

# News and Views

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## New Provincial Council Announced

It is with gratitude in our hearts for the many years of service from our outgoing Provincial Council that we wish them all a fond farewell as they transition into their new positions within the Congregation. With hopefulness we welcome our incoming Council and pray that they transition well into their new leadership roles.



Fr. Jesiah Ronald  
Provincial Superior



Fr. Antonysamy  
Kulandaisamy  
Vicar and First Council



Fr. John Samson  
Rajasegaran  
Second Council



Fr. Alphonse  
Satheesh Caniton  
Third Council



Fr. Selvaraj  
Francis  
Fourth Council

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**Suffer and Love**  
**By Fr. Joseph Rinaldo, SdC**

One of the more meaningful and fulfilling parts of the Catholic doctrine that is not well developed in other Christian denominations is the incredible value of suffering. Sadly many Christians believe that Jesus suffered and died for us so that we would not have to suffer at all. While Jesus did suffer and die to save us and that the redeemed will one day have every tear wiped from their eyes, our path of salvation to the final, eternal reward in this life is to follow in His footsteps. Christ promised us that, if we are truly His disciples, we will suffer just as He did. Suffering for a Catholic is never meaningless; it is always meant for the sanctification of our souls and to prepare us for heaven, no matter what form it takes: sickness, financial troubles, emotional turmoil, family strife, religious persecution, natural disasters, government oppression and so on. Whether we will it or not, we must suffer. There are some who suffer like the good thief, others like the bad thief. They both suffer equally. Only one knew how to make his suffering meritorious and accept them in spirit of reparation. Jesus said to him, "This day you will be with Me in Paradise." The other, on the contrary, cried out, uttered blasphemies, and expired in the most frightful despair. There are two ways of suffering: Suffering with love and suffering without love. The saints suffered everything with joy and patience, because they loved. We suffer with anger, because we do not love. If we loved God, we should love crosses and be happy to be able to suffer for the love of Him who lovingly suffered for us. The Cross is



consoling! But, we must love while we suffer, and suffer while we love. On the Way to the Cross, only the first step is painful. Our greater Cross is the fear of Crosses. Most men turn their backs to Crosses. The more they run, the more the Cross pursues them. He who goes out to meet the Cross and embraces it courageously is purified and detached from this world. The Christian lives in the midst of Crosses as the fish lives in the sea. When the good God sends us Crosses, we resist, we complain, we murmur and we are so adverse to whatever contradicts us that we want to be always in a box of cotton, but we ought to be put into a box of thorns. It is by the Cross that we will go to heaven. Illness, temptations and troubles are so many Crosses which will take us to Heaven. Our Lord is our model. Let us take up the Cross and follow Him who has gone before us. The Cross is the ladder to Heaven. The Cross gave peace to the world; it must bring peace to our hearts. Nothing makes us more like our Lord than carrying His Cross. We must never question where our Crosses come from. They come from God. It is always God who is giving us this way of proving our love for Him. One of the greatest gifts in Heaven's treasury is an understanding of the Way of the Cross, a love for trials and sufferings. If we could just spend a week in heaven we should understand the value of our moments in suffering.

**September Calendar of Events**

- 8 **Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary**  
**Chelsea:** Vocation Retreat for Boys
- 12 **Grass Lake:** Mother of Divine Providence Day- PUSJ
- 13 **Bangalore:** Teachers Day Celebration
- 14 **The Exaltation of the Holy Cross**
- 15 **Our Lady of Sorrows**
- 16 **Bangalore:** GLM and GC Recollection - NBCLC  
**Chelsea:** SLC Car Show to Benefit SLC
- 19 **Grass Lake:** St. Joseph Day- PUSJ
- 21 **St. Matthew, Apostle**
- 23 **St. Padre Pio**
- 29 **Sts. Michael, Gabriel and Raphael, Archangels**
- 30 **St. Jerome**

