

# News and Views

Newsletter of the Divine Providence Province



## Freedom and Self-Discipline

For the first time in my life, I did not carry any books to read on my journey. There were works to be completed as I was going to visit different communities. On the way back home, I was stuck! So many hours of travel...and no company to talk to, no book to read, no Ipad to listen to! How long to do the self-talk! My mind was driving me crazy...with an uncontrolled flood of unnecessary and wasteful thoughts. I was strongly regretting my decision of not carrying any books to pass the time.

In the meantime, a voice from within whispered, "You are fed up with hearing the sounds...why don't you listen to the SILENCE for a change? Enough watching the sights and focusing on the invisible SPACE between!" And behold...a new world began to emerge altogether! The deeper I dived, the stronger it pulled me in. My mind had gone blank! And here in this space, I was merging into the heart of the cosmos...no more me-thou, but one! The experience of being complete...being fulfilled...being peaceful...and being filled with bliss! Indeed it was causeless happiness at an experiential level!

Here I found 'the missing rib'..the single solution to all the problems, whatsoever! And then, the rest of the journey was in complete grace!

In the global village which we live in today all distance is set at zero. But at the same time freedom is the main concept we have to understand well. It is the absence of undue restriction and an opportunity to exercise one's rights and powers. It may refer to freedom of conscience, religion, education, speech and political freedom.

The Emmy Award-winning Hispanic actor, Ricardo Montalban of the last century, affirms the natural affinity between freedom and discipline. He says, "Only through self-discipline can we achieve true freedom". And he uses the analogy of water and a cup: "pour water into a cup, and you can drink. Without the cup, the water would splash all over. The cup is discipline." Freedom is not the right to do as a person pleases, but the liberty to do as he ought. Freedom is best when it is reasonably restrained and rationally made use of.

As we celebrate the Blessed Virgin Mary's Assumption, she gives us the message of total liberation through her "Magnificat" both on a personal as well social level. As St. Ambrose once said in referring to this wonderful prayer, "Let Mary's soul be in us to glorify the Lord; let her spirit be in us that we may rejoice in God our Savior."

*Fr. Soosai Rathinam.*

### August Calendar of Fr. Provincial

4 **Tindivanam:** TNPCRI Major Superiors Meeting

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*“My soul proclaims  
the greatness of the  
Lord, My spirit  
rejoices in God my  
Savior ...”*

- 5-6 **Kumbakonam:** Canonical Visit
- 6-8 **Sivagangai:** Zonal Recollection and Postulants Entrance
- 9 **Krishnapperi:** Canonical Visit
- 10 **Madurai:** Canonical Visit
- 11 **Dindigul:** Canonical Visit
- 15 **Chennai:** First Communion Mass - Peravallur
- 18-20 **Andhra Pradesh:** Canonical Visit
- 21 **Ariyankuppam:** Preparation for Holy Orders - Idhaya Ashram
- 22 **Cuddalore:** Presbyteral Ordination - St. Joseph Seminary

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- 25 **Arasakuzhy:** First Mass of Fr. Joseph Fernandez
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- 27 **Saveriarpuram:** First Mass of Fr. Antony Xavier
- 28-30 **Bangalore:** Canonical Visit - GPN
- 31- Sep 1 **Mysore:** Canonical Visit - Preethiya Sevakaru

### Meeting of Superiors and In-Charges



Indeed it was a moment of grace and fraternal communion to have the superiors and in-charges of residences of the Guanellian communities of India around Fr. Soosai Rathinam, Provincial Superior, at Don Guanella Major Seminary, Chennai. The primary focus of the two-day gathering (July 25th-26th) was the animation of communities and accompaniment of confreres, which was viewed as the dire need of the time. There were input sessions from the part of the Provincial Superior who highlighted self leadership and relationship with the community. Other resource persons Fr. K. V. Abraham, Sdb; Fr. Francis Devasagayam, CRS; Fr. Peter Jeyagandan, SSS discussed in detail the role of the superior, the service of authority, and decision making. As a whole, the discussions reiterated very strongly some fundamental principles of animation of community life: primacy of God over all, mercy over justice, collegiality and participation in planning, patient listening in decision making, continuous proposal and dialogue in discernment, sustaining confreres in difficulties with prayers above all, regularity with room for exceptions and intervals, allowing space and time for maturity and growth of the individuals or in other words to walk an extra mile. In addition to these, some urgent orientations were given by Fr. Soosai in view of the forthcoming Provincial chapter and General chapter. He urged the animators to

