

News and Views

Newsletter of the Divine Providence Province



Mission at Home and Outside

I am always a missionary and you are always a missionary- With this rethinking of the missionary, the Holy Father has launched the Extraordinary Mission month, October, with the celebration of the 93rd World Mission Sunday to commemorate the centenary celebration of the Apostolic Letter *Maximum Illud* which gave a new impetus to the missionary reality of the Church. From our childhood, we would have celebrated World Mission Sunday in parishes and institutions, where we had to collect something for mission undertakings outside as if it was a one day affair or a week long endeavor. We solicited families with slogans, seeking their contributions: "Donate generously and God will give you back more and more." We organized food festivals and other auctions in order to raise funds. Is it enough for an adult to be a missionary this way? The Holy Father today calls every Christian to the original and in-depth understanding of mission-Awareness of being sent by someone to be and to do something: the divine life, the treasure you have received and nurtured should be communicated and proclaimed.

Baptized and sent: The Church of Christ on Mission in the World - With this theme the Holy father underscores that the mission mandate is inherent in our baptism and more than ever today in the secularized world, every individual Christian is called to reveal

to the World the fatherhood of God and the motherhood of the Church. Wherever we are, we have this mission to realize and fulfil, which calls for an on-going missionary conversion: To be a missionary and then to do mission activities.

Why don't you put some order to your institutions? Some people asked our Founder. To them he responded, "I just have to start, but whoever comes after me will have to fix it." Because he was convinced that if he wanted to get perfection in his works right away, he would never have started anything. The urgency with which our Founder travelled miles and miles, exploring various possibilities, portrays the fact that he wanted to reveal to the World the merciful love of the Father and his filial surrender to Him. He was not truly concerned about augmenting the institutions rather he was on the alert whether they were of God's will and if they exhibited God's love. Never had he wanted to do anything for the mere sake of alleviation of human misery rather to serve God in the poor.

Especially in this month we are called to this missionary conversion. Am I a messenger of God, do my words and actions reveal God to people I meet in my daily life? Let us pray for all of us who are missionaries at home and abroad.

Fr. Ronald J, SdC
Provincial Superior

October 2019

Volume 12 Number 10



"I just have to start, but whoever comes after me will have to fix it."

St. Guanella



INSIDE:

Provincial	2
India	3-7
United States	8-9
Calendar	10

October Calendar of Fr. Provincial

- 1-6 USA Assembly and Council Meeting
- 10 Chennai: Outing with DGMS
- 11 Recollection for Seva Missionary Sisters
- 14-19 Andhra: Visit to Communities
- 24 Chennai: Feast - DGMS
- 28 Vocation Promoters Meeting

One Day at a Time

By Fr. Franklin Arockiadoss

*I am only human
I am just a man/woman
Help me believe in what I could be
And all that I am
Show me the stairway
I have to climb
Lord for my sake teach me to take
One day at a time
One day at a time sweet Jesus
That's all I am asking of you
Just give me the strength
To do everything that I have to do
Yesterday is gone, sweet Jesus
And tomorrow may never be mine
Lord help me today show me the way
One day at a time.*



The song continues, it is a great inspiring song written by Kris Kristofferson and Mari John Wilkin. (Follow the link: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=fBnZ8bmEOTM>). One day at a time sweet Jesus, one step at a time sweet Jesus, this could be the best intercession and motivation that we are all invited to learn and practice. Today's world is a fast-moving world, everybody wants to do so many things in a short period of time, 24 hours are not enough. Because we want to learn something new in the morning, practice in the afternoon and become a champion in the evening and celebrate the championship at the end of the day. This philosophy seems to be very attractive and fascinating but how much a person learns out of it, is the question one must reflect upon. We are human and we can only do what is possible for us to do in a day. This does not mean one can sit idly, become lazy and say I can't do more than this. Just taking one step at a time will enlighten and enrich everyone. Have we ever thought to walk all the way from the east coast to the west coast? It is just necessary to take one step at a time and eventually we will get there as long as we continue in the right direction.