**Best Wishes and Prayers to:**

- 2 **Fr. John Joseph:** birthday
- 8 **Fr. Amal Raj, Fr. Kanikkai Raj A., Fr. Lawrence Thampusamy:** birthday;  
**Fr. Maria Arockiadoss, Fr. Franklin Arockiadoss, Fr. Arockia Raj, Fr. Stalin S., Fr. Arockia Vanathaiyan A., Dn. Arockia Doss J., Nov. Arockia Jayaseelan M.:** feast day
- 14 **Fr. David Stawasz:** birthday
- 18 **Fr. Anil Francis Kumar:** birthday
- 25 **Bro. Mauro Cecchinato:** birthday
- 27 **Bro. Arun David:** birthday
- 28 **Fr. Leo Joseph:** birthday
- 29 **Bro. Iruthayaraj:** birthday; **Fr. Felicks, Fr. Rishar Raffee Jegan, Fr. Gabriel, Fr. Michael Durai Samy A.:** feast day

### Children's Day Out

**CHENNAI** - Life is busy, but it is also beautiful. Don Guanella Special School organized a one-day picnic



for special children to Kailasa Kona, a famous waterfall. Fr. Lourduraj, the director, along with the children, staff and parents gathered at the school on August 11th. The children were very happy to go on this adventure; it was a new experience for them and kind of relaxing. After having toured the park, the children ate lunch and completed the rest of the programs. After evening snacks and tea everyone arrived at the school. All were very grateful that Fr. Lourduraj organized this event.

### 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).

### Celebrating Freedom

**MYSORE** - Don Guanella Evening School celebrated Independence Day on August 15th in Harohalli. The local Panchayat president and other councilors presided over the program. The children welcomed



the gathering and honored the guests with flowers before presenting different types of programs like dancing and giving speeches about India and the freedom fighters. Brothers from Preethiya Sevakaru performed a dance for the national anthem. At the end

of the program children were given cakes and sweets.

### Family Day

**CHENNAI** - Though the 21st century fascinates us with all its advancements and innovations, the place to be truly happy is still reserved for the family because it is the place where everyone is recognized and strengthened. At Don Guanella Major Seminary the memory remains fresh of the Family Day celebration on August 15th with the Guanellian Lay Movement and their families. Fr. Michael was the main celebrant of the Holy Mass and other community fathers concelebrated. He rightly preached that the Family of Nazareth must be the paradigm of our families to lead ourselves to be the specially chosen people of God. After Mass, Theology brothers entertained the families with their thundering songs and colorful dances. Agape was served in the spirit of fraternity and joyfulness. Representatives from the Guanellian



Lay Movement thanked Fr. Samson for hosting such a beautiful event and Fr. Francis for organizing it well.

### Guanellian Youth on a Mission

**BANGALORE** - The Guanellian Youth Movement



started the Open Road Ministry in Bangalore to fulfill the mission the founder, 'Give bread and the Lord.' We have received the spiritual guidance from our fathers to fulfill the mission of the founder. The GYM reached a new milestone providing food for street dwellers every Sunday. The youth contributed a lot for this event. Fr. Adaikalam blessed the endeavor. They cooked and packed meals by themselves. They went two-by-two as Jesus sent His disciples for the mission, delivering food for the street dwellers. It was successful and very much appreciated by all the people. The youth were inspired, they enjoyed it and they found some inner happiness through this mission. They are willing to continue this mission for the poor.

### Freedom Celebrated

**CHENNAI** - The 72nd Independence Day was celebrated at DGES and gladdened the hearts of the children on August 15th. Fr. J. Samson, the Superior and Rector of Don Guanella Major Seminary, was the guest of honor who inspired the children during his address to take



pride in the wealth of the nation along with the traditional respect for their elders, to become studios, to enhance themselves in freedom and to assist those who need personal and monetary help in order to uplift everyone in society. The day was made colorful by the various performances of the children like speeches on the

freedom fighters, dances, and fancy dress. When the program ended, the children were sent home with cool drinks and sweets.

