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Newsletter of the Divine Providence Province

- St. Louis Guanella (28th April 1906)



In the Congregation and for the Congregation

"I am visiting the Houses in Veneto and Romagna, and then I will reach Rome... The work multiplies under my hands and I certainly need strong and effective cooperators."

From the time of being a seminarian and had given us the spiritual bread for (1863) until his death our Founder St. our soul and the material bread for our body. We must love our Congregation. Louis Guanella had this inner longing and thrust to do as much good as We must love it more than any other possible. He travelled far and wide Religious Family that might be more in search of the fallen and bruised glorious than ours, because she is our of humanity. He began his life of beloved mother". mission with the sick and children in his countryside especially during his vacation, consolidating his dreams of serving the poor in the form of solid

Daddy is at home and soon I will see my Father - the filial love toward the paternity of God the Father impelled our Founder to become a Father to many fatherless and motherless children of his society. This fact made him create not houses but homes or families in all his foundations. The baton of this sort of familiarity is in our hands today. As transmitters of the Guanellian charism and mission, we feel one with the representative of the Founder and are assured of being part of the entire congregation. In the name of all of you dear confreres, sisters, lay collaborators and the residents of our facilities, I warmly welcome our Superior General and the General Councilor Bro. Franco Lain in our midst

Welcome Dear Father and Brother!

Fr. Ronald J. SdC **Provincial Superior**

Prayer for the Canonical Visitation

Lord Jesus, You recall and confirm Your presence among us in the Canonical Visitation. We, like the apostles, follow You in the fraternal communion of life, and serve You in the brothers and sisters who are in need. With Your closeness encourage our communities. Make them new everyday as a source of life for all those who live in the house. Sustain our superiors, masters and

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guides to maintain always Your and our projects of love. Help our religious and priests to form around You a family of brothers to become, together with the laity, experts of your love and compassion. You Who are our life and peace. Amen.

from above "(Dec. 31, 1912, Boston). With this spirit of the Founder, our present Superior General Very Rev. Fr. Umberto Brugnoni has been tirelessly visiting and encouraging the Guanellian communities and missions in different parts of the world from the moment of his mandate. At present we are waiting in India for the "Visit of the Father," who represents the Founder in today's world. This Visit of the Father testifies to the truth that we all belong to one family and we need one another. In other words we are indebted to each other. Though our natural roots may be different and we come from different backgrounds, we belong to one family, Servants of Charity, spiritually and charismatically. Long ago Fr. Mazzuchi underscored this fact, "The Congregation, to which the Lord had called us to join, is the Congregation to which we belong now.

The Congregation had welcomed us

foundations in Como, Milan, and

Rome, and reached as far as Italian

immigrants in Switzerland and USA.

This is very evident from his comments

after reaching the United States, "It is

because of our weakness and timidity

that we did not come here at least ten

years sooner. The desire was in us ten

years ago, but I had to wait for the call

Itinerary of the Canonical Visitation

- 2 Arrival
- 3 Travel to Andhra
- 4 Vatluru Community Visit
- 5 Koppaka Community Visit
- **6** Travel to Bangalore
- 7 **Bangalore:** GPN Community Visit and Meeting with DSMP Council
- 8 Bangalore: Meeting with Temporary Professed
- 9 Mysore Residence: Stay in Thalavadi
- 10 Thalavadi Visit
- 11 Kuzhithurai Residence
- **Meeting with Bishop of Kuzhithurai:** Stay in Krishnaperi
- 13 Krishnaperi Community Visit: Stay in Madurai
- 14 Madurai Community Visit: Stay in Dindugal

- 15 **Dindugal Residence:** Stay in Sivagangai
- 16 Sivagangai Community Visit
- 17 Rest
- **18 Kumbakonam Community Visit:** Stay in Cuddalore
- 19 Cuddalore Boys Home Community Visit
- 20 Cuddalore Seminary Community Visit
- **22-23 Cuddalore:** Assembly of Confreres (Perpetually Professed)
- **24 Cuddalore:** New Church Blessing
- **25 Chennai:** GC and GLM Meeting
- 26 DGMS Community Visit
- 27 Provincialate and DGSS
- 28-30 Chennai: DPP Council Meeting
- 31 Chennai: Ordination of Deacons (five)
- Sept 1 Departure

Is Your Heart Pure? By St. Louis Guanella

You have sinned and have repented, have sinned and have gone to confession. Now is your heart pure? If your heart is pure, then it will not be so attached to the things of earth any more.

