

News and Views

Newsletter of the Divine Providence Province



Dear loving Confreres, DSMP sisters, GC and GLM members, seminarians, benefactors, Parishioners, staff and residents of our facilities,

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I send my simple and sincere wishes and greetings in the name of the newly appointed provincial council of Divine Providence Province.

We are not makers of history; rather we are made by history – Martin Luther King Jr.

I believe that what we are today as the Divine Providence Province is what our veterans and pioneers dreamt, toiled and shaped. It is good to recall that some of the pioneers went back to the Lord telling Him, *“I have finished the race. Give me the crown prepared for me,”* (2 Tim. 4: 7-8). Some others for different reasons are not able to be physically present in the province, yet we sense their countenance amongst us.

At this historical juncture, I would go unjustified, if we are not grateful to you, dear confreres our veterans. My mere thank you is a small way in which the entire province repays you for what you are to us.

- Thank you dear Rev. Fr. Alfonso Crippa (Former Superior General) and his council for your paternal guidance and charismatic presence.
- Thank you dear Rev. Fr. Gustavo De Bonis (Link councilor for DPP) for your edifying personal

accompaniment.

- Thank you dear Rev. Fr. Soosai Rathinam (former Provincial of DPP) for your simplicity and prudent leadership.
- Thank you dear fathers Charlton, Visuwasam, Kulandaisamy, Dennis Weber, and Silvio De Nard for your encouraging animation.
- Thank you dear Rev. Fr. Joseph Rinaldo for your tireless journeys and for your fatherly prodigality.

We are stepping into this new month of October, a moment very close to our heart. It is the moment when we bring back to our memory and relive the heavenly birth of our beloved founder St. Louis Guanella and the official recognition of him from the part of the church. We would be already in preparation for the festivities and dinners. At the same time we cannot be blindfolded to the fact that these are the days when our founder was bedridden and underwent pain and suffering. These last days of our founder are the touchstone of his program of life *‘pray and suffer.’* In other words, his yesterday’s pain has become my today’s joy. His carrying of the cross then is my exultation of the cross now. His fast has turned into my feast today. How apt it is to quote our founder at this moment *“The Lord works in our soul little by little, like the chisel of the artist on the marble he wants to turn into a statue.”*

I encourage all of you to continue this legacy of charity and relive it in our times. I thank you dear confreres for the religious witness you show forth and for being *‘fiery swords’* in your missions. My special thanks go to all



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those who take up new assignments for your generosity and availability.

Let me wish you a fruitful preparation and happy feast of our Founder.

Fr. Ronald J, SdC

Provincial Superior

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October Calendar of Fr. Provincial

- 3 Cuddalore Visit
- 4 Poonamallee: Feast - FSJ Convent
- 6 Madurai: Meeting with Bishop
- 7 Kumbakonam Visit
- 8 Krishnaperi: Installation of Superior
- 10 Dindugal Visit
- 12-14 Anhra Pradesh Visit: Installation of Superior & Parish Priest
- 16 DPP Skype Council Meeting
- 17-19 Mysore Visit
- 20-22 Thalavadi Visit
- 24 Chennai: Feast and Rite of Initiation - DGMS
- 28 Ambattur: Marriage Mass