involve the entire community more effectively toward fruitful celebration of the chapters. During the program, there were moments of prayer and fraternity. The participants were given the opportunity to express their views, clarified certain doubts and thus contributed for the planning of the new scholastic year. To put it in a nutshell it was an exchange program, where confreres felt the bond of charity, encouraged one another and enriched one other. May the good Lord continue to guide and animate the communities.

### First Profession in Manila

July was a special month for our congregation. On July 1st, Br. Dao, Br. Dien and Br. Mark, made their first profession of vows. Although they are from Viet Nam and Philippines with many differences they are united as one in the congregation, the Servants of Charity. With hearts full of love they professed their faith to God who will always be with them during their times of need. That day was a special mark for them because they officially started a life of a religious with the vows of Chastity, Poverty and Obedience. Through and in these vows, they will live a life which no longer belongs to them but to Jesus Christ who has called them and continues to call them again and again to follow Him and serve Him through the charism of the Servants of Charity.

Besides that, we also were glad to welcome six new Vietnamese novices who have been in formation in Manila. They will be guided by Novice Master Fr. Sagayaraj, SdC who is from India. With his guidance, they will learn more about the religious life through which they want to dedicate themselves to the Lord whom they love.

Provincial Superior, Fr. Soosai Rathinam, told them, "In this particular year, you will search for the Lord and answer the question 'who is he?'" The novices were touched by this because as the apostles did, the novices need to answer this question, "But who do you say that I am?" (Luke 9,20). Novitiate is a special and beautiful year for them to understand the life which they desire to live and to serve through God's love.

On another special occasion with Fr. Gustavo, the novices received a beautiful message from him:

"At the beginning of this new year of novitiate, what I desire is that you be open to the Holy Spirit, who is the one that shapes your person for consecration.

If we want the Lord to consecrate us like the Virgin Mary, we have to be docile and so in this way the Holy Spirit can penetrate our souls.

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## I Love this Humble Pope By Fr. Joseph Rinaldo, SdC

From the moment Jorge Cardinal Bergoglio adopted the name “Francis” the world has seen a Pope for whom the virtue of humility is primary. His outward gestures of humility are famous. He turned down the papal car and took the bus to St. Martha Guesthouse. The day after his election he quietly slipped out to pay his hotel bill. The symbolic gestures continued: his permanent residence at St. Martha Guesthouse, his welcome of trash collectors and cleaners to daily Mass, his outreach to the homeless and all those on the margins. These outward gestures preach the gospel of humility in a powerful way to a world hungry for the beauty, truth and goodness of the Gospel.

Pope Francis’ gestures of humility are important: washing the feet of prisoners, embracing people with disfiguring diseases and reaching out to the mentally ill, the disabled and the poor are wonderful examples. Is it really humble to kiss lepers and wash the feet of prisoners?

It is important that we do not misunderstand the prophetic nature of the papal office. One of the main functions of the papacy is that of a figurehead. The pope symbolizes Catholicism. As the head of the Catholic Church every pope plays a symbolic and ceremonial role through which he incarnates and lives out the values and beliefs of the Catholic religion. Each pope does this in a different way, bringing his own gifts and personality to the task.

Throughout his ministry Pope Francis has been a man of the people. He has lived in a modest apartment, done his own cooking, taken the bus to the office and remained close to the poorest of the poor. It is natural and right that he brings these same gifts to the office of the papacy. The papal office magnifies these gifts and amplifies them to proclaim to the whole world that the primary virtue for all Christians is humility.

Being submissive and oppressed by another person is not humility. Being falsely pious and lowly is not humility.

