage to Velankanni

CUDDALORE - The domestic staff of St. Joseph's Seminary went to the sanctuary of Our Lady of Velankanni on pilgrimage October 30th. They were accompanied by Fr. David and Br. Arun David. The staff had grace filled moments to seek the blessings and graces from the Mother of Velankanni. They dedicated the whole day in Velankanni to visit all the important places. They attended holy Mass, spent time to pray for their families, did shopping etc. The entire journey was



full of fun and sharing of stories among themselves. This exposure to Velankanni might bring in them new energy and commitments in their families. Please pray for our staff and thank them for their generous service to the community.



Giving Bread ..

E. PROVIDENCE - The first and third grade classes at Sacred Heart School are participating in a year long food collection for the Hope & Faith Drive, LLC. Each month the children bring in a different item. The picture shows the children with September's item: tuna.

Community Enjoys a Taste

CHELSEA - The Ninth Annual Taste of Chelsea event at St. Mary Parish grew expanded, as 25 restaurants, bakeries, and coffee shops rounded out the providers of culinary delights to 140 guests who came out to



support SLC on Saturday, October 5th. New entries in 2019 included Alber Orchard, Brahma Haus, Lake House Bakery, Ugly Dog Distillery, and Zingerman's Bakehouse. Jilly



Anderson who represented Lake House Bakery said, "This was my first time here and I had a great time. People are so friendly, and they just loved our baked goods. I hope we can come back again next year." There was also a "Wine Pull" and a "50/50 drawing" that generated funds for the Center, and the residents in attendance had a great time.

40 Years a Priest

E. PROVIDENCE - Sacred Heart parish held a dinner on October 5th in honor of Fr. Silvio's 40th Anniversary of Ordination. The dinner was also to welcome Fr. Peri and Fr. Bernad to our parish. Parishioners, friends, and staff and families from our school attended the event.



Fr. Peri and Fr. Bernad presented Fr. Silvio with a shawl from India.

Fall Garden Day

CHELSEA - Due to rain the Fall Garden Day was postponed to October 6th which turned out to be an amazingly lovely day. The St. Louis Center garden club planted over 200 bulbs that were donated. Anna Ulch, staff member and Garden Club advisor, also helped the residents prepare brownies with peanut butter frosting as a snack. All of the residents thoroughly enjoyed digging and planting. They can't wait to see the crocuses, daffodils and tulips come up in the spring.



Feast of St. Gerard

GRASS LAKE - The first Pregnancy and Infant Loss Mass, which was held on the the feast of St. Gerard October 16th was quite moving. Readings and prayers from the feast of the Holy Innocents were selected. Two women gave their testimony of miscarriage and loss.



All women who have suffered miscarriage were given a special anointing and all attendees were blessed with a relic of St. Gerard.

Students Celebrate the Founder



E. PROVIDENCE

- Sacred Heart School had a fantastic day celebrating the Feast Day of St. Louis Guanella! We decorated the school like they

owners of the houses; staff, benefactors and well-wishers. Also, many other religious and lay people who appreciate and value the Guanellian spirit and



mission were present. Bishop Senior, who is known as an adopted Guanellian, said, "St. Louis Guanella spread and extended the incarnation of Divine Love through his works of charity and mercy. He obliged everyone to become a unique servant of the same Divine Charity through one's words and deeds." Fr. Dennis Weber SdC expressed a beautiful note of Guanellian spirituality, every person, irrespective of their need, is the suffering face of Christ on Calvary and every person that helps others, irrespective of their means, is the healing face of the Risen Christ. He also thanked the bishop for his kind availability and the administrative team of the programs for their splendid arrangement and organization for the feast.

do in Italy with the yellow ribbons. The day began with Mass and immediately following the children showcased the presentations that they had prepared about St. Louis Guanella's life.



BBQ with Local Knights

CHELSEA - The St. Louis Guanella Council of the Knights of Columbus in Chelsea make it a point to visit the residents of SLC for an "end of summer" barbeque every year, but this year's event was pushed into October. So on Thursday, October 24th, a crew of Knights from Chelsea visited SLC and prepared a great dinner for the residents, priests and staff consisting of hot dogs, hamburgers, buns, salads, chips, baked beans, lemonade and cookies. It was a wonderful way for the local Knights to celebrate the feast of our Founder.



