

# News and Views

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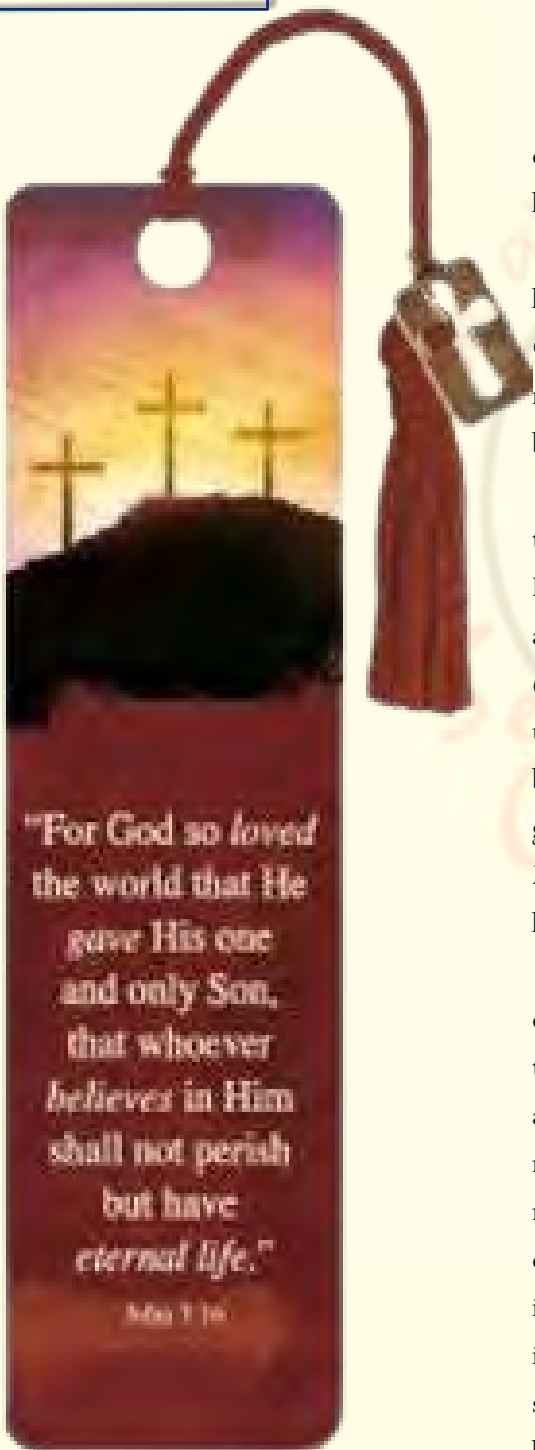
## CROSS – CENTRAL TO OUR CATHOLIC FAITH

The cross is at the heart and centre of all that we as Christians believe. The Exaltation of the holy cross is the central mystery of our faith, that the one who was lifted up on the cross in crucifixion has triumphed over the power of sin and death because God has highly exalted him.

The feast of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross commemorates two historical events: the discovery in 326 of what was regarded as the true Cross, under the temple of Venus in Jerusalem, by Saint Helena, the mother of the Emperor Constantine and the dedication in 335 of the basilica and shrine built on the site.

However, a real understanding of this feast is not to be found in the historical descriptions of those events and what followed them. Instead, one has to go to Scripture and look especially at John's Gospel and the way in which it treats the story of Moses and the bronze serpent (Numbers 21:4-9). In that story, Moses is commanded by the Lord to set up a bronze fiery serpent on a pole, so that whenever a person was bitten by a serpent, that person would look at the bronze serpent and live. In the gospel reading (John 3:13-17), Jesus tells Nicodemus that he, as Son of Man, must be 'lifted up', as was the serpent, so that whoever believes in him may have eternal life.

The first meaning of the Greek word that translates 'lift up' is 'exalt', a term which is associated more readily with the resurrection than the crucifixion. However, by its association with the incident of the bronze serpent, John seems to have in mind both the setting up of Jesus on the



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cross, the crucifixion, as well as his exaltation in the awesome splendor of resurrection.