Being overly scrupulous in religion is not humility and neither is service to the poor necessarily a sign of humility.

The best way to understand humility is to first understand pride. Pride is the vice that counters humility. We often think of arrogance as pride, but that is only a superficial manifestation of pride. At its heart, pride is the attitude that I have done nothing wrong and that there is nothing to

apologize for. A proud person believes himself or herself to be okay. They honestly see themselves as good and righteous and not in need of help. A self-sufficient person is proud.

A self-righteous person is proud. Anyone who believes himself right and good is proud.

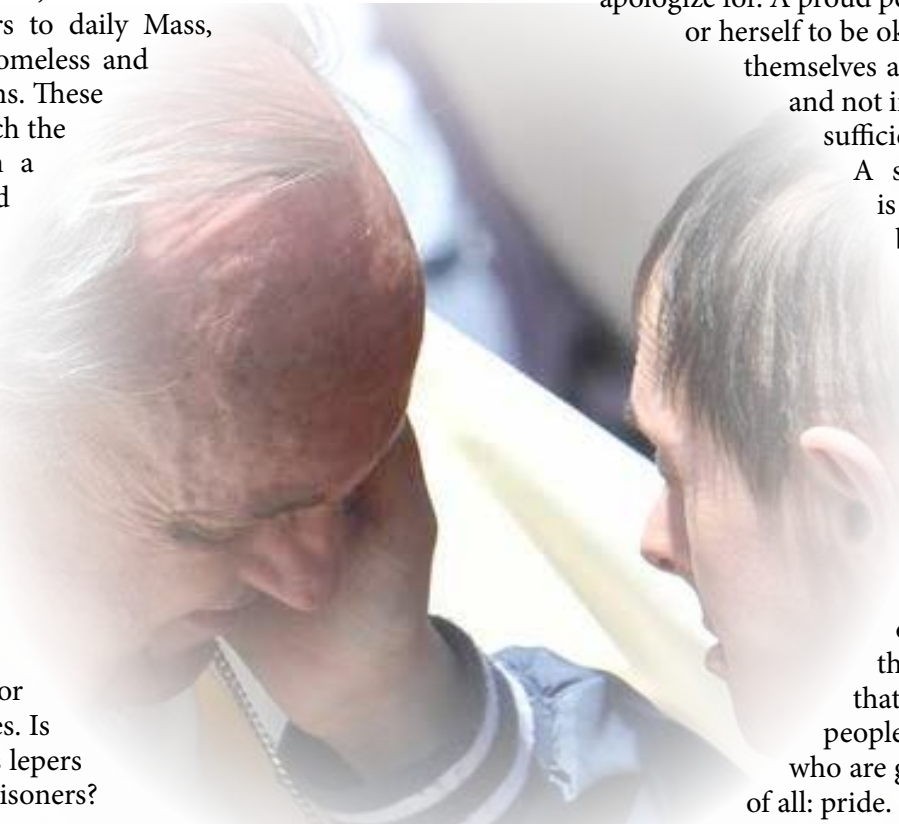
The proud person is pictured in the Gospel by the person who says, “I thank you God that I am not like that sinner over there...”

If that is the definition of pride, then it becomes obvious that there are very many people in the church itself who are guilty of the worst sin of all: pride. We therefore come to understand that humility is the basic

understanding that we are not good and not righteous. Humility is the awareness that we need others. We need grace. We need help. We need God.

Now we come to understand Pope Francis’ emphasis on the poor, the needy, the immigrant and the disabled. Now we understand why he shines the spotlight on the homeless, the AIDS victim, the starving, the martyrs and the murderers. He reaches out to the refuse and the debris of society because there he sees humility. There he sees humanity’s need for God. There he sees the Gospel in action, for the Gospel is the message of God’s good news for those in peril.

By focusing on humility, Pope Francis brings the world back to the most basic of Gospel truths: that mankind is needy. The human race is hungry for the Bread of Life. Humanity is thirsty for the Water of Life. The human family is poor, and in this essential need we find a humble humanity desperately in need of Divine Mercy.