How was the Great Wall of China built? One brick at a time. Maybe a group of people built it, but still one brick at a time. Even the encyclopedia is composed letter by letter and character by character. Therefore, it is always better to take even the most minute elements of life one by one as they come because when one does not notice it, then they could pile up and become a huge mountain. It is very important to take one step than to take no step at all. Some people may have their calendar filled with appointments for the next six months to a year and beyond. However, one thing is sure that if today does not pass away then tomorrow never comes. So, learn to take it today, then tomorrow will be easy.

Jesus, when He taught His disciples to pray, never asked them to pray for tons of food or food that is enough for a year,

instead, he taught them to pray for "daily bread" (Mt 6: 9-13 and Lk 11:2-4). "One day at a time sweet Jesus that's all I am asking of you, just give me the strength to do everything that I have to do." If this becomes one's prayer, then it will be very easy to count each step as a blessing and keep it firmly on the ground. Jesus taught us, "do not worry about tomorrow, for tomorrow will worry about itself. Each day has enough trouble of its own," (Mt 6:34). "Yesterday is gone, sweet Jesus and tomorrow may never be mine, Lord help me today show me the way one day at a time." These words help a person to remember that he/she does not have control over anything, not even of his/her life. Therefore, it is very important that everyone discern and ask the Lord to bless the day. For this purpose, maybe the serenity prayer could help. Pray this prayer every morning also as often as a person wants.

*God, give me the grace to accept with serenity
the things that cannot be changed,
Courage to change the things
which should be changed,
and the Wisdom to distinguish
the one from the other.*

*Living one day at a time,
Enjoying one moment at a time,
Accepting hardship as a pathway to peace,
Taking, as Jesus did,
This sinful world as it is,
Not as I would have it,
Trusting that You will make all things right,
If I surrender to Your will,
So that I may be reasonably happy in this life,
And supremely happy with You forever in the next.*

Amen.

Grateful for Teachers

CHENNAI - Honoring teachers is the expression of the grateful heart of the children. Don Guanella Evening School children honored their teachers with a wonderful program. In the evening of September 5th, the children welcomed the teachers, honoring them with a shawl and flower. It was a felicitous moment for both the teachers and the children. While the teachers expressed their joy of being with the children the children expressed their gratitude for their tireless service. Fr. Anandhan SDC, the chief guest, also felicitated the teachers and explained to the children about the tireless and valuable service of teaching. At the end, the teachers cut the cake and accepted the wishes of their loving children. The celebration came to an end with sharing of the sweets. Fr. Paul Dhinakaran helped the children prepare the dances and performances for their masters.



Teaching from the Heart

CUDDALORE - St. Joseph's Seminary was crammed with beautiful children, nurturing parents, serving seminarians and concerning priests and teachers to celebrate the birthday of Dr. Radhakrishnan as part of Teachers' Day on September 5th. The event began with a prayer song with Fr. Arockiaraj as the chief guest of



the day. Bro. Kuzhanghai helped the children prepare group dances, solo dances, songs, mimes, skits and powerful speeches. This was a gift to the children from

the seminary to overcome stage fright, shyness and to instill courage for a bright future. The chief guest stimulated the children with his delightful words. All the teachers cut cake, refreshments were served and fellowship enjoyed. The celebration concluded with a prayer song.

Celebrate Teachers

KRISHNAPERI - "A good teacher is like a candle, consuming itself to light the way for others." A Teacher's Day Celebration was held on September 5th at R.C Primary and St. Veeramamunivar High School at Krishnaperi. We began with a prayer song. One of our students gave the message on teacher's day. He



said, "You are an amazing teacher and you only deserve the best. You are the spark, the inspiration, the guide, the candle to our lives." Fr. Vincent and Fr. S. P. Samy each followed with a short message. We gave small gifts to each teacher to honor and respect their tireless work. Then there was a cake cutting and sweets were distributed to all the children.