New Assignments in DPP Province

- FR. JESIAH RONALD – Provincial Superior, In-charge of Confreres and Formation
- FR. KULANDAISAMY – Vicar, 1st Councilor, In-charge of Missions and Parishes
- FR. JOHN SAMSON RAJASEKARAN – 2nd Councilor, In-charge of New Missions and Ongoing Formation, Representative for the Mission Desk of the Congregation
- FR. ALPHONSE SATHEESH CANITON – 3rd Councilor, Provincial Secretary
- FR. FRANCIS – 4th Councilor, Treasurer of Indian Societies, In-charge of GLM, GC, GYM
- FR. MAHESH BENSON. K – Superior of Vatluru Community and Director of Guanella Karunalaya, Vatluru
- FR. ARULRAJ A. – First Councilor and Treasurer of Guanella Bhavan, Koppaka
- FR. A. FRANCIS ASSISI – Councilor and Parish Priest of Sacred Heart Church, Vatluru
- FR. D. FRANCIS SUNIL KUMAR – Councilor and Rector of Guanella Bhavan, Koppaka
- FR. JAMES STANLY BABU – Councilor and Treasurer of Preethiya Sevakaru, Mysore
- FR. A. ACHARIYAM – Councilor and Mission Collaborator, Thalavadi
- FR. S. JOHN DASS – Superior and Director at Soosai Thottam, Madurai
- FR. P. PAUL RAJ – 1st Councilor and Treasurer, Madurai Community
- FR. J. ARPUTHA RAJ - Councilor and Director of Guanella Anbagam, Sivagangai
- FR. A. PAUL FRANCIS – 1st Councilor and Treasurer, Sivagangai Community
- FR. S. PERIYANAYAGA SAMY – Superior and Parish Priest, Krishnaperi Mission
- FR. J. DAVID - 1st Councilor, Director and Administrator of St. Paul's Boys Home, Krishnaperi
- FR. S. RISHAR RAFFEE JEGAN – Councilor and Mission Collaborator, Madurai Community
- FR. S. AMALRAJ – Councilor, Vice-Rector and Treasurer in St. Joseph Seminary, Cuddalore
- FR. VINCENT SELVARAJ – 1st Councilor, Rector of St. Joseph Seminary, Cuddalore.
- FR. T. ANANDAN - Councilor, Mission Collaborator at Don Guanella Boys Home, Cuddalore
- FR. AROCKIA VANATHAIYAN – Councilor, Assistant Director, Assistant Parish Priest, Krishnaperi

Installation of New Provincial Council

On September 5, 2018 the day whole Church celebrated the Feast Day of St. Mother Teresa of Calcutta and the Servants of Charity celebrated along with her with the Installation of the New Provincial and his council at Don Guanella Major Seminary, Chennai. Rev. Fr. Nico Rutigliano, Vicar General, and Fr. Soosai Rathinam, General Councilor and former Provincial Superior of DPP, were present. The Mass was celebrated by Rev. Fr. Ronald Jesaiah, Provincial Superior. Fr. Nico gave the reflection encouraging Fr. Ronald and his council to imitate Jesus. After Mass, Fr. Ronald and Fr. Kulandaisamy, Vice-Provincial, took the oath of confidence after professing their faith before the assembly. The Provincial Council along with Fr. Nico and Fr. Rathinam met at the Provincial House to officially hand over the leadership to the new team. Fr. Rathinam worked tirelessly to put everything in order and he magnanimously handed over all the documents to Fr. Ronald. Fr. Visuvasam, former Treasurer of the Indian Societies, gave the details of the accounts. We extend our sincere gratitude to Fr. Rathinam and his council who worked so hard to bring our Province to this level. A short meeting of the new Provincial with his council was held to plan for the forthcoming days. May God's guidance be with the new Provincial and his council.



Ascending Calvary By Fr. Annibale Giannini, SdC

The month of October, 1915 was the final one in the earthly existence of St. Louis Guanella. The sufferings of these last days were very great. Worn by age and ceaseless work for others, he was struck with paralysis. The complications which developed tortured his body, but greater than this were the moral sufferings which God permitted as purifying trials.

His virtuous and strong soul was touched by fear and discouragement, but he turned every pain, temptation, humiliation into a prayerful offering in union with the sufferings of Jesus on the cross.

This was but the final ascent on that road to Calvary which he had followed throughout his life. He summed up his life's program in three words, "Pray and Suffer." He repeated these words as his last testament to the followers who were with him as well as to those who would come to unite together in the future and carry forward the work of his two congregations.

Election of New Lay Officers

BANGALORE - The Guanellian Lay Movement held an election for the 2018 – 2021 term on August 11th and 12th at Guanella Preethi Nivas under the supervision of Fr. Visuwasam (Provincial Delegate), Fr. Gnanaraj (Superior of GPN), and Fr. Adaikalam (Local Delegate). This meeting was inaugurated by Fr. Adaikalam invoking God’s blessing in the form of a prayer. The election process was initiated by Fr. Visuwasam. On the 11th was the election for the officers for the Guanellian Co-operators. On the 12th we had the election for the officers for the Guanellian Lay Movement. Fr. Visuwasam



thanked the outgoing office bearers (Ms. Stella -former GC Secretary, Mr. Hubert - former GLM President, Ms. Sharmila – former GLM Secretary, Mrs. Estelle – former GLM Treasurer) for their immense hard work. The newly elected council members were felicitated by the fathers and other members of the group. The meeting was concluded with a prayer by Estelle (GLM member).



