

# News and Views

Newsletter of the Divine Providence Province



## From Heart to Being Hearty

We have stepped into the month of June which is noted for devotion to the Sacred Heart in our Christian tradition, very close to our father and founder St. Louis Guanella who out of his immense love and devotion to the Sacred Heart published a booklet called *In the Month of Fervor* in 1884. The Sacred Heart was everything for him and for us: name and reality, project and protection, a title of recognition. We were known as sons and daughters of the Sacred Heart at our origin and even the names that we bear now (Servants of Charity & Daughters of St. Mary of Providence) are the evolution and development of that initial name – Sacred Heart.

St. John Paul II said, *"Near the Heart of Christ, the human heart yearns to know the true and unique meaning of life and its own destiny to understand the value of authentic Christian life."* Our founder in fact learned from the Sacred Heart how to be a hearty person, in other words, his entire life was full of heart. Fr. Leonardo Mazzucchi testifies, *"In the afternoon on October 24th, before bowing his head and taking his last breath, he assembled us around his bed, he looked at us with fatherly love and we understood that in that final gaze there was all his heart."*

Our Founder truly understood what the implications of the Sacred Heart meant: *"The Lord is a Father so generous that He gives His Heart to poor creatures who in return offer Him their poor hearts. The heart of Jesus is*

*the heart of a father and the heart of a father cannot stand being away from his children"* (In the Month of Fervor). The fatherly love he experienced from God he tried to exhibit to his children, the Hearty love he received from the Father, he donated to his disciples.

From the witness of Fr. Leonardo Mazzucchi, we understand how big his heart was:

- The Lord gave a big heart to Fr. Guanella, a heart that He formed and moulded since early childhood.
- How recollected he was in the presence of the Tabernacle or the Holy Host
- Charity was always at work in his conversations, with love for all, even sinners.
- At times he looked worried and expressed complaints or protests but never lost his serenity of spirit.
- At times he reluctantly made concessions, and showed some exterior impatience but always with the attitude of goodness and affection.
- He never excluded anyone and never denied his familiar conversation to anyone even to those who once were against him.
- Comfort was always the final gift of his conversations as well as his reprimands.
- Though he attached great importance to the Rule, he was ready to excuse someone who was not observing one of its numbers.
- He took great care not to emphasize his outstanding qualities of intelligence and soul, or marks of honor due to his status and responsibility.

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*"The Lord is a Father so generous that He gives His Heart to poor creatures..."*

St. Louis Guanella

- He laughed heartily at the jokes of his confreres, making himself familiar with using nicknames for them.
- My heart was never well understood. He said these words because he had given everything for the love of God and neighbor but he did not find adequate response to it not even from his disciples.

*O big heart of Fr. Louis, May our hearts become like yours, filled with love for God and charity toward our brothers and sisters.*

*O kind and smiling face! Look at us kindly from Heaven until we see you again.*

Fr. Ronald J, SdC  
Provincial Superior

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**June Calendar of Fr. Provincial**

- 2 **Manapad:** Preaching at Novena
- 4 **Koppaka and Vatloru:** Community Installation
- 6 **Thennur, Varadarajanpet and Vadalur:** Marriage Celebrations
- 7 **Cuddalore:** Community Installation - Boys Home

- 8 **Chennai:** Community Installation
- 9 **Sivagangai:** Community Installation
- 10 **Thalavadi:** Community Installation
- 11 **Bangalore:** Community Installation
- 13 **Cuddalore:** Community Installation - SJS
- 30 **Salem:** Marriage Celebration



**“Jesus, meek and humble of heart make our hearts like unto Thine.”**

**By Fr. Amal, SdC**

*In the Heart of Christ pierced on the cross  
and present in the Eucharist we contemplate  
the supreme revelation of the love of God,  
and are able to comprehend how true it is  
that we really are children loved and saved.  
...Nothing therefore, can be preferred to the love of Christ  
With ever greater resolve, each one of us  
should learn to draw inspiration from him,  
the meek and humble one,  
striving to have the Redeemer enter everyone’s heart  
to awaken in him the clear sense of his divine calling.*