### S.O.S. to the Heavens

A life long acquired experience in the poor countries of Africa and the Far East have taught me to keep my mind and eyes open. A simple consideration is the fact that in the opulent West, the god Mammon is often the only ruler. We are all blind and deaf. But there, where poverty is at home and everyone must fight daily for their basic survival, one is inclined to reflect and act in a different manner. Because of this serious contradistinct attitude, we have noticed an increasing spiritual poverty in the West during the past thirty years. On the other side, there is an increasing spiritual thirst for God! In Old Europe, the enormous scarcity of religiosity produces a great decrease in vocations.

The logical consequence is that Europe needs more priests from Africa, India and the Philippines. Nowadays in the south German regions of Badenia and Bavaria, many churches could not exist without the massive presence of 'foreign priests' supporting the serious attempts at a real new evangelization.

Consequently during these past months, I have reflected deeply on the intrinsic meaning of the Mission Procure. Our vocation as the third branch of the Guanellian Family is to act as 'Procurator' of urgently needed funds in our Missions around the Globe.



Dr. Peter Birkhofer

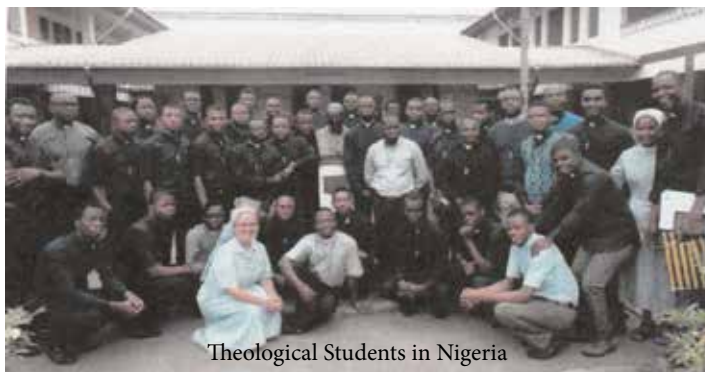
After mature consultation with my friends and supporters in the Catholic solidarity agencies, we have decided to attempt a project based on the formal request of our DPP Council to seek funding for the twenty-six Indian Theology students and the four Filipinos in Manila. The first project was



Theological Students in Bangalore, India



Theological Students in the Philippines



Theological Students in Nigeria

handed over to Dr. Peter Birkhofer on March 15th at the World Church Office in the Archdiocese of Freiburg. We are expecting a grant sometime soon for an annual sponsorship of these thirty theology students from our Province.

Due to this initial attempt we have encouraged the African Delegation to submit a similar project. Delegate Fr. Uche Desmond recently submitted the documents. The specific project will be conveyed this week to the very generous Msgr. Thomas Schlichting from the Bishop's Office of Munich-Freising, and who has recently approved another promising project in our Province at Manila. The Good Samaritan Pharmacy is a real gift of Holy Providence in the Township of Quezon City.



Msgr. Thomas Schlichting

For a good outcome of both projects let us pray and ask the Lord to send more workers to his increasing Vineyard; because a great harvest is ready to be gathered. Soon we'll celebrate the Dogma of Mary's Assumption into Heaven. I was there on Nov. 1, 1950, as an altar boy, seated near the gestatorial chair of Pope Pius XII! Fr. Guanella put all his projects in the hands of Our Holy Mother of Divine Providence and of Our Patriarch, St. Joseph. Therefore join us in this hopeful prayer

*Gero Lombardo*, German Guanellian Procure



## Hope Begins Again

CHENNAI - Don Guanella Evening School inauguration



for this scholastic year 2017-18 was held on June 27th. Fr. Samson, Rector of Don Guanella Major Seminary, opened the event by lighting the lamp representing the light of Christ. The event included a speech by the chief guest where he asked the children to "gain knowledge that can never be stolen but rather shared with others." Some of the students delivered speeches on the theme 'How to be a successful student in the current scenario.' Fr. A. C. Perianayagasamy appreciated their work and distributed prizes to the students from our evening school who secured high marks in their board exams last year. The program ended with the colorful songs and dances of the students and in the spirit of happiness snacks were distributed before the children went home.