John differs from the other evangelists in his reluctance to see the crucifixion as a humiliation. He omits the agonized plea in Gethsemane and the cry of desolation on the cross. The Jesus of John's gospel says: "Now my soul is troubled. And what should I say—'Father, save me from this hour'? No, it is for this reason that I have come to this hour. (John 12:27). For John, the incarnation was a manifestation of divine glory (John 1:14), and the cross instrumental for its completion. This perspective – of seeing past the reality of the suffering to its significance as the means of exaltation, and in that way seeing the cross as holy – can be pastorally helpful. It infuses hope even in our prayers of lament, a hope when all seems lost.

The cross because of what it represents is the most potent and universal symbol of the Christian faith. It is a constant reminder and witness of Christ's ultimate triumph, His victory over sin and death through His suffering and dying on the Cross. The cross, once a tool of death, has become a means to life, an instrument of our salvation. It gives strength to resist temptation, it gives hope to seek new life and it dispels fear and darkness.

The cross is at the centre of our lives every time we face sickness and death. The cross is at the centre of our lives in frailty and old age. The cross is at the centre of our lives every time we feel utterly alone and abandoned. The cross is at the centre of our lives every time we are tempted to give in and give up. It is at the centre of our lives every time we are tempted to throw our hands up in despair. It keeps reminding us that only when we embrace the cross in the midst of suffering and abandonment can we understand the power of resurrection. Only when we embrace the cross is it possible for God to raise us up and give us new life. The Cross is central to our Catholic faith.

*Fr. Ronald J. SdC*  
Provincial Superior



## September Calendar for Fr. Provincial Superior

02-03 Bangalore

04 First Anniversary in Somanathaperi

06 Saveriyarpalayam

07 Pre- chapter commission

10 Marriage in Viruthachalam

11 First Anniversary in Rasiyamangalam

27-Oct 1 Provincial Chapter

### Divine Providence Province (DPP) Fifth Provincial Chapter Prayer

*Loving and Provident Father,  
We humbly approach you  
in praise and thanksgiving  
as We commemorate  
the tenth anniversary of the  
canonization of Saint Louis Guanella.*

*Calling on the wisdom, counsel  
and guidance of the Holy Spirit  
during this fifth Provincial chapter,  
We seek to march in the footsteps  
of our Holy Founder  
- today and tomorrow.*

*As missionary disciples of St. Guanella,  
We search for ways  
to broaden the mission to the poor;  
travel the roads of the Good Samaritan trust and  
pursue the means  
of Divine Providence;  
and draw others to serve  
in the Guanellian vineyard of the Lord.*

*With Mary,  
Mother of Divine Providence  
and our Blessed Founder,  
We offer this prayer  
through Jesus Christ,  
Merciful Son of the Father.  
Amen.*

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## Becoming the Beloved

- Rev. Fr. Franklin Arockia Doss

“You are my beloved,” who does not want to hear such a statement? Infect everyone is trying to become or hear from someone that “you are my beloved.” It is because everyone is trying to be in a loving relationship, be loved, accepted, not rejected for anything. Victor Frank shares from his personal experience that he heard more complaints, murmurs, curses, and a constant cry was stating that “I have nothing to expect from life anymore.” How to become beloved to them? “Becoming the Beloved means letting the truth of our belovedness become enfleshed in everything we think, say, or do,” says Henri Nouwen. According to the Gospel writers, Jesus is the Beloved son of the Heavenly Father. How does one go about living out this belovedness? Nouwen proposes a discipline derived from four words, suggested to him by his daily celebration of the Eucharist: “taken, blessed, broken, and given.” Today, everyone is forced to become the beloved of our brothers and sisters affected by various illnesses, especially Covid-19. Only by becoming beloved to each other, these kinds of diseases and infirmities could be overcome.