What is your heart telling you? Are you pure in your soul? Jeremiah writes, "Cleanse your heart of evil, O Jerusalem, that you may be saved. How long must your pernicious thoughts lodge within you?" (Jer 4, 14) Let us answer this question. Let us hasten to cleanse our heart and remove pernicious thoughts from it.

There are many good souls who commit many venial sins of vain pride, impatience and distractions in their duties. They regret it and confess their sins, thereby cleansing their hearts. In so doing they clean their hearts for sure, yet they do not cleanse it fully. To have their hearts fully purified the souls have to detest their faults vehemently, abhorring them with great hate. They need to look at their slight sins with such a displeasure and horror which any offense that maliciously injures the Most High deserves.

St. Teresa, no doubt, confessed her sins here and then when she was a young lady. Her sins, truly, were only venial, yet they were many, as time wasted in vanities, fickleness in futile readings, capriciousness in ambition and the like. She confessed them and felt very bad about them, yet she was not able to abhor them as a truly faithful soul should. The Lord appeared to her holding a white piece of cloth that was covered with tiny black stains. St. Teresa was horrified and asked the Lord, "What is this?..." Jesus said, "This is an image of your soul and a sign for you that you will move from venial sins to grave sins and you will be damned unless you take better care of your salvation." How she then began to detest the malice of her sins! Not only did she cleanse her heart, but she cleansed it so as to make it completely spotless.

Is your heart pure? See to it that not only sinful thoughts, which

would be a tragedy, but even thoughts that are dangerous do not feel at home in it. Do you have attachment to riches, comfort self-esteem? Do you seek worldly entertainments and conversations? It's a sign that your heart is clean, since there is no mortal sin in it, yet it is not pure, since it is not free from earthly affections. As long as thoughts come and go and come back again, yet you detest them, there is nothing wrong with it. What is wrong is when yo let them feel at home in your heart. Imagine that you have been entrusted with the care of a jar filled with purest honey. Flies and mosquitoes come and go, leave and come back, yet they are angry because they cannot get into the vase. Yet if you open the vase only for an instant, the insects get in eagerly and your honey will be spoiled.

The vase is your mind. Keep the sense of sight well guarded. Guard the senses of speech and hearing. The thoughts, not finding a way to get in will leave. If they come back, they have to leave again more frustrated than before. Soul of the just, is then your heart pure? Question your conscience. If it tells you that you have no affection for harmful thoughts, then your heart must be pure.

If nothing else, will it be enough that your regret for your faults is only slight to have your heart pure? Not at all, your regret must be very great. Divert your heart completely from earthly vanities.

Saying that to keep a little attachment or ambition is only a slight matter. It is an evil which can cause the saddest consequences. A puncture in the heart can be deadly, a cold that is not cared for can cause pneumonia, a simple cut can turn into a painful and poisoned sore that leads to the agony of death. Don't say any longer that a venial sin is a slight matter. It may become a very serious evil. Let us all see to it that we are completely cleansed in our hearts, which after all is the best way to be.



Trees Will Benefit Generations

BANGALORE - On July 4th, the Guanella Preethi Nivas community including fathers, brothers, grandpas, and staff planted many trees around the campus in order to make it more lush and green. Fr. Kulandai Samy has long desired to accomplish this landscaping project. This event brought great joy and fraternity among the community.

Feast of Our Lady

KUMBAKONAM - It was a great joy for our Parish to celebrate the feast of Our Lady of Periyanayagi at the Perumandi substation. The feast began on July 6th with a flag blessing by Fr. Kumar SdC. It was then



carried through the streets, the faithful incensed the flag piously. Fr. M. Thomas CMF hoisted the flag and celebrated the solemn Mass. Each day of the novena the Rosary prayed was followed by Mass, celebrated by diocesan priests and the religious priests. During

the homily, the priests shared their reflections on Mother Mary and the virtues that we must learn from her. After each Mass, sponsors provided Annatdhanam (Fellowship meal) for the people. The culmination of the celebration was on July 13th, Fr. Eugin Tony, presided over the solemn Mass and blessed the car procession. The car carrying the statue of Our Lady of Periyanayagi was taken around the streets of the substations. On the following day Fr. S. Kumar, SdC, celebrated the Holy Mass and Fr. A. John Bosco, SdC, the parish priest, lowered the flag bringing the celebration to an

end. Many Hindus and Muslims participated piously by offering candles and generous contributions to the success of the Feast.