## Mission Experience

SIVAGANGAI - There are plenty of ways to attain enjoyment but a small loop is the only way to enjoy happiness. It was the greatest opportunity for postulants of Sivagangai to experience and to enjoy God's love with



practical knowledge of the mission of the Servants of Charity. Therefore Fr. Superior and the formators initiated the ministry for the postulants to experience filial affinity with those who say, 'I have no one.' They began this mission experience with the 'Anbagam Special Children' on July 6th. As part of the mission, special children were elevated through doing the charitable works and making them feel happy for the

love of God. Indeed, it was a blessed day for all who recognized the charity and loveable heart of St. Louis Guanella.

## Marriage Festivals

VATLURU - During the months of May and June people in Andhra Pradesh begin to think of weddings. They are often arranged marriages; events in the family where a lot of money is spent. Many were not getting married because they were



lacking in finances. Following local customs, many ceremonies are included which all the relatives attend. A blessing with rice and yellow power turmeric is common here and gifts are exchanged. Let us pray for the unity of families and for successful married life.

## Music Class

SIVAGANGAI - The finest music often comes out of the saddest moments in life. As the postulancy program began with great joy and pleasure by the ways of the heart of St. Louis Guanella, July 7th-9th a music class was conducted for the brothers to improve their quality of learning music with special



care. Fr. Arputha Raj, SdC, was invited to teach the music class. He led the class with full involvement and commitment. He enlightened their minds to assimilate music in many possible ways. Karnatic and Western lessons were taught through scales and mind blowing songs. "Music is a universal language of mankind," he said. At the very atmosphere we nourished our minds and thoughts through his homily. All those who participated benefited by this music and vocal class.

### Caring for Those Who are Sick

**CHENNAI** - A free Medical Camp was held on



July 15th for Don Guanella Special School children. Children were given an open invitation to take part in the medical camp. The medication was provided freely and the children and needy brethren of the surrounding area made good use of this chance. Doctors and nurses provided exams, diagnoses and medicine. They expressed their joy and happiness for the opportunity to give their service for the special children. They also added that it is a great blessing for them. Finally, Fr. Lourdu Raj, Director of DGSS, thanked all the doctors, nurses and the staff for their kindness. He assured them of the special prayers of the good children

### The Start of a New Year

**CUDDALORE** - "Intelligence plus Character formation is the Goal of our Education". St. Joseph's Evening School



for the year 2017 - 2018 was solemnly inaugurated on July 15th by Fr. Visuwasam, Superior of the Cuddalore Community, in the eminent

presence of Fathers in charge of the evening school both past and present and other community fathers. This education program is mainly to assist and enhance the moral and academic formation of the poor children in the area. Fr. Visuwasam with his kind words thanked the previous in charge, Fr. Amalraj, for his tremendous work and achievements and welcomed the new in charge, Fr. S. Arockia Raj, to lead the group. In his message, Fr. S. Arockia Raj revealed his beautiful plan for this year's education program, "Intelligence plus Character formation equals the Goal of our Education. Let us educate the poor to excel."

### Visit of the Sisters

**VATLURU** - It was a great joy that the Daughters of St. Mary of Providence visited the boys of Guanella



Karunalaya at the beginning of the school year. They encouraged the boys to study well. The students performed dances and displayed their talents. A meal was shared and the evening enjoyed. It was a memorable day

for the boys. If you visit, you will also be filled with joy.

### Come Holy Spirit

**KOPPAKA** - On July 17th, there was a Holy Spirit Mass at the Minor Seminary, Guanella Bhavan. It was the official inauguration of the academic year for the Seminary. Fr. Ronald was the main celebrant for Mass. There are twenty students from four different States: Tamil Nadu, Odisha, Karnataka and Andhra. Fr. Ronald insisted the candidates

be happy and obey the formator with love. It will help them to discern their vocation.



Every student likes to eat, play, and watch TV; but they must also cultivate love for prayers, study and work which are the key elements in seminary formation. May the Holy Spirit guide the seminarians throughout this year.