Happy Homecoming

CHENNAI - It was a grace filled time for the Don Guanella Major Seminary Community to have Fr. Nico, Vicar General from Rome, visiting on September 3rd-4th. It was a happy homecoming for Fr. Nico since he was the rector of DGMS seventeen years ago. He was warmly welcomed by the confreres. The days were organized so that everyone had a chance to meet him in person, discuss and learn things for a brighter future mission. He had enough time to meet all the confreres and witness the mission activities of the community. During the Mass of thanksgiving he recalled nostalgic memories of the previous years and appreciated everyone for the hard work they put in to improve the mission of St. Guanella. Fr. Nico was present for the installation of the new provincial on September 5th at DGMS before returning to Rome, assuring us of his daily prayers.



Teachers Celebrated



BANGALORE - Don Guanella Evening School serves about one hundred poor slum children at Guanella Preethi Nivas. There are seven teachers who serve them generously as volunteers. They are very dedicated, competent teachers with deep faith and love. The students took the initiative to celebrate Teacher's Day on September 12th. It was well prepared and conducted by the children. All the children welcomed their teachers with a bouquet and a greeting card which they prepared themselves. They also organized a beautiful cultural program which they enjoyed performing. The children even conducted a few party games for the teachers. The teachers had a great time and were proud of the children. Later, the teachers cut the cake to share with everyone. Each teacher was felicitated with gifts, flowers and sweets. Parents of the children and GPN Grandpas also participated in the celebration.



Quarterly Recollection for Laity

BANGALORE - The Guanellian Cooperators and Guanellian Lay Movement members enjoyed their quarterly recollection at NBCLC on September 16th.



It was a very inspiring recollection beginning with the Rosary and including talks by Fr. Adaikalam and Fr. Sebastian. Fr. Adaikalam spoke first about the recent Apostolic Exhortation of Pope Francis GAUDETE ET EXSULTATE (Rejoice and Be Glad). We were told how the Pope calls everyone to holiness in today's world. The take away for everyone was that yes there is a problem but how do I not sink into it but stand out in faith and help others to grow in holiness of life. It was a very interactive session where everyone voiced their opinions. Following this, Fr. Sebastian encouraged the Laity by sharing his experience from Prison Ministry. The members were encouraged and inspired by the talk. A few tasks to work on are to be spiritually strong, pray before any activity because it is God alone who can help, give to God for it multiplies and remember to acknowledge yourself for your good works. The group ended the retreat with Benediction, Confession and Holy Mass. The fueling of the soul is very important as we do not work for material gain but for the sanctification of our souls.

Rejoice and Be Glad

CHENNAI - On September 26th, the brothers of Don Guanella Major Seminary, Poonamallee attended zonal religious formation held at the local parish. The event was hosted by the parish priest, who invited all the surrounding seminarians. The theme of the day was Rejoice and Be Glad, the recent Apostolic Exhortation of Pope Francis on a Call to Holiness. The presenter was Fr. Edwin George SdB. He enumerated the theme and gave hand outs to enlighten further studies. There were also refreshments and party games to foster fraternity. It was a gala day refreshing the brothers mentally, spiritually and with dinner.



Back to School Blessings

GRASS LAKE - To kick off the new school year with a blessing, Fr. Leo invited families to attend Mass on Monday, September 3rd at the Shrine of St. Joseph. Many homeschooled students as well as some who



attend Catholic and public schools participated in the Mass which ended with a Eucharistic Procession from the chapel to the Grotto. A short period of Adoration allowed

everyone to remember where their lives need to be focused, on the Lord. A potluck lunch was shared and the children had plenty of time to play together outside. At the hour of mercy, everyone returned to the chapel to pray the Divine Mercy Chaplet to end the celebration.

A New Beginning

E. PROVIDENCE - A new school year has begun at Sacred Heart School with a few new additions. Maurice Guernon, the new principal, was officially welcomed with the teachers at the opening of school Mass September 6th. Fr. Silvio gave



each one of them a special blessing to infuse them with the Holy Spirit for the task of educating the children throughout the coming year. A generous

donor gave several state-of-the-art microscopes to the middle school science program. The students have already enjoyed experimenting with these amazing tools.