Gift from God's Providence

"Every good gift and every perfect gift is from above, and comes down from the Father of lights, with whom there is no variation or shadow of turning." -James 1,17

CUDDALORE - St. Louis Guanella had a very profound trust in Divine Providence which he also transmitted to his sons and daughters. After waiting for a long period of time the St. Joseph's Seminary community was blessed with a new Xylo H4, a tangible sign of the Divine Providence of God. The community thanked God for His immense blessings, the Provincial Superior and his council for assisting in procuring the car and all those who contributed. On July 7th in the august presence



of Fr. Ronald, Provincial Superior, and Fr. Francis, the Superior of DGBH and provincial councilor, blessed the new Xylo. This Xylo will be very useful for formation and the mission.

Hats Off To Our Students

CUDDALORE - The state of Tamil Nadu celebrated the

birthday of Kumaraswami Kamaraj (the Father of Education) on July 15th. On this special occasion the Boys Home student M. Pushparaj,





XII std, participated in the speech competition at the district level. He earned a participation certificate issued by the



Collector of Cuddalore. R. Arockiya Benitto, VIII std, participated in the essay writing competition about Kamaraj conducted at the Government Museum in Cuddalore. He also earned a participation certificate.

P. Kevin George, IXth std, participated in the essay writing competition about Kamarajar organized by the Government Museum. He earned second prize along with the participation certificate.

Feast of St. Anne

KUMBAKONAM - Guanella Nagar Parish celebrated the feast of St. Anne at the Santhanalpuram substation. The feast began on July 18th with the flag hoisting by

Fr. J. Bastine Britto, followed by Holy Mass. In his homily he said that the parents of Mother Mary were simple people of great hope. Each day of the novena the Rosary was prayed, the Sacrament of

Reconciliation offered and Holy Mass celebrated by different priests from



the area. On day seven, there were special devotions to St. Paul the Hermit. On this unique day Fr. Eugin Tony, presided over the High Mass. Annadhanam (Fellowship meal) was provided for more than two thousand people. Many devotees came from surrounding areas for the Light &Music Program that night. The celebration ended on July 25th. Fr. S.J. Soosai Manikkam presided over Holy Mass and gave a beautiful reflection on reconciliation, peace and unity. The Car carrying the statue of St. Anne was blessed by Fr. Kumar, SdC, and was taken around the streets of the substations. On the following day, Fr. Christu Raj celebrated the feast day Mass and lowered the flag, bringing the celebration to an end.

An Hour with the Lord

CUDDALORE - St. Joseph's Seminary has organized a new Community Project for the 2019–2020 year: an hour of Holy Adoration for Vocations each month. On July

18th the first adoration for vocations was held and they invited youth from St. John's Hostel youth boys, DSMP hostel youth girls, and 10th and 12th grade Catholic boys from our Boys Home, the Youth and Legion of Mary from Sagaya Matha Parish and Guanellian Cooperators and other friends together with the Confreres and Seminarians. At least 67 participants came for the Holy Hour. All the invitees were delighted to join the



community to pray for vocations to the Church and to the Congregation. Everyone felt involved and part of one Guanellian family. Fr. Arockia Raj led the adoration and gave a beautiful reflection on vocations and above all he shared the inspiring story of his vocation. After Benediction everyone enjoyed refreshments before departing.

Evening School Inauguration

CUDDALORE - The St. Joseph's Seminary community inaugurated the evening school on July 20th. This community organized two evening schools around the seminary with the help of four qualified teachers. Two Chief Guests were invited to grace the occasion: Mr. Antony Raj, Zonal Education Minister, and Mr. Arockia Dass, correspondent of St. Dominic Matriculation School. Fifty-eight children participated in the inaugural function with their parents. All these students are from very poor families from the squatter area. Children from the two evening schools staged different events such as dances, songs, dramas and yoga



and made the event meaningful and colorful. The chief guests gave their talks on the importance of education for a good life. They were very thought provoking and encouraging to the children. They promised their help for the children at any time for educational purposes. The evening concluded with simple refreshments.