The essential part of our Christian life should imitate the above four principles. Every Christian is invited to participate in these disciplines, to become beloved to our brothers and sisters. Our Bl. Mother Mary took part in all four disciplines and became the best exemplary to be followed. As we are celebrating her birthday, each of us needs to follow and practice the disciplines proposed by Nouwen. Today it has become an impossible task to become a beloved (a good Samaritan) and faced with rejections, unloved, not chosen causes more division and evil elements in our society. Naturally, all these elements affect our closeness, which is the key to participating in these four disciplines. How do we get in touch with our closeness when rejections surround us?

Nouwen shares a few methods to renew and refresh the closeness to become an effective beloved to society. First of all, one has to keep unmasking the world about what it is: manipulative, controlling, power-hungry, and in the long run, destructive. The world teaches lies about many things, but an individual must be realistic and realistically understand everything and not immediately believe in the lies. Secondly, one has to keep on looking for people and places where truth is spoken and reminded of the deepest identity as the chosen one. Thirdly, it is essential to celebrate the closeness constantly. It means saying thank you to God for having been chosen oneself



and the same attitude toward others. Gratitude is the most fruitful, deepening your consciousness that you are not an “accident” but a divine choice. These three attitudes very essential to become the beloved of our bretheren.

Unmasking society's view, searching for truth, and being grateful always will enlighten one's closeness and closeness to the Heavenly Father as we celebrate the birthday of Our Bl. Mother, it is essential to imitate her virtues, seek her grace to become influential Christians, unmask society's evil nature, search the truth constantly, and be grateful. Today, the globe is affected by the pandemic. This is the opportune time to become beloved to all the brothers and sisters in society locally and at a universal level. The fruit of becoming a beloved cannot be measured and valued. For example, the beloved son of the Heavenly Father, Jesus, came to earth, took human nature, still humbled himself and became a slave, carried the cross, and dies on the cross, and God rose Him on the third day. Secondly, our Bl. Mother, she accepted the invitation of the Father through the Angel, became the Mother of Jesus, accompanied him, journeyed with him till his ascension to heaven, and as a result, the Church tradition teaches us that She was taken into heaven both body and soul. Still going further sh is anointed as a queen of Heaven and earth.

Additionally, the saints are the best example of becoming beloved to all the brothers and sisters. Imitating the values of saints, each of us needs to become beloved to our own brothers' others. Becoming beloved means cherishing the closeness, vocation, and bringing glory to God constantly on earth. Let us celebrate Mary and other saints and become beloved to heavenly and earthly beings. Let us aspire to be called “Beloved.”



**“Be joyful always and give thanks to God in all circumstances”.**



**Vatluru:** It was a grace-filled moment in the lives of the Servants of Charity Guanellians when five of our deacons were ordained as priests on August 14, 2021, in Santhome Cathedral Basilica, Chennai. They accepted the call to work in the vineyard of the Lord. Our Beloved Pope Francis shared some thoughts on the vocation of priesthood. He said, “Priests are established co-workers of the Order of Bishops, with whom they are joined in the priestly office, and with whom they are called to the service of the people of God.”. this gracious occasion also added blessing to our parish that Frs. Pilla Vijaykumar and Merugu Anil, who belong to the Sacred Heart Church, Vatluru celebrated their First Thanksgiving Holy Eucharistic celebration on August 18, 2021. It was a grand and solemn event. Many participated in the Holy Mass and obtained the grace of God Almighty.

**“My India My Pride”**



**Vatluru:** “Freedom is never dear at any price. It is the breath of life. What would a man not pay for living?” says *Mahatma Gandhi*. August 15, 2021, marked the 75<sup>th</sup> Independence Day of India. The occasion was marked

with solemnity in our community and throughout the country. Every citizen feels a sense of pride in our nation and our heritage. The National Flag was hoisted on our campus by our Village President, Guzzula Naveen and Ratnakumari, along with Alla Sathis Chowdary. The people of our parish participated in the event and saluted the National Flag. Our Guanellian Karunalaya boy, Gummala Anil, gave a patriotic speech. It was a moving and proud day for all present and throughout the country.