Spreading Love

CHENNAI - To love, to embrace and to wipe away the



tears of abandoned and homeless people, the Good Samaritan ministry is held at Don Guanella Major Seminary on Sundays. This year Fr. Lourdu organizes

the mission with some theology brothers. The day begins with morning prayer followed by a time of entertaining stories, dances and action songs. About 30 people attend every week. They become relaxed from all the burdens of life and have their needs fulfilled. They get baths, shaves and comfort with consoling words. Sisters (postulants) from Seva Missionary are very committed assistants every Sunday, offering their service to the people. They even prepare an awareness song and drama each week. The most important point to note, they say they are happier than what they expect, their worries alleviated. After lunch and fellowship, they go home happy.

A Birthday Procession

CUDDALORE - St. Joseph's Seminary solemnly celebrated the birthday of the Blessed Virgin Mary, giving her praise and honor with a procession around



the seminary while praying the holy Rosary. The car was beautifully decorated with flowers, colorful lights, candles and incense. The Rosary hour was prayed and Marian hymns sung in different languages. The Blessed Mother was implored to guide and lead us always to do God's will. The brothers also prayed for many intentions, the Church, the Congregation and their vocation. A final blessing concluded the procession. We thank Mother Mary for assisting our community in improving our service to the destitute.

A Blessed Birthday

BANGALORE - On September, 8th, Guanella Preethi Nivas celebrated the birthday of mother Mary with Tamil, English and Konguni people. The liturgy was very solemn for those who participated in the feast. It was very nicely organized. That evening GPN community recited the Rosary and they provided supper



for our aged people, fathers and brothers. The novices celebrated the birthday of Mary in Sivijinager with the novice master.

Study Break

CHENNAI - The children and staff of Don Guanella Rehabilitation Center went to a carnival organized by the Inner Wheel Club members at Arumbakkam Sri Vaishnavi College. It was a great opportunity for



the students to indulge themselves in many different activities. The celebration was arranged systematically and ensured the active participation of all the students. Areas were set up for different games, soft drinks and snacks which brought an environment of entertainment for the visitors'. These games test our children's intelligence, skills and involvement. Games were arranged for children up to 15 years. Children enjoyed these games thoroughly and receive prize too. We also had food stalls serving delectable food. The purpose of taking students and staffs were to engage in several extracurricular activities and to show their talents to the world. This day of celebration ended with lunch. We left with memorable gifts given to all of us by the Inner Wheel Club members.

Elderly Home Gets a Paint Job

BANGALORE - Seminarians of Guanella Preethi Nivas repainted Don Guanella Aged Home. On September 9th the aged home was blessed by Fr. Kulandai Samy, the vice provincial and Novice Master Fr. Adaikalam. The Guanellian Cooperators and Guanellian Lay



Movement also participated in the blessing. Sweets were served for everyone. The elderly were very happy to be

in the repainted facility and they entered with smiling faces. They looked around then went to the chapel to recite the Rosary.

Child Welfare Committee Visits

CUDDALORE - The child welfare committee visited Don Guanella Boys Home in the evening on September 16th. Fr Francis welcomed them and Fr Lourduraj, the Director, submitted all the files of the boys and their daily program. The child welfare officials checked the files as well as the details of the boys and their studies and obtained their signature. Miss Mohana and other officers were happy to visit the Boys Home. They explained that there is no other orphanage in the area besides DGBH.



Intensive English Class

CHENNAI - Mahatma Gandhi would say, "Live as if you were to die tomorrow. Learn as if you were to live forever." English is the most commonly spoken language in the world. So to increase the knowledge of English, Don Guanella Evening School and Providence Evening



School, with immense joy, organized Intensive English Classes for the children during their quarterly holidays. Bros. Praveen, Arun David, Sachinson and Anil from Don Guanella Major Seminary offered their time to teach English to these children. The children were also very happy to learn and to improve their speaking skills.

Birthday Joy with the Aged



BANGALORE - Don Guanella Aged Home celebrated the birthdays of the elderly gentlemen Antony, Benny, Melvin, Maria Paul along with our child David. They were happy and they each shared their life history and their feelings. Their life histories were very inspiring. The birthday song was sung while they cut the cake

The Joy of Learning

CHENNAI - Education of any kind is necessary for



man to develop socially and intellectually. Every day we learn something new. Likewise, every day we teach something new to our special children. Their learning personality is different than ours, therefore to gauge their capabilities quarterly exams were conducted just like in the other schools September 17th-20th. They planned to take a holiday September 26th-October 2nd to spend time with their families. Since it is part of the learning process they need ample time to reveal their intellectual capacity. Evaluations are done and once complete, they are distributed to the parents. They are

happy to learn of the gifts of their special child; joyful that their child is treated like a 'normal' child. The parents report radical progress in their children's' development.