CRI Meeting

KRISHNAPERI - On July 21st, there was a Vicarate Level CRI meeting in Krishnaperi. Fr. S. P. Samy, Superior, welcomed the gathering. Fr. Ronald, Provincial Superior, animated the Holy Hour and gave a reflection on the topic "Paradigm Shift in Vocation, Community Life and Washing the Feet in our Mission." In his talk, he said that leadership is not



just authority but it is responsibility. The Boys Home students entertained the audience with their colorful dance. Then Fr. Vanathiyen and Fr. Vincent animated party games which were followed by fraternal agape.

Parent Meeting at Boys Home

CUDDALORE - Don Guanella Boys Home hosted a parents meeting on Sunday, July 21st. All the parents of the students attended. Fr Lourduraj, the Director,



welcomed everyone and honored the members with shawls. Fr George presided over the function as chief guest of the day. In his message he said that the parents must help the students to live a more exemplary life in order to make them grow and learn a disciplined way of life. Fr Francis, superior of the Boys Home, delivered a message to the parents and said it's the duty of the students to study to

insure a bright future. He also stated that the Aadhar ID, Community certificate and the Income certificate were submitted. Many of the boys performed different cultural programs.

Communion in the Community

CHENNAI - People are enriched when they are found in the midst of a gathering; even in today's society



it is what people want. On July 24th, Don Guanella Major Seminary had its first fraternal gathering of the academic year where the brothers and priests enjoyed the spirit of the community. The program included events like party games, group dances and songs. All the confreres were divided into two groups and given marks for performances done individually and collectively. The program concluded with a prayer led by Fr. Superior and a fellowship meal. Every occasion in the community of spirit gives happiness to the soul and mind and it is evident. Thanks to the organizers who made the evening a vibrant and memorable one.

Cleanliness at Yesuvanam

SIVAGANGAI - It is truly said that cleanliness is next to Godliness in people, and cleanliness is the most important objective of special education. Children need to be taught and to practice cleanliness very carefully and make it an important habit. To create an awareness



of maintaining a clean environment, eighteen dust boxes were placed around the school campus. The campus is our home which we need to keep clean in order to remain healthy. It prevents all kinds of diseases and makes us fit and smart with colorful minds. Since cleanliness is the part of the curriculum, our special educators accompany the children to teach them, sweeping and collecting the waste and putting it in the dust boxes. This way, the special children inculcate the habit of hygiene and learn to keep the place neat and clean. We whole heartedly thank the donors who provided for this significant cause.

Well Begun is Half Done

CHENNAI - It is a great joy to be with the children and help them out in their studies. The academic year 2019-2020 for our evening school began with its inaugural function organized at Don Guanella Special School. Mr. Venkatesan, a well-known businessman of the area, was the special guest who addressed the children motivating them to be helpers of each other



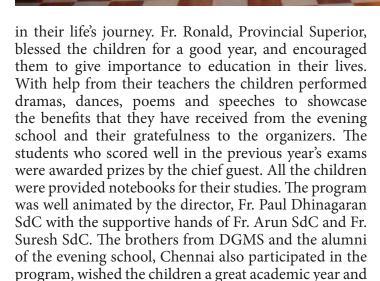
of the nephews of Fr. Paul Arockia Raj, SdC. As a thanksgiving to God, solemn Mass was offered and the family members provided a delicious dinner for the GPN community. As a birthday gift, the priests gave

the children pictures and medals of our founder and Mother Mary.

Vocational Training

CHENNAI - Everyone is endowed with special gifts, blessings of God's creation in all persons and things. Our school tries to identify the strengths of each child and give opportunities to develop them. As the new scholastic year

began, the children were given intellectual tasks to enable them to converse with others. On the other hand, we concentrated on the development of their special skills. The children are given vocational training every week. They make candles, jewels, fragrance materials and more with the help of staff members. They are trained so that they will have a bright future ahead after completing school.



Gifts from God

helped serve the meal. After enjoying a delicious meal,

the children went home happy.