## Feast of St. Anne

**KUMBAKONAM** - Guanella Nagar Parish celebrated the feast of St. Anne in the substation Santhanalpuram with great joy. The feast began on July 18th with a flag hoisting and solemn Mass celebrated by Fr. A. Antoine,



parish priest of Mathur. The homily was preached by Deacon Martin, SJ, in which he said that the parents of our Mother Mary were simple people of great hope. Each day of the novena, the Rosary was prayed, Sacrament of Reconciliation was offered and then the Holy Mass was celebrated by different priests from the Diocese of Kumbakonam. Day seven was a special devotion to St. Paul the Hermit. Fr. S. Felix Samuel, Trust Director of Kumbakonam, gave a reflection on reconciliation, peace and unity that God alone can give. After Holy Mass there was a music program and a fellowship meal was provided for more than two thousand people. Devotees came from many different places.

The culmination of the celebration was on July 25th. Msgr. A. Amirthasamy, Vicar General of Kumbakonam, presided over the High Mass and blessed the car procession which followed. The statue of St. Anne was taken around the streets of all the substations. On the following day, Fr. Philip Santiagu, Procurator of Kumbakonam, celebrated the feast day Mass and in his reflection said, "We thank our grandparents for their prayer and good example." The flag was lowered officially ending the celebration.

## Notebooks Distributed

**ELURU** - As the scholastic year was about to begin, we received 1000 notebooks from our donors to give to the poor students. The children were happy to receive them just in time to use them and study well. Please pray for these students and for a better future. Here in Eluru very few students study after they reach high school.



## See and Learn

**CHENNAI** - On July 19th the 'See and Learn' program was scheduled. About 35 special children and the staff journeyed to Besant Nagar, Our Lady of Good Health Church, St. Antony Church, Palavakkam and Athistalakshimi Temple at Chennai. The purpose of this program is to give faith formation to children. Fr. S.A. Lourduraj led the journey by explaining the purpose of this visit and they also made time for the children to enjoy relaxation



of the mind. The program ended with the blessings and good experience of the children. Don Guanella Special School was happy to welcome Fr. Soosai as he made his canonical visit. After the visit Fr. Samson, community superior, and all the staff gathered for the reading of the school project and the fraternal sharing of the mission. The Provincial gave a motivational address on how a Guanellian educator should differentiate from a secular way of educating the good children. At the culmination of the meeting, the school staff presented the new proposals for the development of the school. With the celebration of Mass the canonical visit successfully came to an end and all shared a fellowship meal.

## Bibles for All



**VATLURU** - It is an amazing gift of God. A well wisher donated 300 Bibles for the people of Sacred Heart Church. They were distributed in more than 8 villages. The people are very happy to hold the whole Bible in their hands during Mass as well as read them at home. Special thanks to the donor and the Guanellians. This is the work of Evangelization.

### A New Year for Novices

**LEGAZPI** - On July 13th, the novices began their academic year with the topics Constitutions and Regulations, Formation and Basic Psychology. The Life, the Spirit and the Works of St. Louis Guanella, the Founder, is the main text for their studies.

The school year for the novices also includes their apostolate which officially kicked off

by celebrating holy Mass at Purok 6, the poor area in Albay Bicol on July 22nd. The novices will accompany the poor children with games and catechism classes.



### Sagrada Familia Participates in Audit

**LEGAZPI** - Disability audits are a part of the activities during National Disability Prevention and Rehabilitation Week celebrations. Establishments such as food chains, malls, offices and public places are visited by a group of representatives from DOJ, DILG, DPH, CHR, DENR,



**SIMON** of **CYRENE** and **SAGRADA FAMILIA**, which checks if these establishments comply with the accessibility laws. The ramps, parking area, priority lane, discounts and comfort rooms are also being evaluated. Proper measurements of ramps and comfort rooms are also evaluated in order to be accessible for PWDs. For those buildings operating without proper accessibility, a report is given to the engineering department for them to validate, which may result in cancellation of the permit to operate for non-compliance of the law. For those who comply, a certificate of compliance

is awarded to show their support to our brother's and sister's with disabilities.