Cons. #11

The month very dear to the Guanellian Family is here. The Church, in this month of June, giving us the solemnity of the Most Sacred Heart of Jesus, wishes us to understand how precious the heart of Jesus is to all humanity. Our Founder, consecrating his work to the Heart of Jesus, willed that we grow, love and serve imitating the precious Heart of Jesus. The devotion to the Sacred Heart of Jesus has its roots all the way back to the time of the Apostles. St. John the Evangelist is the Apostle associated with the Sacred Heart devotion because, one, he was known as the disciple whom Jesus loved; two, he was called the “Apostle of Love” due to the theme of love repeated in his Gospel and epistles; and three, because he had the special privilege of reclining on the chest of Jesus at the Last Supper.

The Sacred Heart of Jesus is also closely connected with devotion to the Blessed Sacrament. In the revelations of the Sacred Heart to St. Gertrude and St. Margaret Mary, Jesus shows that the Sacred Heart is more than a symbol used to represent his love; his Sacred Heart is also His real heart of flesh. The object of the Sacred Heart of Jesus devotion thus became connected with a devotion to the Real Presence of Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament; that is, His soul and divinity, and his body and blood. The real, physical Sacred Heart of Jesus is made present to us in the Eucharist!

In biblical language, "heart" indicates the center of the

person where his sentiments and intentions dwell. In the Heart of the Redeemer we adore God's love for humanity, His will for universal salvation, His infinite mercy. Practicing devotion to the Sacred Heart of Christ therefore means adoring that Heart which, after having loved us to the end, was pierced by a spear and from high on the Cross poured out blood and water, an inexhaustible source of new life. The deepest longing of Christ's Heart is that we discover how much He loves us, the extent of His tender love for creatures who, cooled by their selfishness, look only inwards at themselves, as if they were afraid to let themselves be loved unconditionally by their Creator, who asks nothing and gives all! All the solemnities we celebrate this month remind us of God's immense love for humanity, which out of love and unity, the trinity devised the mission of universal redemption through Jesus' incarnation, passion, death and resurrection. We continue to need His redemption on our time.

How our society, culture, economy, politics today need this Heart! It is really true, the more man distances himself from God's Love the more he becomes 'heartless', agitated about a thousand things because he has mislaid the principal one: to let oneself be loved by Christ and to respond to this Love with our love. We cannot undervalue in our time, the necessity to rediscover the merciful Heart, this infinite Love of God, who reveals Himself in our lives if we are open to Him. Never before has the unconditional love of the Sacred Heart been as relevant as it is today. The Sacred Heart of Jesus is the symbol of the fidelity of the love of God. It reminds us that God loves us unconditionally with a love we cannot earn or ever be worthy of. And He loves us for ourselves, not as we should be, or possibly could be, but as we are with all of the physical deformities, psychological quirks and spiritual infidelities. As we come together to renew our vows in devotion on the Solemnity of the Most Sacred Heart of Jesus, let's remember the words in our Constitution #11, “we really are children loved and saved” and in fidelity resolve to awaken in us the clear sense of our divine calling”.



### Final Preparations

**CHENNAI** - Fourth year Theology brothers participated in a one month intensive program in preparation for their final “Yes” to the Lord. Brothers from DGMS went to Rishivana, a renewal animation program hosted by the Carmelite fathers. The program began April 5th in Mangalore, Karnataka. The whole month was very well organized, each week they were led in different areas of human personality like formation of conscience, psycho-spiritual formation and personality development. The brothers felt that they were well educated in the important aspects of human life. It proves that proper preparation is necessary for the best result. Brothers thanked their formation team for offering the program. The course concluded on May 5th and the brothers headed to the Guanellian Charism School.

### Scola Guanelliani



**BANGALORE** - A beautiful practice of the Guanellian Congregation is to have an annual charism school for the confreres to be nurtured by the Guanellian Spirit. Fr. Fabio Pallota, SdC a renewed person of our Congregation led the program this year at St. Joseph Nivas Bannarghatta, a DSMP convent, April 10th-13th. The days were grace-filled moments where Fr. Fabio led the young brothers to imbibe the true Guanellian Spirit for their future ministry, and which also included the event of the sisters’ vows renewal. Fr. Periyagam, vice-Rector of DGMS community, thanked Fr. Fabio for leading the brothers with his efficient knowledge of our

founder. Thanks to all for organizing this special event and Fr. Fabio for leading the team in the true spirit of our Founder.