BANGALORE - The Guanella Preethi Nivas community was delighted to celebrate the 1st birthday



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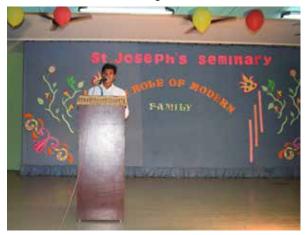
First Classical Academy

CUDDALORE - St. Joseph's Seminary conducted its first classical academy on July 27th. The chief guest

of the academy was Fr. Ronald, the Provincial Superior. The topic of the classical academy was "The Role of the Modern Family," with the content divided into three parts. The first talk was delivered by Br. Lakara. He focused mainly on the blessings and structures of family life in modern society. The second talk was given by Br. Susai, mainly concentrating on the challenges that the modern family encounters. He explained different challenges faced by the father, mother and children in the family. The third part was presented by Br. Arul Joseph. He offered advice and tips to confront the challenges in the family. The academy also consisted of dances, songs, mime and a video presentation. Fr.

Ronald addressed the audience and encouraged all the seminarians to do better. The community appreciates all the brothers for their hard work and dedication throughout their formation.











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Michigan Catholic Conference Pledges Support

CHELSEA - Because St. Louis Center relies on funding from the State of Michigan to provide care for its residents living in the Children's Homes, it's important to have strong advocates in the State capitol of Lansing to provide political support and assistance. On Wednesday, July 10th, SLC entertained two special guests from the Michigan Catholic Conference; President & CEO Paul Long and Director of Advocacy and Policy Tom Hickson. The MCC represents the seven bishops who manage the Catholic Dioceses of Michigan, and provides public guidance on Catholic policy issues in the state. Mr. Long and Mr. Hickson have pledged their support for SLC's ongoing policy issues dealing with Home and Community Based Funding and continued Heightened Scrutiny status.

Golf Outing Generates Support

CHELSEA - The Italian-American community north of Detroit is still very strong and united, and since the days of the American Depression in 1933, they have been raising money to assist the local community through the Italian-American Delegates. This year was the 86th year for this event, and SLC was once again, one of its beneficiaries. The outing was sold out with 144 golfers at Twin Lakes

Golf Course in Rochester Hills, MI on Monday, July 15th, and Fr. Enzo Addari, SdC, was in attendance with three residents and two staff members. During the awards ceremony after dinner, Fr. Enzo was given a sizable check by

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Jack Tocco, Jr. and Dominic Bommarito; a significant contribution for the operations of the Center.

Phase II Underway

CHELSEA - St. Louis Center continues to make history



in Chelsea and the State of Michigan as ground was broken on Monday, July 15th for Phase II of the new St. Louis Guanella Village on the grounds of SLC. This unique "Intentional Community" for families who have



children with intellectual and developmental disabilities

is pioneering the concept of family living for those with a loved one who has I/DD. This year's project will include five new buildings, starting with two cottage homes intended for 10 residents. There will also be a duplex for independent living, a single family home to use as a model home, and an administrative building for a sales office. This project continues to build on Fr. Guanella's dream of creating modern spaces for our deserving residents to enjoy.

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Honoring a Friend



CHELSEA - What began in 1987 as the "Fun Golf Outing" for St. Louis Center has now morphed into the Memorial Golf Outing used to honor a major benefactor who has gone on to his or her eternal reward during the previous year. This year's outing on July 20th honored builder Patrick Cunningham of Jackson, MI, who was a major contributor to SLC in the 80's when there was

a need to expand business the office, priest's quarters and move the chapel to a more permanent location. This year's outing took place at Pierce Lake Golf Course in Chelsea, MI and 100 golfers signed up to participate. Many members of the Cunningham were Family also present to

volunteer and lend a hand. In spite of the sweltering 97 degree heat and high humidity that day, everyone enjoyed their experience. SLC also benefited from the many generous people who played in the outing, along with the generous sponsors who supported the event.

Montessori Lifestyle Evolves

CHELSEA - Montessori is a great program that helps the St. Louis Center residents feel useful and gives them a say in their day. We've implemented two new things. The first is giving the adults a choice for their dinner entrées between two items. For example; if there's a baked chicken breast on the menu, they can order a chicken salad sandwich if they don't like plain chicken. The second thing we're doing is having the work program residents pack their own daily lunches. We set out different choices of sandwiches, juice, fruit, vegetables and snacks so that they can pack their own lunch. Behaviorally, things are a bit calmer in the morning



too, because the residents are busy preparing themselves for work. It gives them something to do and keeps them active. Future plans are for a new program to teach cooking basics. We've already worked on part of it, and they're learning how to bake and make a meal. On Friday's when



the kids are out of school, we do one Children's Home at a time for lunch, and teach the kids how to cook with staff. The adults are also learning how to grill.