### A Moment of Recollection

**MANILA** - July 27th-28th the new seminarians and postulants of the Servants of Charity went on recollection at the Augustinian nuns' retreat house, Mother of Good Counsel Monastery in San Jose Del Monte, Bulacan with Fr. Ronnie Samaniego as the main facilitator of the retreat. The recollection was designed

to help the seminarians become well-oriented and informed about the stage they were about to enter and to develop a deep sense of fraternity



to enhance community life. The first day was for aspirants and the next day was for postulants.

### A Growing Congregation

**MANILA** - July 29th seven new seminarians of the



Servants of Charity were accepted along with seventeen postulants at San Isidro Labrador Parish, Tandang Sora, Quezon City. The event also included the

initiation of temporarily professed brother and acolyte, Bro. Alfie Matulac. The Holy Eucharistic celebration was con-celebrated by Fr. Charlton, Fr. Ronnie, Fr. Loyola, Fr. Charles, Fr. Rajesh and Fr. Battista as the main celebrant. The acceptance, initiation and the institution of the acolyte was done after the Liturgy of the Word and was followed by the Homily given by Fr. Battista. After Mass, a simple meal at the Servants of Charity covered court was served for the confreres and the families and friends of the seminarians.



### Parade and Picnic

**CHELSEA** - To celebrate Independence Day, the residents of St. Louis Center enjoyed a traditional American picnic on June 29th. Adding to the fun, they marched in a patriotic parade around the playground



### Local Ladies Continue to Give

**CHELSEA** - Beth Chamberlain and the women of the Dexter Ladies Auxillary of the Knights of Columbus continue to find ways to help support the residents of St. Louis Center. This past spring they held two Quartermania



Ladies Nights and a rummage sale. They were able to donate a total of \$6,515 to SLC as a result of their successful

events. Beth attended Mass on Sunday, July 9th and presented the check to all of her 'adopted children.'

### Golfing for Good

**CHELSEA** - The Italian American Community of Detroit, MI is very generous to charitable causes supported by their native sons and daughters, making St. Louis Center very dear to their hearts.



On Monday, July 10, 2017, the Italian American Delegates met for their 84th Annual Golf Day to come together as friends and raise money for their favorite charities. Fr. Enzo Addari was present with residents and staff from St. Louis Center, and received a check for \$5,000 that will go into the general fund to directly support our children and adults with I/DD.

### Out at the Ball Game

**CHELSEA** - Friday, July 14, 2017 was a special night for the MI Knights of Columbus who live near the Ohio border, as 300 members gathered at Fifth-Third Park in Toledo, OH for a baseball game between the Toledo Mud Hens and the Columbus Clippers. The Knights invited 22 residents and staff members from St. Louis Center to attend this exciting game, which ended in a Clipper's victory 14 - 8. Tickets and meal vouchers were generously provided to SLC by Temperance, MI Council #8902.



### Remembering our Friends

**CHELSEA** - Saturday, July 15th was a beautiful day for golf, as 25 teams with 100 golfers descended on Pierce Lake Golf Course in Chelsea, MI to play in the 30th Annual Memorial Golf Outing to support the residents of St. Louis Center. Along with golf, participants enjoyed breakfast, lunch and dinner on the course, and prizes were awarded in several categories to match the golfer's talents. The winning team was sponsored by Raymond James Financial Services and finished at -15.



### Pen Pal Program

**CHELSEA** - Fitness Specialist, Caitlin Deis, knows that a key to a healthy body also includes good emotional health. The residents are making friends with others the old fashioned way... sending letters. They created colorful puzzles and filled out 'Get to Know Me' forms to send to their Pen Pals. The St. Louis Center staff joined the fun by filling out 'Guess Who I am' forms for the residents to try and figure out who was who.