**“Charity begins at home”**



**Bangalore:** The COVID pandemic caused many events and activities to come to a halt over the past year and a half. Its effects were felt all over the country and the world. One such endeavour, closer to home, was the charitable activities of the Guanellian Youth in GPN (Guanella Preethi Nivas). These young people perform charitable deeds to demonstrate their solidarity with the needy. The Guanellian Youth Movement met on July 25<sup>th</sup> and August 8<sup>th</sup>, 2021, to decide on a method to resume their acts of charity. They agreed to buy grocery items, chicken, sweets, and fruits to prepare a special luncheon for all the grandfathers in GPN. All the members of GYM, under the guidance of the animator (Fr. Praveen) and a collaborator (Mr. Chinnarasu - GC member), started cooking food on our premises. The special meal for grandfathers was to coincide with the celebration of Independence Day. On August 15<sup>th</sup>, India's Independence Day, we hoisted the national flag and distributed sweets to the attendees. Then the grandfathers were honoured with a special luncheon prepared for them.

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## "Seminar on Religious Life Today and its Challenges"

**Bangalore:** On August 16<sup>th</sup> and 17<sup>th</sup> a two-day Inter-Novitiate Seminar on "Religious Life Today and its Challenges" was held. Approximately 50 religious Novices from eight different religious congregations participated. Fr. Mahesh, CSSR was the resource person. Four different sessions were spread out over two days. The topics dealt with: History of the Religious life, Call of Religious life, Achievements of Religious life, and Challenges of Religious life.



## GPN Confreres on Annual Retreat

**Bangalore:** On August 23<sup>rd</sup> a group of four confreres from GPN, Bangalore community arrived at Asirvanam, a Benedictine Monastery to begin their annual five-day retreat. Rev. Fr. Mahesh CSSR, a Redemptorist priest was the retreat director. The overarching topic for the retreat was the priesthood. It was broken down as follows: Priesthood as vocation and call, Priesthood as mission and ministry, Challenges in Priesthood, Priesthood as a commitment with conditions for ministry, and the Consecrated life and Mother Mary. It was enriching to retrace the roots of the religious commitment and conviction.



## Communal Harmony Day



**Sivangai:** August 20<sup>th</sup> every year is celebrated as Communal Harmony Day to commemorate the birth anniversary of Rajeev Gandhi, former prime minister of India. This holiday is observed to encourage national integration, peace, affection, and communal harmony among the Indian people of all religions. On this auspicious occasion, the Yesuvanam confreres, postulants, and St. Guanella Anbagam Special School's teaching and non-teaching staff took the pledge of communal harmony. The pledge was led by Fr. Peter Sebastian with everyone reciting it with him. Fr. Arputharaj addressed the assembly emphasizing the importance and need for harmony among members. He also stressed the significance of activities that build and enhance the feeling of national integrity and fraternity. Everyone expressed appreciation and happiness for the opportunity to be a part of the celebration.

## "Reflection helps us to know reality"



**Chennai:** It was a memorable day when we were given an opportunity to reflect on the life and struggle of Rev. Fr. Stan Swamy in a theological forum. Fr. Swamy died on July 5, 2021. Three speakers elaborated on his life and his contributions for the welfare of the tribal people. Fr. Stan

was a sign of hope for the poor people with whom he worked. The forum provided an opportunity to pay tribute to Fr. Swamy.

## 2<sup>nd</sup> year Anniversary of Sagayamatha Parish's new Church



**Cuddalore:** On August 24<sup>th</sup> the feast day of St. Bartholomew, we celebrated 2<sup>nd</sup> year Anniversary of Sagayamatha Parish's new Church. Rev. Fr. A. Soosai Rathinam, SdC, General Councillor, blessed the car procession, which was followed by the recitation of the Holy Rosary. Holy Eucharist began at 6:45 pm with Rev. Fr. A. Soosai Rathinam presiding and preaching the homily. On this special day, we remembered and prayed for those who worked to establish this beautiful Church. Then Fr. M. Vincent, the Parish Priest, thanked all the confreres and parishioners for their collaboration in realizing the dream of the faithful. Superiors, Confreres, and Sisters from the local communities worked together to make this a beautiful day. Parishioners also contributed in many ways.