### First Holy Communion

**KUMBAKONAM** - It was a great joy for Guanella Nagar Parish when sixteen children received their First Holy Communion. Holy Mass was celebrated by Fr. A. John



Bosco, Sdc. In his homily he said, “First Holy Communion is a Catholic ceremony which marks a child’s first reception of the Sacrament of the Eucharist. The Holy Eucharist refers to Christ’s body and blood present in the consecrated host on the altar, and Catholics believe that the consecrated bread and wine are actually the body and blood, soul and divinity of Christ. It was highly spiritual and emotional for them. Fr. Vincent, Sr. Christy and Sr. Lourthu prepared the children spiritually for the past twenty-five days. Their parents, God-parents, relatives and friends were very happy. The saints in heaven also rejoiced and were delighted to intercede for them.

### A Gift of Deacons

**CHENNAI** - April 27th-28th were grace filled days for six brothers of our province who professed their final vows and received their diaconate ordination with ten other brothers in Rome. After their experience and the celebrations in Rome, four deacons returned to India on May 3rd. To thank God for their vocations and their dedication to the Church, the congregation and our province, a thanksgiving Mass was offered at our provinciate on May 4th. Fr. Fabio Pallotta, Sdc, from Spain presided over the holy Mass and shared his reflections. Fr.



Ronald and his councilors, Fr. Samson and Fr. Francis, con-celebrated Mass; wishing the deacons well. Many neighbors and friends also participated in the Mass and prayed for them. After Mass the deacons were honored with Poondai and flowers.

### Sa Ri Ga Ma Summer

**CUDDALORE** - St. Joseph's Seminary sent four brothers to Chennai for a Carnatic Music program this summer. It was conducted by Fr. Wenish, SJ at Dhiyana Ashramam May 1-21st. The school motto is, "Carnatic music is not only for Brahmins, rather for all." Twenty-five students from various places, age groups



including seminarians, nuns and lay people benefited from this class. Pure carnatic music (vocal practice) was the main subject and auxiliary classes such as Violin, Veena, Miruthangam and Bharathanatiam were also taught. The upcoming singers were very proud to say that, they learned under the blessings of Sangetha Ratna, Kalaimamani, Sangetha Vithwan, and Fr. P.T. Chellathurai, SJ. The tremendous pleasure is that, school was literally like home, filled with philial love. The program was very useful and ended with a celebration. An alumnus gathering and memorial for the late Fr. P.T. Chellathurai were held followed by holy Mass.

### 'Passionate' Spiritual Exercises

**HOSUR** - The Annual Retreat for the second batch of priests and sisters began on May 4th at SION SPIRITUALITY CENTRE with the Holy Rosary. Fr. Fabio Pallotta, SdC, in his introductory session, enthralled everyone on the aspiration of this annual renewal to remain with the Lord silently and to meditate on the passion of Jesus. He focused on the narratives of the four Gospel passages. His reflections during lauds, vespers and the holy Eucharist encouraged everyone to reflect



upon every existential aspect of life. Jesus came to fulfill the will of the Father and it was His food too. As religious we are all inspired to focus our attention on the Passion events in order to bear light to the whole human race. At times we too behave and act like Judas, the Guards, Pilate, Peter, Mary and the thieves. Rather we are to reflect Jesus' attitude and ever strive to fulfill God's will at the darkest and most difficult moments as well as the glowing situations. The reflective days were guided by Fr. Fabio. Fr. Ronald, Provincial Superior, and Delegate Superior of the DSMPs were present supporting us and encouraging us for the fruitful renewal of our spirit.