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August Calendar of Events

- 5 Dedication of the Basilica of St. Mary Major
- 6 Transfiguration of the Lord
- 7 **Chelsea:** Dad & Lad Outing to Benefit SLC
- 8 Cuddalore: Visit to Villianur Plenary Indulgence
- **9** Cuddalore: College Begins CIA Exams
- **Grass Lake:** Mother of Divine Providence Day-PUSI
- 15 Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary Cuddalore: Independence Day Flag Hoisting SJS
- 19 Grass Lake: St. Joseph Day- PUSI
- 20 Cuddalore: Adoration for Vocations SJS
- 21 St. Pius X, Pope
- 22 Queenship of the Blessed Virgin Mary Cuddalore: Local Assembly SJS
- **23-25 Kumbakonam:** St. Santiago Feast Celebration Swamimalai
- 24 St. Bartholomew, Apostle
 - **Cuddalore:** Inauguration of Our Lady of Perpetual Succor Church - Samupillai Nagar
- **28** Cuddalore: Conference SJS
- 29 The Passion of St. John the Baptist
- 31 **Cuddalore:** Monthly Recollection for seminarians SJS

Best Wishes and Prayers to:

- 1 Fr. Alphonse Maria Ligory C.: feast day
- 5 Fr. Bakthiswalagan: birthday; Fr. Nevis: feast day
- 6 Bro. Periyanayagam M.: birthday; Fr.
 - Amalorpavanathan R., Fr. Anandhan T., Fr. Antony Samy A., Fr. Arputharaj J., Fr. Bakthiswalagan A., Fr. Jegan Patrick Daniel, Fr. Franklin Arockia Doss M., Fr. Leo Joseph X., Fr. Paul Francis A., Fr. Paulraj P., Fr. Perianayagasamy A., Fr. Sagaya Raj S., Fr. Samson Rajasegaren J., Fr. Shantham R., Fr. Vincent S.: ordination day
- 8 Fr. Dominic Sebastian Baskar: feast day
- 10 Fr. Lawerence Thampusamy R., Fr. Enzo Addari: feast day
- Fr. Kumar S.: birthday; Fr. Prakash Philemen Raj: feast day
- 12 Fr. Shantham R., Fr. Rambabu V.: birthday
- 13 Fr. Arockia Doss J.: birthday
- 15 Fr. David J., Bro. Deva P.: birthday; Fr. Arputharaj J.: feast day
- 16 Fr. Franklin Arokia Doss M.: birthday
- 18 Fr. Adaikalam, Fr. Paul Arockiaraj, Fr. David Anburaj T., Fr. Bernandes, Fr. Charles Promiyo: ordination day
- **20** Fr. Bernandes, Fr. Maria Julian Bernard L.: feast day



- Fr. Suresh, Bro. Yesu Babu Kota: birthday; Fr. Achariyam, Fr. Amal Raj, Fr. Anil Francis Kumar K., Fr. Arockia Vanathaiyan A., Fr. Arockiaraj, Fr. Arul, Fr. Badugu Christu Raju, Fr. Maria Julian Bernard L., Fr. Charles A., Fr. Dominic Sebastian Baskar, Fr. Edal Vinoth Joe, Fr. Gabriel G., Fr. John Kennedy A., Fr. John Peter A., Fr. Joseph Fernandez S., Fr. Anthony Kalai Selvan, Fr. Kanikkai Raj A., Fr. Loyola Diraviam M., Fr. Michael Durai Samy A., Fr. Periyanayagam M., Fr. Prakesh Philemen Raj, Fr. Rishar Raffe Jegan S., Fr. Selvakani, Fr. Stalin S., Fr. Francis Sunil Kumar D., Fr. Vellington, Fr. Vincent M., Fr. Vissampalli Maria Balayesu, Fr. Antony Xavier R.: ordination day
- **24 Bro. Giu-Se Khiet:** birthday
- 25 Fr. Louis Baskar A.: feast day
- **26** Fr. Samson Rajasekaran J.: birthday
- **29 Fr. Gnanaraj:** birthday

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Fr. Loyola Diraviam: birthday

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