## Blessing of Extension of Restrooms at Boys Home



**Cuddalore:** On August 25<sup>th</sup>, Rev. Fr. A. Soosairathinam, SdC, General Councillor, blessed the Home as it embarks on the extension of restrooms at St. Guanella Boys Home, Cuddalore. Fr. Francis, Superior, spoke about the importance of the construction of new toilets. He stated that Child Welfare Committee from the Cuddalore District has directed us to do this to offer dignified and hygienic service to our boys. The request for the extension of the rest-rooms alongside the existing rest-rooms, with the estimate was sent to ASCI. In their charity and generosity, the project was sanctioned. For this event the local community confreres, engineers and boys were present.

## Fancy Dress Competition



**Chennai:** On August 14<sup>th</sup> an (Online) Fancy Dress Competition was held for the students at Don Guanella Special School, Chennai. About 35 students participated. The prize winners were acknowledged and honoured. The parents happily encouraged their children to participate, and the teachers organized the online competition. These types of activities helps and motivate the children to highlight their talents.

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## Visit to DGSS

**Chennai:** On August 3<sup>rd</sup> government official Mr. Babu (DDAWO) visited our school. He reviewed some of the files and encouraged our staff to continue their love and concern for the children. He toured the current school facilities and was satisfied with the conditions. He outlined guidelines for the projected Residential Home for the Special Children and encouraged us to start the Home as soon as possible. He also spoke with our staff, inquiring about their thoughts and feelings and expressed gratitude for their valuable service and offered some suggestions on how to apply for a government grant.



## Meeting of Community Treasurers (Online) in DPP

**Chennai:** An online meeting of the Treasurers of the Communities in India was held on August 2, 2021. The meeting was organized by Fr. Francis, the Provincial Councillor & Treasurer of Indian Societies and Trust. The inaugural address was given by Fr. Ronald SdC, highlighting Guanellian Poverty in today's context, and relating the administration of the houses to the Providence of God. The resource person of the day, Fr. Amalraj SdB, (Province Treasurer of the Salesian Trichy Province) presented: updates on state regulations of the FCRA 2020, practical issues, and how to face them. He called for

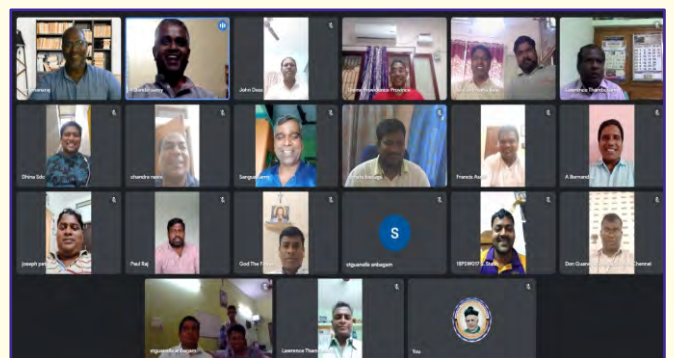
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transparency and accountability on the part of the treasurers. Fr. John Paul SdB, his collaborator, also offered some ideas and practical guidelines. At the end, Fr. Francis gave his final evaluation of the administration of the treasurers, accounting, book keeping and other related practicalities. It was a very fruitful session and the conferees felt it was helpful.

## The Mission Animators Meet

**Provincialate:** The Mission Animators Meeting was held on August 27<sup>th</sup> and was an online event. Twenty-five conferees involved in parish and mission centers participated. The meeting was organized by Rev. Fr. Kulandai Samy, the Vice Provincial. The day began with the reflection by our Link General Rev. Bro. Franco Lain. The theme was: Mission rooted in Charism. Next, the group reviewed the manual on Mission written by Rev. Fr. Alfonso Crippa, the former Superior General. Finally, in the afternoon each participant shared the status of their mission during this pandemic. The day was enriching and helpful, coupling learning with fraternity.