New Priests Visit Seminary

CUDDALORE - St. Joseph's Seminary hosted the newly ordained priests for the first thanksgiving Mass on September 22nd. Though the schedule was tight, Fr. Packiaraj, Fr. Vinnarasan and Fr. Jayaseelan found time to visit and grace the solemn occasion. Their presence encouraged and motivated the seminarians. Fr. Packiaraj was the main celebrant with Fr. Jayaseelan as the homilist. His words were very inspiring and thought provoking to the seminarians. They are a concrete witness of God's presence in us. All three new priests encouraged the young seminarians to focus on the Lord first in their formation journey. They also shared their adventures, challenges and blessings encountered throughout their formation. They expressed their gratitude to God and Mother Mary who were model in the foot prints of St. Guanella. They concluded holy Mass saying; "We are proud to be Guanellians and ready to explore the whole world wherever we are called and sent." SJS thanked them for their prayers and blessings during the agape meal.



Children Harvest their Handiwork

SIVAGANGAI - It was with immense joy that Don Guanella Anbagam Special Children harvested the



produce from their garden after four months of labor. They planted bottle gourds, ridge gourds and bitter gourds. They took care of the plants daily by watering, spreading manure and weeding. Nurturing and caring for the plants is a kind of therapy which empowers the good children. They were able to do this job with assistance and guidance from the priests and special teachers. It is very evident that this work was a good lesson for them; giving joy and pleasure and giving them confidence to continue with the same spirit. We will continue to encourage our good children and to promote natural living in our own environment.

New Priest - New Church

CUDDALORE - Don Guanella Boys Home and Our Lady of Perpetual Succor Church invited the newly ordained priests to celebrate Sunday Mass for the parishioners on September 22nd. Two children of our parishioners received First



Holy communion that day doubling the joy of the occasion. Fr. Vinnarasan was the main celebrant and Fr. Jeyaseelan preached the Word of God. At the end of Mass the parish priest, Fr. A. Periyamayagasamy, on behalf of Fr. Francis and the other confreres thanked the new priests for praying for the parishioners and for their precious presence at Mass. The parishioners were happy and honored the priests with shawls and gifts. Fr. Vinnarasan thanked the community superior, parish priest and the parishioners for their love and affection. At the end the parishioners greeted the new priests and kissed their hands.

Animators Meet

BANGALORE - The mission animators' meeting was held at GPN on September 23rd-24th. Fr. Ronald, the Provincial, and Fr. Kulandaisamy, Vice Provincial, animated the meeting. The prayer service was organized by the holy novices and the novice master. The first talk

was given by the CSST General Superior, Sr. Chris. It was very clear and helpful. Then our confreres took over the other sessions. They also played a friendly basketball match against the brothers before everyone departed.



Teacher Appreciation

CHENNAI - In order to express our gratitude to teachers we organized a special occasion to honour them for their selfless service. Simultaneously Fr. Stalin, MSW in Medical Psychiatry at Loyola College, organized an awareness program for the parents of our children. Mr. Christopher and Mr. Deepak, a professor at Loyola College, were the dignitaries for the event. Rev. Fr.



Lourdu honoured them with shawls. Mr. Christopher revealed wonderful insights and honoured our teachers with shawls and mementos. Fr. Stalin highlighted their program and service that they do for society. Mr. Deepak spoke about the essential qualities necessary for the parents to take care of a special child. He also shared his views about, "Who is handicapped?" He gave an inspirational message on rehabilitation which really moved the parents. Mr. Magimai, who at a young age adopted 20 children, gave his testimony of looking after their education. We are proud to say he is an alumnus of our congregation; completing school studies at Don Guanella Boys Home. His testimony inspired all present to live a spirit of generosity. Some of the parents

presented gifts to the staff. Games were played and the celebration ended with a sumptuous lunch.