### Guanellian Charism School

**BANGALORE** - Fr. Periyayam, Vice-Rector of Don Guanella Major Seminary, coordinated the Annual charism school for temporary professed confreres studying theology, philosophy, regency as



well as the postulants that was held at St. Joseph Nivas, Bannerghatta May 9th-12th. The goal of Fr. Fabio Pallotta, SdC, the resource person, was to impress upon the young confreres how the many incidents, events and personalities Fr. Guanella encountered in the various stages of his life inspired his personality. During the sessions brothers discovered the specificity of Buogni Figlii and Fr. Guanella's struggles while drafting the Constitutions and awaiting its approval. Fr. Fabio instilled in everyone a thirst for Fr. Guanella and taught them the resources where they can know him better (his letters, autobiographical memorials, La Divina Provvidenza, biographies by Mazzucchi, other books and witnesses for the process of canonization). Then, Fr. Fabio clarified the terms charism, spirit and mission; explaining the hard work of Don Beria and Don Piero Pellegrini. On the third day Sr. Annammal, DSMP enlightened the brothers on the practical experience of the Guanellian Mission and its various nuances in the present. Holy Mass concluded the school on May 12th.

### Annual Tour

**CUDDALORE** - The priests and brothers of St. Joseph's



seminary went on annual tour May 10th-11th. The first stop was Pichavaram Mongroos Forest. It was an exciting experience boating around a forest in the midst of the sea. After boating, everyone jumped into the sea to swim and relax more. They proceeded to Our Lady of Velankanni in the evening after the fun at the Pichavaram seashore. The next morning they celebrated holy Mass in Velankanni Shrine where many faithful gathered with various intentions and needs. There was time for shopping along the seashore. Fathers blessed some holy articles and distributed them to the brothers. Our Lady of Divine Providence church in Kumbakonam was the final stop before returning to the seminary.

### A Moment of Prayer with the Lord

**CHENNAI** - On May 18th brothers from DGMS went for a one-week charismatic retreat at Potta Retreat Center, Kerala. It was a good faith experience for all the



brothers to revive their spirits before they renew their vows. The retreat included Mass, healing sessions, praise and worship. When the retreat ended on the 24th, the brothers first went to Thrissur to visit a basilica built in honor of our Lady of Dolours and later to DGMS for their vows renewal.

### Dance Class

**CUDDALORE** - St. Joseph's seminary organized five days of intensive western dance class for the brothers. Three students from Loyola College, Chennai volunteered to teach dance to the brothers. The students were very enthusiastic to learn western dances. Each day began with stretching exercises to make their body flexible to dance and continued until evening with practices. The instructors were happy to teach and stay at the seminary. Certainly, this opportunity helped the brothers to discover their hidden talents and some of them excelled in western dance. Hopefully, the brothers can use this talent in their ministry places with the children, youth, elderly and the abandoned. The co-operation of the brothers was highly appreciated by the masters. On the final day, the brothers performed all that they learned. The instructors were honored and thanked by the community.





### Renewal of Religious Vows

**CHENNAI** - Twenty-three temporarily professed brothers renewed their religious vows for another year at DGMS on May 26th. The Holy Eucharist was celebrated by Fr. Kulandisamy SdC, Vice- Provincial of Divine Providence Province, and served by Fr. Samson, Rector of DGMS, and Fr. Gnana Raj, Rector of Philosophy. Fr. Kulandaisamy received the vows of the brothers and invited everyone to be a happy religious and to attain holiness by becoming good in the sight of God. As a token of love, he presented each with a book by Pope Francis 'Christ is Love'. After Mass a basketball match was organized to foster fraternity.

### Seven Enter Novitiate

**BANGALORE** - The most precious gift a person can give is his/her life. And when someone places it graciously in the hands of God for His will it is venerable and makes human life more meaningful. The evening of May 30th at GPN was awe filled when seven young men came forward to say, "Here I am Lord to do your will". Postulants Ajis Aravind, Arokia Samy, Chandra Sekar, Charles Xavier, Deepak Kumar Beberia, Edward Francis and Maria Paul discerned God's call and were officially received into Novitiate by Fr. Ronald, Provincial Superior. In his sermon he said, "Our 'Yes' to the Lord has to be one of joyful and total surrender so that God can make miraculous use of our simple lives. We are called to live a life of faith". He encouraged the brothers to remain strong and not walk blind folded but to walk with courage. He shared his own experiences to strengthen the faith of the Novices. It was awesome to see them kneeling before Blessed Mother Mary with lit candles and making their act of consecration. Fr. Ronald and the Novice Master Fr. Adaikalam welcomed the novices by handing over the Book of the Constitutions, a robe with crucifix and the Breviary. The community fathers, sisters, elderly, laity and



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the Co-operators prayed for the novices and they too gave them their compliments.