## Six new Aspirants to Guanellian Co-Operators



**Cuddalore:** August 15<sup>th</sup>, the Solemnity of Assumption of Our Lady and the Independence Day of India, was a historical occasion for the Guanellian family. The Guanellian co-operators have been in India for more than six years, but their presence was limited to Bangalore. On a beautiful Sunday evening in Cuddalore, six new aspirants, Mr. Don Bosco, Mr. Bosco Ezhilan, Mrs. Anita Mary Stella, Miss Anita, Mr. Nelson and Mr. Parisutham were accepted as Guanellian co-operators and recited their initiation promise. Fr. Francis thanked Fr. Gnanaraj and Mr. Domnic for accepting the new candidates, Fr. Adaikalam for the talk, and Fr. Vincent for the arrangements. He also expressed his appreciation to the new inductees for saying “YES” to Aspirancy as co-operators and being part of the history being created in journey of the Guanellian family in India.

## Seminar on Siddha Medicine and Health Care



**Sivagangai:** On August 18<sup>th</sup> four of our Postulants with their Formator, Fr. Mathias, attended a half-day colloquium on Siddha which was held in Annai Nalavazhvu Maiyam, Muthupatti, Sivagangai. Rev. Dr. Ladisca Roslin OSM was the main presenter for the session. She

explained about Siddha medicine, herbals, and their usages for our daily life. She also cleared up some misconceptions our postulants had about Siddha. It was an enriching workshop helping the postulants to understand the value and importance of natural medicines. The colloquium concluded with a delicious luncheon of organic foods provided by the Community of the Servite Sisters.

## Independence Day Celebration



**Krishnaperi:** On August 15, 2021, we celebrated Independence Day in our Veeramamunivar High School. Teachers and students participated in the celebration. Mr. Durai, the headmaster of the school, organized the program and events of the day. The President of Naduvapatti Panchayat was the chief guest who hoisted the flag and gave a short speech about the Independence Day. Fr. Navis, the Superior of the Krishnaperi community, gave an excellent talk on Independence Day. He highlighted those who shed their blood for the country, and he also explained the significance of the colors of the flag. Students participated actively and shared their joy with one another on this celebration.

**“God's call is gratuitous, and He needs only our response.”**

**Cuddalore:** Through the tireless efforts of Fr. Jeyaseelan, the Vocation Promoter, we have twenty vocation candidates from the states of Orissa and Telangana and four from Tamil Nadu. We are excited about new workers for God's Vineyard. They arrived at Guanella Bhavan, Kopakka, Eluru on August 2<sup>nd</sup>. They were given some exposure here to this new lifestyle and to ease the

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nostalgic feelings. Traveling with Fr. Jeyaseelan, they reached St. Joseph's Seminary on August 6<sup>th</sup>. It is indeed a blessing to the congregation and to the province to have these budding ones to get rooted in the Guanelian way of life and serve the world at large.



### Blessings from Mother Mary



**Cuddalore:** On August 7<sup>th</sup>, the first Saturday, there was a car procession to thank the Lord through Mamma Mary for the gift of new vocations. We had sought Our Blessed Mother's intercession for the acquisition of new candidates for the seminary. Mary did not let us down and we joyfully thanked her through the recitation of rosary and singing hymns. The car procession lasted for about an hour and a half and circled the seminary campus. The seminarians were very enthusiastic and happy to honour our Blessed Mother.

### Freedom Celebrated

**Cuddalore:** The 75<sup>th</sup> National Independence Day was celebrated at St. Joseph's Seminary on August 15, 2021. The Holy Eucharist was celebrated by Fr. Irudayaraj and Fr. Vanathaiyan. Mass was followed by the flag hoisting on the terrace by our chief guest, Mr. Dominic Tilak, the GC

President. The Brothers organized a day with a variety of events to celebrate the occasion. The events included: a parade, cultural activities, speeches on the freedom fighters and inspiring dances, songs, and pyramids. The day was a colourful expression of our harmony and freedom. Mr. Tilak highlighted the theme of unity in diversity in his speech. We were called to cherish the diversities of our religions, castes, languages, and cultures.