English Phonetic Class

CUDDALORE - The initiation brothers of St. Joseph's Seminary began a one week intense English phonetic class. The Provincial Superior, Fr. Ronald, undertook the challenge of teaching the course to twenty-five brothers. The brothers were given handouts to follow the phonetic symbols and other related details. This course taught how to spell and pronounce the words with appropriate sounds. The whole week was full of lessons and workshops to exercise the phonetic sounds.



After a couple days the brothers were confident in reading and writing the phonetic symbols. Though, it was hectic the brothers learned a lot with great joy and commitment. They also experienced the joy of being with the provincial and learning the value of being together. Many thanks to Fr. Ronald for his availability despite his busy schedule.

Prayer to ST. LOUIS GUANELLA



O St. Louis Guanella, apostle of charity, you spread the treasures of your heart to the poor and suffering, whom you dearly loved, in a world filled with hatred and selfishness. Obtain for us from Divine Providence an ever increasing love for God and our neighbors.

Obtain for us also the favor we are asking for...and the grace of final perseverance. Amen.

Pray: Our Father, Hail Mary, Glory Be

St. Louis Guanella, pray for us!



Students Return to School

E. PROVIDENCE - Following the Labor Day holiday September 2nd, students returned to Sacred Heart School for the 2019-2020 Academic Year. Teachers received a special blessing during the opening of School Mass. First grade students received a warm welcome back by Fr. Silvio.

Sno Cones and BBQ

CHELSEA - On Friday, September 6th the residents of St. Louis Center were treated with Kona Ice sno-cones thanks to the generosity of KofC member Cliff Farr of Lansing. They also enjoyed a traditional BBQ dinner courtesy of the Knights



out to participate in this fun event. Although interrupted by short bursts of rain showers during the event, participants brought out their towels and dried off their cars methodically after each small rain shower. Everyone in attendance enjoyed themselves by listening to music from the 50's and 60's during the day, and took advantage of the great food that was available with

the help of the Dexter Knights of Columbus. A group of Italian friends from Macomb County also brought out their gelato wagon, and sold t-shirts from the Woodward Dream Cruise. Finally, Bubba Cowan from W4 Country made his appearance in the afternoon, and Jean Jennings lead a panel of distinguished judges to determine



from Our Lady of Fatima church in Michigan Center. A hot air balloon was inflated on the field behind SLC giving the residents the opportunity to get in the basket and take a peek inside the balloon itself.

Slightly Soggy Car Show

CHELSEA - The seventh annual St. Louis Center Car Show took place on Sunday, September 15th. In spite of threatening weather, about 90 dedicated supporters made their way



“Best in Show,” a beautiful 1949 Frazer automobile. In all, 35 prizes were awarded.

New Season of Quartermania Begins

CHELSEA - A dedicated group of woman connected with the Knights of Columbus in Dexter, MI held their first “Quartermania” of the season on Wednesday, September 18th at the Dexter Columbus Hall. Over 200 women were in attendance to enjoy a raucous night of bidding on gift items donated by local merchants from Dexter, using quarters to make their bids. The Dexter “Ladies” are dedicated to St. Louis Center, and donate several thousand dollars to SLC at the end

of each year. PR Director Joe Yekulis was on hand to provide the group with an update on the progress of the new building project at St. Louis Guanella Village.

Donor Appreciation Dinner

CHELSEA - On a beautiful end of summer evening on Thursday, September 19th, St. Louis Center hosted a special event for seventy benefactors. The event was organized by new Development Director Christina Ferris who said, "It was time to bring our many benefactors back together again to give them an update on St. Louis Guanella Village, and to thank them for everything they've done for us in the past." The reception was held in a tent outdoors where donors could see progress being made on five new buildings under construction as part of St. Louis Guanella Village. They include two resident cottages, a single family home, a duplex for families and an administration building. William Chassé, State Deputy of the Michigan Knights of Columbus, presented a check to Fr. Enzo on behalf of the Knights of Michigan to assist in the replacement and repair of the 50 year old heating and ventilation system in the gym and front lobby that failed this spring.