## Family, Fun and Fundraising

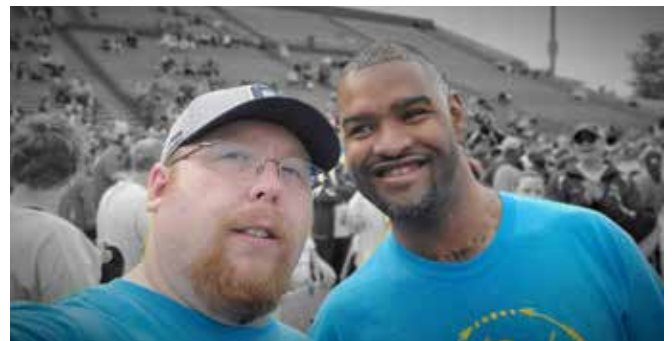
**CHELSEA** - On Saturday, May 4th, the Italian American Club of Lansing hosted a Pasta Dinner Fundraiser to benefit St. Louis Center. There was Italian style food, music, entertainment, dancing and a sports memorabilia auction. Several residents joined Fr. Enzo Addari for the fun.



the many special people connected to SLC. The purpose of the production was to create a promotional video that will premier in July 2019. One of the filmmakers is the sister of an SLC resident, and donated her time and talent as a way of helping to support her brother who has lived at SLC for over 20 years. The film captured the beautiful landscape surrounding SLC with drone footage, and interviewed family members, staff and a local politician to capture the depth of support that exists for the Center throughout the community.

## Special Athletes-Special Olympics

**CHELSEA** - Approximately 30 residents from St. Louis Center took part in a three day event at Central



## Knights Support the Village

**CHELSEA** - Every year, the Michigan State Council of the Knights of Columbus hosts their State Convention on Mackinac Island during Memorial Day weekend, this year's took place May 23rd-25th. Fr. Enzo Addari, CEO and Joseph Yekulis,



PR Director, participated on Saturday May 25th by presenting an updated video to the 800 members attending the convention. State Deputy William Chasse thanked them for their presentation, and then presented Fr. Addari with a check for \$25,000 as part of the State Council's 10 year commitment to fund a children's home in St. Louis Guanella Village.

## A New Google Film

**CHELSEA** - St. Louis Center was in the spotlight for three days, as two filmmakers from Google in New York City were on hand May 28th-30th to film interviews of

Michigan University in Mt. Pleasant to participate in this year's Special Olympics Summer Games May 30th – June 1st. This event is something St. Louis Center residents look forward to every year, and includes outdoor track events, indoor bowling, and many other fun sports activities. St. Louis Center residents brought home many medals for their efforts, and were proud of their accomplishments as this year's Special Olympians!