Car Show a Huge Success

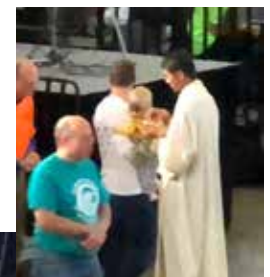
CHELSEA - On a warm lazy end-of-summer day on Sunday, September 16th, nearly 200 people and 125 Custom and Classic cars, trucks and "Things" made their way out to St. Louis Center to enjoy the weather, music, food and fun that comes with viewing so many unique and beautifully maintained motor vehicles. The 6th Annual St. Louis Car Show provided an opportunity for members of the community to show their support for the children and adults with intellectual and developmental



disabilities that live there, and also demonstrated the passion and love that people in Michigan have for their unique cars and trucks. Local automotive celebrity Jean Jennings, led a panel of distinguished industry experts to help judge the quality of the entrants, and 37 special awards were given out from the "Top 25 Awards" to the "Best in Show" Award. Bubba Cowan from W4 Country 102.9 FM was present to choose his personal favorite, and event chair Cindy Lesser of Chelsea noted that this was one of the "best shows" to date.

Made for Happiness

CHELSEA - The morning began in Lansing on Saturday, September 22nd with a 4-mile Eucharistic procession from St. Mary Cathedral to the Breslin Center on the Michigan State University campus. Over 5000 people accompanied Our Lord on the journey through the streets, making their way into the auditorium where thousands more awaited their arrival. Bishop Earl Boyea invited the entire Diocese of Lansing to attend the "Made for Happiness" assembly, and nearly 14,000 people participated. After the procession and a lunch break, talks were given by Fr.



Mike Schmitz, Jennifer Fulwiler and Deacon Larry Oney on the topic of happiness. Each

one had a different story to tell, but they all have the same conclusion: as Christians no matter the circumstances in our life we can all be joyful because of the gift of God in our lives. The day concluded with Mass. Fr. Satheesh and Fr. Franklin were among the concelebrants.

October Calendar of Events

- 1 **St. Therese of the Child Jesus**
- 2 **Holy Guardian Angles** →
- 4 **St. Francis of Assisi**
- 6 **Chelsea:** Taste of Chelsea to Benefit SLC
- 7 **Our Lady of the Rosary**
Bangalore: Oratory Children Celebrate the Elderly - Aged Home GPN
Grass Lake: Chaldean Pilgrimage
- 9-13 **Bangalore:** Inter-Novitiate Program - GPN
- 12 **Grass Lake:** Mother of Divine Providence Day at PUSJ
- 13 **Chelsea:** Vocational Retreat for Boys
- 14 **Bangalore:** Evening School Children Educational Picnic
- 18 **St. Luke, Evangelist**
- 19 **Grass Lake:** Monthly St. Joseph Day at PUSJ
Mysore: Founder's Feast
- 21 **Bangalore:** Founder's Feast
- 22 **Grass Lake:** Founder's Feast Celebration - PUSJ
- 24 **St. Louis Guanella**
- 25 **Anniversary of the Beatification of St. Louis Guanella**
- 30 **Chelsea:** Trunk or Treat - Residents Halloween Celebration



Best Wishes and Prayers to:

- 1 **Bro. Arockia William L:** birthday; **Fr. Kulandaisamy:** feast day
- 4 **Fr. Francis Assisi:** feast day
- 5 **Fr. Maria Arockiadoss:** birthday
- 6 **Bro. John Bosco S:** birthday
- 7 **Fr. Visuwasam:** birthday; **Fr. Praveen Jeba Kumar:** feast day
- 8 **Fr. Sathesh Caniton A:** birthday
- 10 **Fr. James Stanley Babu:** birthday
- 11 **Fr. Anthony Lourduraj S:** birthday
- 13 **Fr. Eduardo Cerbito:** birthday
- 16 **Bro. Peter Dien Nguyen:** birthday
- 17 **Fr. Antony Xaviour R:** birthday
- 19 **Bro. Arockiam Nathan:** birthday
- 20 **Fr. Soosai Rathinam:** birthday
- 21 **Fr. Francis Sunil Kumar:** birthday
- 24 **Bro. Mauro Cecchinato:** perpetual profession
- 26 **Fr. Peter Di Tullio:** birthday
- 27 **Fr. Arul:** birthday
- 29 **Fr. Anandhan T:** birthday

Reflections
MIDWEEK
FROM PIOUS UNION OF ST. JOSEPH

In February, the Pious Union of St. Joseph will begin sharing an email offering a **Midweek Reflection**. Reflections will be quotes from the Bible or by Saints offering you a moment of reflection in the midst of your week.

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