### Anbagam Celebrates Independence

**SIVAGANGAI** - August 15th was a memorable day not only for India but also for Anbagam. A solemn Mass was celebrated for the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary and Independence Day of our nation. The house superior Fr. Kulandai and director Fr. Paul Francis were the celebrants. After Mass the good children celebrated Independence Day. Sr. Jotika, principal of Idhaya Women's Arts and Science College from Sarugani, was the honorable Chief Guest and was given a warm welcome by the community. A parade of good children showing their patriotism by holding our national flag in their hands led Sr. Jothika to hoist the flag. She delivered a thought provoking speech by quoting Gandhi and telling them they



are all gifted children with many abilities. She reminded them to be grateful for the care given by the Guanellian fathers who offer their whole life for their welfare alone. She also implored them to listen to the teachers who are guiding and teaching them values. And lastly she told them to always be happy that God is with them to protect and guide them. And she distributed sweets to all our good children. The oath was recited by the children and the national anthem was sung to close the program. Sr. Jothika spent time visiting with the children.

### A Reason to Celebrate

**CHENNAI** - Don Guanella Special School organized Family Day on August 16th for all the families of the school. DGSS extended its invitation in order to rekindle the spirit of St. Guanella and to walk in his footsteps. The event began with physical nourishment which was provided in the form of party games to the parents. A fancy dress competition was held for the children. The chief guests for the day were Fr. Samson and Fr. Francis, who distributed prizes and encouraged the parents and children to actively participate. At the end of the program gifts were given to the winners as tokens of appreciation. The event ended with a blessing and a happy spirit.

## Children Celebrate Independence

**BANGALORE** - Don Guanella Evening School celebrated Independence Day joyfully with the oratory children on August 19th. The children participated in many events, especially enjoying the parade. The Chief Guest hoisted the national flag and then everyone recited the pledge of our nation before singing the national anthem. Subsequently the chief Guest, fathers and children gathered in the tent of love.



Then children performed their talents, and the elderly were brought to the program. The Chief Guest addressed his inspiring speech to the children. To close the event, delicious snacks were provided for the children and all the spectators.

## Lay Members Meet

**CUDDALORE** - GLM members gathered on August 19th at Don Guanella Boys Home for its second meeting which began with Adoration of Blessed Sacrament. Miss Anitha shared how our Founder spent his time in Adoration and his devotion to the Blessed Sacrament. Fr. Visuvasam quoted examples from the lives of the saints and re-emphasized the need for the same devotion in our own lives. It will make our life more successful. Then some ordination experiences were shared and planning for the founder's feast day celebration was discussed. The meeting came to an end with a prayer.



## The Singing Vicar

**BANGALORE** - On August 23rd Vicar General Fr. Nico arrived at Guanella Preethi Nivas. The Don Guanella Evening School children welcomed him with a welcoming song and a bouquet. The children were very happy, Fr. Nico also was very happy to



see them. The next evening, August 24th, he entertained them with his beautiful singing and guitar playing. The children enjoyed his singing as well as his presence. He provided chocolate for all the children. He said good-bye in Italian, he assured his prayers for the children and he also asked them to pray for his Guanellian mission and service.

## Medical Camp

**CUDDALORE** - Frequent medical camps are required by government norms for Don Guanella Boys Home. The primary health center from Pudupalayam came to DGBH and conducted medical camp on August 27th. They checked everyone's blood and asked the boys to be clean and hygienic. The team submitted the medical report to the deputy director of the health department. All the students participated in the camp.



## Vice General's Visit

**MYSORE** - Our vicar general Fr. Nico Rutigliano, SdC visited Preethiya Sevakaru Sunday, August 26th. The fathers and brothers welcomed him with a garland and honored him with a shawl. He celebrated Mass giving a reflective sermon and inviting everyone to change and respond to the call of God qualitatively. After Mass, Mysore residents, aspirants and fathers took Fr. Nico to visit historical places of the area. A cultural program was celebrated that evening in the residence.



## Sweet Dreams

**CUDDALORE** - Every night we snuggle into our bed to dream away the day and prepare for the next. For most people bed is a safe place, their warm and cuddle place that they look forward to getting into each night. Some love their bed so much that it's hard to get out of bed in the morning. We sincerely thank Aschi for generously providing 75 beds for the orphans. We hope the beds will make our boys rest more easily. Don Guanella Boys Home students are very happy to have a cot. It will certainly help them sleep better.