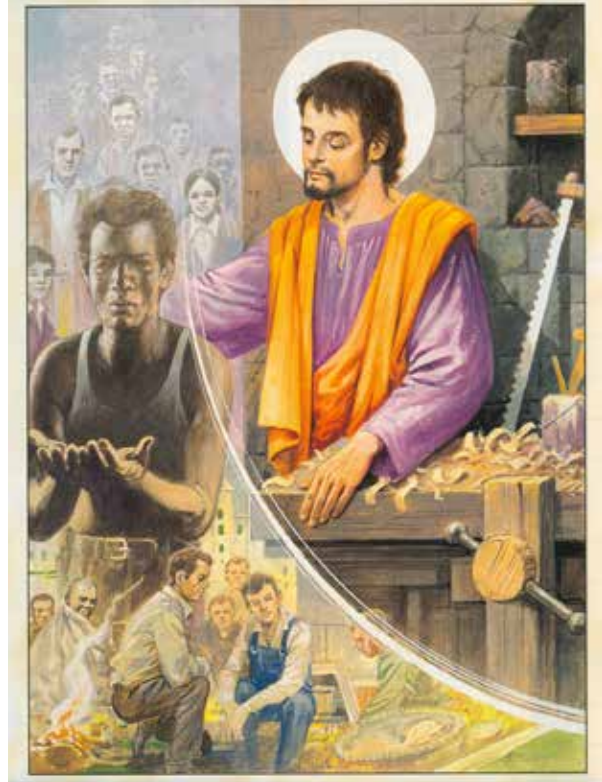
## June Calendar of Events

- 2 **The Ascension of the Lord**
- 3 **Cuddalore:** Higher Secondary School Begins - SJS
- 12 **Grass Lake:** Mother of Divine Providence Day- PUSJ
- 8 **Chelsea:** Vocational Retreat for Boys - SLC
- Grass Lake:** Prayer and Pizza Girls' Group
- 9 **Pentecost Sunday**
- Cuddalore:** Seminarians Arrive - SJS
- Kumbakonam:** Confirmation
- 11 **Cuddalore:** Monthly Recollection - SJS
- 13 **Anniversary of the Death of Catherine Guanella (1891)**
- Cuddalore:** Inaugural Mass - SJS
- 16 **The Most Holy Trinity**
- 19 **Grass Lake:** St. Joseph Day- PUSJ
- 21 **Anniversary of the Death of Alexander Mazzucchi (1890)**
- 23 **The Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ**
- Chelsea:** Paesano's Dinner to Benefit - SLC
- 24 **The Nativity of St. John the Baptist**
- Chelsea:** Golf & Glory Outing to Benefit - SLC
- 27 **Anniversary of the Death of Bishop Bacciarini (1935)**
- 28 **The Most Sacred Heart of Jesus**
- 29 **Sts. Peter and Paul**

### Best Wishes and Prayers to:

- 1 **Fr. Bala Vissampalli:** birthday
- 5 **Fr. Rajesh:** birthday
- 6 **Fr. Mario Nava:** birthday
- 7 **Fr. Peter Sebastian, Fr. Arockia Raj:** birthday
- 10 **Fr. Paul Francis A.:** birthday
- 13 **Fr. Antony Kalai Selvan, Fr. Antony Samy:** feast day
- 17 **Fr. Alfonso Crippa:** birthday
- 18 **Fr. SP Samy, Fr. Vincent:** birthday
- 19 **Fr. Perianayagasamy A.:** birthday; **Nov. Divya Ruban B.:** feastday; **Fr. Constantain, Fr. Francis S., Fr. Francis Assisi, Fr. George, Fr. Johnpaul, Fr. Jerin, Fr. John Kennedy, Fr. Lawrence Thambusamy, Fr. Lourduraj, Fr. Maria Paul, Fr. Rajesh:** ordination day
- 21 **Fr. Luigi De Giambattista, Fr. Gnanaraj:** feast day
- 22 **Bro. Stalin S.:** birthday
- 23 **Fr. David J., Fr. James Stanley Babu, Fr. John Paul Britto, Fr. Louis Baskar A., Fr. Perianayagasamy A., Fr. Peter Joseph P., Fr. Praveen Jeba Kumar:** ordination day
- 24 **Nov. Karre Yohan:** birthday
- 26 **Bro. Arun, Bro. Thambusamy X.:** birthday

29 **Fr. Battista Omodei:** birthday; **Fr. Peter**



**Sebastian, Fr. C. Paul Arockia Raj, Fr. Maria Paul, Fr. John Paul, Fr. Peter Joseph, Fr. John Peter, Fr. Paul Francis, Fr. P. Paul Raj, Nov. John Peter M.:** feast day

### Botanical Breakthrough

Peggy Cole, former SLC Development Director, has invited a small group of St. Louis Center residents to explore the benefits of this therapy at her studio, Breakthrough Therapeutic Horticulture on Tuesday evenings. They return home after each encounter beaming with pride in what they have created.



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