**August Calendar of Events**

- 2 **Chelsea:** Dad & Lad Outing to Benefit - SLC
- 5 **Dedication of the Basilica of St. Mary Major**
- 6 **Transfiguration of the Lord**
- 11 **Chelsea:** Residents attend Lugnuts Baseball Game
- 12-13 **Manila:** Vocation Seminar
- 12 **Grass Lake:** Mother of Divine Providence Day- PUSJ
- 15 **Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary**
- 19 **Grass Lake:** St. Joseph Day- PUSJ
- 21 **St. Pius X, Pope**
- 22 **Queenship of the Blessed Virgin Mary**
- 24 **St. Bartholomew, Apostle**
- 29 **The Passion of St. John the Baptist**
- 29-30 **Kumbakonam:** Feast of Our Lady of Good Health - Chinnamalkalari

**Best Wishes and Prayers to:**

- 1 **Fr. Charles Promiyo S.:** birthday; **Fr. Alphonse Maria Ligory C.:** feast day
- 5 **Fr. Bakthiswalagan:** birthday; **Fr. Nevis:** feast day
- 6 **Bro. Periyamayagam M.:** birthday; **Fr. Amalorpavanathan R., Fr. Anandhan T., Fr. Antony Samy A., Fr. Arputha Raj J., Fr. Bakthiswalagan A., Fr. Franklin Arockia Doss M., Fr. Leo Joseph X., Fr. Paul Francis A., Fr. Paulraj, Fr. Perianayagasamy A., Fr. Sagaya Raj S., Fr. Samson Rajasegaren J., Fr. Shantham**

- 8 **R., Fr. Vincent S.:** ordination day
- 8 **Fr. Dominic Sebastian Baskar:** feast day
- 10 **Fr. Lawrence Thampusamy R.:** feast day
- 11 **Bro. Kumar:** birthday; **Fr. Prakash Philemen Raj:** feast day
- 12 **Fr. Shantham R., Bro. Rambabu V.:** birthday
- 13 **Bro. Arockia Doss J.:** birthday
- 15 **Bro. Deva P.:** birthday; **Fr. Arputharaj J.:** feast day
- 16 **Fr. Franklin Arockia Doss M.:** birthday
- 18 **Fr. Adakalam, Fr. Paul Arockiaraj, Fr. David Anburaj T., Fr. Bernandes, Fr. Charles Promiyo:** ordination day
- 20 **Fr. Bernandes, Fr. Maria Julian Bernard L.:** feast day
- 22 **Bro. Joseph, Bro. Suresh, Bro. Yesu Babu Kota:** birthday; **Fr. Achariyam, Fr. Amal Raj, Fr. Anil, Fr. Arockia Raj, Fr. Bernard, Fr. Charles, Fr. Dominic Sebastian Baskar, Fr. Edal Vinoth Joe, Fr. Gabriel, Fr. John Kennedy, Fr. John Peter, Fr. Kalai, Fr. Kanikkai Raj A., Fr. Loyola Diraviam, Fr. Prakash Philemen Raj, Fr. Rishar Raffe Jegan, Fr. Stalin, Fr. Sunil, Fr. Vellington, Fr. Vincent:** ordination day
- 24 **Nov. Joseph Pham Dinh Khiet:** birthday
- 25 **Fr. Louis Baskar A.:** feast day
- 26 **Fr. Samson Rajasekaran J.:** birthday
- 29 **Fr. Gnanaraj:** birthday
- 31 **Fr. Loyola Diraviam:** birthday

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The novitiate is a particular stage of our formation that requires openness to His action to live more deeply the grace of this particular call in our lives.

Dear novices, remember that you were the ones who committed yourselves to this particular year. If you give great importance to it you will be successful in your future religious life.

A religious vocation is like a seed, that, watered by grace, sets good roots and we hope you can develop good soil so in this way the strong plant of religious life may grow fruitful.

The Blessed Virgin, St. Louis Guanella and St. Joseph



be not only your constant intercessors, but also your models by indicating how to surrender your lives to the Lord as they have done.”

Let us continue to pray for them, so that the Lord will guide them, make them understand His call through the year of Novitiate, and then, they will respond to His call as our beloved Mother responded to the greeting of the angel Gabriel and trusted in the will of God in her life with the heart of humility.

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