### A time with the Lord (Retreat)

**Cuddalore:** The confreres in the Cuddalore communities joined the DSMP Sisters for three days of an annual retreat at Idhaya Ashramam, Pondicherry. The retreat director was Fr. A. Soosai Rathinam, the General Councillor, who spoke to the participants on three aspects of Lectio and meditation on the Word of God. The various themes were as follows: being aware of the pandemic times, how to remain a religious irrespective of human frailties and vulnerabilities, the art of being fathers and mothers in line with the fatherhood of St. Joseph, and finally, to walk the road to Emmaus, striving to find the Lord in our daily circumstances without losing the dignifying presence of the Lord.



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## Open House Ministry Revived



**Cuddalore:** In the month of August, St. Joseph's Seminary community resumed its charitable tent for the poor of the locality. Due to the pandemic, only a small number of people were admitted. They were given basic care, such as a bath, shave, and an allotment of clothing. They were entertained with songs, dances, and moral narratives. All this was to raise their spirits and help them feel happy and a respected part of society. They were delighted to have had this experience after the lockdown and restrictions of the pandemic. Finally, they were treated to a good lunch and dropped off at their respective homes.

## Pilgrimage to St. Anne's Church



**Cuddalore:** It is customary each year on August 7<sup>th</sup> for the Legion of Mary of Sagayamatha Parish, Cuddalore to make a pilgrimage to St. Anne's Church, Pondicherry. They began their journey at 9 am and reached their destination at 10 am. In front of the Church, as a token of thanksgiving, they kept pongal. They also prayed the Holy Rosary. Over the past year and a half, because of COVID, many of the members of Legion of Mary passed away. They were remembered, each by name and prayed for, along with all the departed souls. Then Fr. Vincent, Parish

Priest, celebrated Holy Mass and preached the homily. Following Mass, we shared a fellowship meal.

**Independent is not just a word it's an emotion.**



**Thalavadi:** The Nazareth Illam celebrated 75th independence day with our dignitaries from Cuddalore and Thalavadi panchayat. President hoisted the flag and shared some insights about the independence to our inmates. After the sharing a small program was organized by the fathers in which recipients of Nazareth Illam happily exhibited their talents and made the event much more colourful. People were astonished by the performance of our inmates and encouraged them.

## Student Interns



**Chelsea - SLC** was blessed again this summer to have two Notre Dame students as interns. Thanks to the Notre Dame Alumni Club of Jackson, their salaries were subsidized for their 8 week stays. Lauren and Sebastian took on shifts, learned many new things and made some friends along the way. It is a sad day when it is time for the students to depart, but a small celebration which usually includes cake make it a day to congratulate each student for the good work they completed.

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## Out to the Ball Game



**Chelsea** – on Friday, August 13th, 27 residents and staff members boarded a bus to go to a minor league baseball game. Each year the Diocese of Lansing and the Knights of Columbus sponsor a 'vocations night' at one of the Lansing Lugnuts ball games. It is an opportunity for families to come out and mingle with priests and religious in the fun atmosphere of one of America's favourite pastimes. The Knights provide the bus transportation, tickets to the game and dinner from the concession stand at the ball park. The residents enjoyed the game and seeing some old friends who were also at the game.

## Alhambra Serves up Fun



**Chelsea** – The St. Louis Guanella Alhambra Caravan from Jackson MI came to St. Louis Center to prepare a BBQ dinner for the St. Louis Center residents. Thirteen members were on hand to cook and serve the food and to help the residents get an ice treat from the Kona Ice truck that donated the treats for everyone to enjoy. August 19th was an evening when new friends and memories were made.

## Assumption Celebration



**Grass Lake** - As mother of Jesus and also our mother, the Blessed Virgin Mary is always worthy of our love and affection. We remember her throughout the year at the Shrine, especially on her feasts. On August 15th, the solemnity of the Assumption, a special Mass was offered with Marian hymns and a blessing. Many attended along with their loved ones and families.