Deputy of the Michigan Knights of Columbus, presented a check to Fr. Enzo on behalf of the Knights of Michigan to assist in the replacement and repair of the 50 year old heating and ventilation system in the gym and front lobby that failed this spring.

Boys Night Out

CHELSEA - Due to unpredictable weather conditions during the month of April, the annual Randazzo Men's Night was moved to September 26th, and it couldn't have been a more perfect night. Nearly 400 people were in attendance at this event to benefit St. Louis Center, sponsored by the Randazzo Family who are owners of the market. There was an abundance of great Italian food on hand, choices of wine, beer and soft drinks. The cigar bar was a crowd favorite. With popular music playing in the background and the food being made fresh on site, everyone there had an enjoyable time. Fr. Enzo Addari had an opportunity



to thank everyone at the end of the evening, and let everyone know the importance of their support.

Residents Enjoy River Cruise

CHELSEA - The Alhambra are always finding ways to create fun for persons with intellectual and developmental disabilities. They invited residents of St.



Louis Center on a cruise down the St. Clair River on Sunday, September 29th. Though the weather was rainy and a bit cold, the residents, some who were on a boat for the first time, thoroughly enjoyed the excursion.

Human Services Director Visit

CHELSEA - On Monday, September 30th, St. Louis Center received a special visit from the Senior Deputy Director of the Michigan Children's Services Agency, Ms. Joo Yeun Chang and a member of her staff. Along with Director Chang, Janet Reynolds and Kadi Prout were on hand from the Michigan Federation for Children and Families in Lansing. Ms. Chang was recently hired



in this position for the State of Michigan, and made SLC a priority for her first field visit. Fr. Enzo Addari, CEO, Deana Fisher, COO, and Joe Yekulis, PR Director, shared the challenges that SLC is currently facing, and escorted the group on a tour of the Children's Homes. At the end, Ms. Chang offered to assist SLC any way she can in the future.

October Calendar of Events

- 1 **St. Therese of the Child Jesus**
- 2 **Holy Guardian Angels**
- 3 **Cuddalore:** Mass of Welcome Fr. Arul and Bro. Arun David; Thanksgiving Mass of Fr. Johnson
- 4 **St. Francis of Assisi**
- 4-5 **Cuddalore:** Vocation Drive - Fr. David
- 5 **Chelsea:** Taste of Chelsea to Benefit SLC
- 7 **Our Lady of the Rosary**
Bangalore: Oratory Children Celebrate the Elderly - Aged Home GPN
Kumbakonam: Feast Celebration - Jebamalaipuram
- 9 **Cuddalore:** Sports Day - SJS
- 9-13 **Bangalore:** Inter-Novitiate Program - GPN
- 12 **Chelsea:** Vocational Retreat for Boys
Grass Lake: Mother of Divine Providence Day at PUSJ
- 15 **Cuddalore:** Novena to St. Guanella Begins
- 16 **Grass Lake:** Infant Loss Mass - PUSJ
- 18 **St. Luke, Evangelist**
- 18-19 **Cuddalore:** Home Visit - Bros. Stephen, Innocent, Kulandhai and Arputha Rayar
- 19 **Grass Lake:** Monthly St. Joseph Day at PUSJ
Mysore: Founder's Feast
- 20 **Kumbakonam:** Founder's Feast with Evening School Children
- 21 **Bangalore:** Founder's Feast
Cuddalore: Recollection for Confreres - Fr. Gaspar
- 22 **Cuddalore:** Recollection for Brothers - Fr. Gaspar
- 24 **St. Louis Guanella**
- 25 **Anniversary of the Beatification of St. Louis Guanella**
- 29 **Chelsea:** Trunk or Treat - Residents' Celebration
- 30 **Cuddalore:** Pilgrimage to Velankanni for Staff - Fr. David



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. Satheesh 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

Have questions or comments about this newsletter? Email the Communications and Community Relations Office at: kellyf@stlouiscenter.org