Feast of an Apostle of Charity

PHILADELPHIA - The Communities of Don Guanella and Divine Providence were happy to celebrate the feast of its patron saint, St. Guanella, the Apostle of Charity, October 24th. The day was graced with Solemn Holy Mass, a soul-nourishing Choir presentation and a fellowship lunch at Our Lady of Fatima Church, Secane, PA. Mass was presided by his Excellency Most Rev. Timothy C. Senior along with the Guanellian family: Servants of Charity; Daughters of St. Mary of Providence; beneficiaries, the

Parishioners Pay a Visit

CHELSEA - Many of the Catholic Parishes in the Washtenaw County support the residents of SLC with their prayers and their donations. On Friday, October 25th,



eleven members of St. Thomas the Apostle Parish from Ann Arbor visited SLC to attend a 10:00 a.m. Mass said by Fr. Enzo Addari, deliver a donation from their parish, and tour the campus. Following their tour, they traveled to Chelsea for a pre-arranged lunch, promising to continue to spread the word about SLC to their fellow parishioners.

Second Legislative Advocacy Day

CHELSEA - Following weeks of planning, representatives of St. Louis Center's Family Association, Administrative Staff and friends descended on the State Capital of

Michigan on Tuesday, October 29th to visit with their local elected leaders and share their stories of hope concerning SLC, and to advocate for their children and siblings. Fourteen family



members and one SLC resident took the message to their State representatives and senators that living at SLC was critical to their quality of life, and that state funding should follow the resident and not stop at county boundaries. The event was sponsored by State Senator Peter Lucido of Macomb County, who provided breakfast and lunch to the attendees. State Senator Lana Theis (R-Brighton) introduced the SLC group to the State Senate at the opening of their 10 am General Session, and State Representative Donna Lasinski (D- Scio Twp.) attended breakfast to answer questions from those in attendance.

Trunk or Treat

CHELSEA - On the evening of Tuesday, October 29th, about a group of SLC supporters and family members helped provide a night of fun and entertainment for the residents for the third annual Trunk or Treat. A take-off on Halloween, this event provides trick-or-treaters with an opportunity to celebrate this annual tradition in a fun and safe environment. The event started in the gym, where residents were dressed as super heroes, cartoon characters, scary vampires and even dominos, while staff



dressed in creative costumes of their own. After dinner, the trick-or-treaters went outside where more than a dozen cars awaited them with their trunks open and plenty of friendly faces to

be found to pass out candy and other treats. Everyone returned to the gym for a few more fun games!



November Calendar of Events

- 1 **All Saints' Day**
- Cuddalore:** Refectory Speech by Initiation - SJS
- 2 **Commemoration of All the Faithful Departed**
- 9 **Dedication of the Lateran Basilica - Rome**
- Chelsea:** Vocational Retreat for Boys
- Chelsea:** Fall Dinner Auction to Benefit SLC
- 12 **Our Lady of Divine Providence**
- Grass Lake:** Mother of Divine Providence Day at PUSJ
- 14 **Children's Day Celebration at Schools**
- 18 **Cuddalore:** Refectory Speech by Collegians - SJS
- 19 **Grass Lake:** Monthly St. Joseph Day at PUSJ
- 21 **Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary**
- 22 **Cuddalore:** Second English Academy - Initiation Brothers - SJS
- 23 **Cuddalore:** Monthly Recollection for Brothers - SJS
- Kumbakonam:** Blessing of new St. Sebastian Church-Guanlla Nagar
- 24 **Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe**
- 25 **Vadapatti:** 1st Anniversary of Mission Parish
- 28 **Cuddalore:** Monthly Recollection for Confreres - SJS
- 29 **Cuddalore:** Third English Academy - SJS
- Cuddalore:** Community Council Meeting - SJS
- 30 **St. Andrew, Apostles**

Best Wishes and Prayers to:

- 1 **Fr. Praveen:** birthday
- 4 **Fr. Charles Promiyo, Bro. Robert J.:** birthday;
Fr. Charles Promiyo, Bro. Carlos Nayak N.: feast day
- 6 **Fr. Peter Joseph:** birthday
- 10 **Fr. Leo Joseph:** feast day
- 17 **Fr. Enzo Addari:** birthday
- 19 **Bro. L. Praveen Raj:** birthday
- 21 **Bro. Solomon Raja:** birthday
- 22 **Fr. Dennis Weber:** ordination day
- 23 **Fr. Joseph Fernandez S.:** birthday
- 24 **Fr. Arulraj, Fr. Badugu Christuraj:** feast day
- 26 **Bro. Sachinson M.:** birthday
- 27 **Fr. John Peter A.:** birthday
- 29 **Fr. Achariyam:** birthday
- 30 **Fr. Adaikalam:** birthday

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