## Surprise Party for Linda



**Chelsea** – Last year as the pandemic was spreading around the world, it shut down businesses, churches schools and universities. This impacted so many people including residents at St. Louis Center. One of those residents is Linda Alber who had worked for over 20 years at the University of Michigan. Her most recent assignment was as a dishwasher at Mary Markley Hall, a residence dormitory. Because of mandates and restrictions, Linda was not allowed to continue going to work. So to fill the gap in Linda's life, she began a part time dishwashing position on campus at SLC. But she really misses her friends at the University, so Sr. Sarah, reached out to her supervisor Martin and he invited Linda to come to work to get her personal belongings from her locker. On August 23rd she went to get her things and the Mary

Markley staff surprised her with a party. They miss her tremendously and really enjoyed spending time with her again.

### Chelsea Fair



**Chelsea** - Several of the St. Louis Center residents went to the Chelsea Fair with staff members on Wednesday, August 18th. They enjoyed buying their dinner from the fair concession stands and watching the Demolition Derby

### Remembering the Little Children

**Grass Lake** - On St. Gerard Majella's feast day, October 16th, the shrine will be celebrating Mass in the evening for our dear children lost through illness, miscarriage, or stillbirth. A special blessing will be offered afterward with the St. Gerard Majella relic. He is the patron saint of expectant mothers and those who have suffered a miscarriage.

### Feast Day Events Planned

**Philadelphia** – In honour of the 10th Anniversary of the canonization of St. Louis Guanella, the confreres at the Communities of Don Guanella and Divine Providence are planning two special celebrations. The first event, on October 25th, Philadelphia's Archbishop Perez will be celebrating Mass for the feast day of St. Louis Guanella at Our lady of Fatima Church in Secane. This location affords a large worship space to accommodate many people who would like to attend this joyous celebration. This will be followed during the week of the 25th by a blessing of a memorial path for the 48 residents who have passed away since 2014. These special people deserve commemoration and the families are looking forward to honouring their

memory. Finally, as part of the feast day week observances, the residents will be preparing 300 hygiene bags which will be distributed to various Housing/Homeless programs as well as Family Service Centers of Catholic Social Services in addition to local Delaware County agencies.

### September Calendar of Events

- 5 Teachers Day  
3<sup>rd</sup> Year of the Installation of the Provincial and his council
- 8 Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary
- 12 Most Holy Name of Mary
- 14 The Exaltation of the Holy Cross
- 15 Our Lady of Sorrows
- 21 St. Matthew, Apostle
- 23 St. Padre Pio
- 29 Sts. Michael, Gabriel and Raphael, Archangels
- 30 St. Jerome

### Best Wishes and Prayers

#### Birthday

- 2 Fr. John Joseph
- 8 Fr. Amal Raj, Fr. Kanikkai Raj A., Fr. Lawrence Thampusamy
- 14 Fr. David Stawasz
- 18 Fr. Anil Francis Kumar
- 27 Fr. Arun David
- 28 Fr. Leo Joseph
- 29 Fr. Iruthayaraj

#### Feast day

- 08. Fr. Maria Arockiadoss  
Fr. Franklin Arockiadoss  
Fr. Arockia Raj  
Fr. Stalin S.  
Fr. Arockia Vanathaiyan A.  
Fr. Arockia Doss J.  
Fr. Arockia Jayaseelan M.
- 29. Fr. Felicks  
Fr. Rishar Raffee Jegan  
Fr. Gabrie



## Prayer to Mother Mary

*O Immaculate and wholly-pure Virgin Mary, Mother of God, Queen of the world, hope of those who are in despair: You are the joy of the saints; you are the peacemaker between sinners and God; you are the advocate of the abandoned, the secure haven of those who are on the sea of the world; you are the consolation of the world, the ransom of slaves, the comfortress of the afflicted....*

*O great Queen, we take refuge in your protection. After God, you are all my hope. We bear the name of your servants; allow not the enemy to drag us to hell. I salute you, O great mediatrix of peace between men and God, Mother of Jesus our Lord, who is the love of all men and of God, to whom be honour and benediction with the Father and the Holy Ghost. Amen.*

*- St. Ephrem the Syrian*



**Congratulations  
Dear  
New Priest**

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Calendar