

# News and Views

Newsletter of the Divine Providence Province



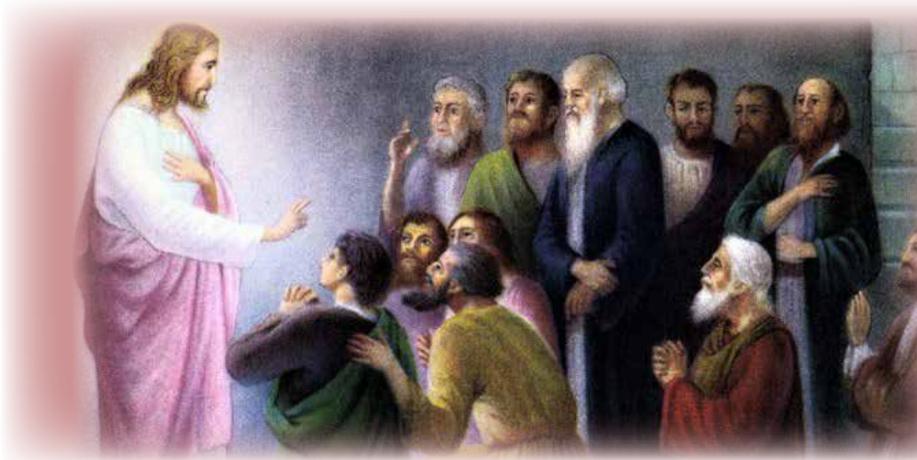
## We are Better Apostles...

Precisely thanks to our community, and not in spite of it.

*Rejoice always, pray without ceasing, give thanks in all circumstances; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you. (1 Thes 5, 16-18)*

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“Peace be with you!”

(Jn 20,19)

We need a strong faith to utter these words of St. Paul at this moment, when we are in continuous panic about when this difficult situation might end and when normality will resume in society. Day-by-day we see our beloved ones and acquaintances departing from us, without having the possibility of saying good-bye to them. Amidst these challenging moments we are called to hold on to the Lord ever more strongly and seek His will in our lives.

As most of our communities and mission centers are at the threshold of the new scholastic year in the province, I would like to wish you all, in the words and reflections of our Pope, *“Community reconciled for a mission”* when he concluded the Easter Season with the solemnity of the Pentecost. Jesus prepared the early community by saying, *“peace be with you all.”* From the post-resurrection events in the Gospel, we find that Jesus first prepared the community before saying to them go into the whole world and preach the good news. The mantra He used, *“Peace be with you.”* With that mantra

their guilt was gone, the fear vanished, the people previously closed within a private circle spread far and wide. This is once again a great reminder to live our communion first before we make the annual plan and program for our mission in our individual communities.

In every difficult situation something good will sprout. One of the significant realities that emerged in the quarantine was the nourishment of family life. People spent about 60 days together within four walls with and for a few people and no other. Many people have lived very close to their spouses, siblings, and children. Many family ties have been strengthened. In our communities too I wish the same.

At this moment when we are locked inside, we have a lot of time to live more closely with our community members, to be with them, to listen to them, since most of our houses do not have apostolates outside and many beneficiaries went home. At times we may tend to excuse ourselves to be away

from our being family in the name of mission, but now we have lot of time to spend with our confreres to build our communion and community.

Along with you I give thanks to the Lord for all the graces we have received in the past days. We thank the Lord for his special graces of new religious men and the confreres for their generous “Yes” to the call of the Lord.

We continue to pray for the suffering mother of Fr. Peter Sebastian, the niece of Fr. C. Lourduraj, for the repose of the soul of Jaden, the nephew of Fr. Paul Arockiaraj.

*Fr. Ronald J, SdC*  
Provincial Superior

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**Buona Pentecoste!**  
**Fr. Umberto Brugnoli, SdC**

Dear Confreres,

On this solemnity of Pentecost, the General Council wishes to reach each and everyone of you with our greeting and wishes of steady health while the pandemic continues, and of a rich spiritual experience with the great gift of the Spirit that is given to us.

The month of May made us see and touch how the Father's Providence did not abandon us, but gave us – even amidst difficulties and suffering caused by COVID-19 – a taste of His infinite gifts of love and grace.

Recently, many new Guanellian religious professed for the first time or pronounced their perpetual vows: from India, Philippines, Vietnam, Latin America, Africa and Italy. Our Good God is blessing us still with a good number of seminarians in our Formation Houses where they renewed their consecration to God for a year and celebrated the Ministries of Lector and Acolyte.

God's protection has covered the entire geography of our Congregation sparing us from the outbreak of COVID-19. All the confreres, even with several of them affected due to their active presence in our Houses of charity, have recovered or are on the way to recovery. True, we have suffered the loss of many of our recipients, especially in Italy. For them we raised to God our prayer and the invocation to Divine Mercy.

Thanks again to all those who have done all they could in this period of real calamity. Special thanks to the Provincials for their effort of co-ordination and support they granted to all the communities. Thanks to all confreres on the front lines in our Houses and Centers. What a beautiful witness you have offered to us and to the world with your faithfulness, even with the required procedures to implement, and in the relationships with our recipients. A big thanks to all the workers, both those in charge of direct assistance and those of technical and administrative support, to the volunteers for their closeness and sharing of responsibility we felt in these moments of alarm. Thanks also to the ASCI Association and to the benefactors who continued their financial support in this period of need.

We are slowly resuming our normal life and activity, carrying very clear signs of this pandemic both in spirit, as the memory of a time of trial, of loneliness, of death, and also with a reduction in the number of recipients that causes a drop of income and increase expenses for the required hygienic-sanitary procedures especially now in managing our activities. Many of our Houses face serious economic hardship as a consequence of the situations introduced by COVID-19. Rising from this situation will not be an easy task.

Courage, confreres! Let us not lose hope in this liturgical moment when the Lord is keeping His promise to send us the Paraclete, the Spirit comforter, but also creator and renewing according to the Gospel logic. Let us entrust ourselves to Him in our research, in studying and reflecting together as we must do at this time to better understand and find a way to face the difficult situations before us. Let us not spare time and energy in study, be ready to make the necessary conclusions with courage, even when they require sacrifice, change of mentality and procedure in the future management of our works.

The good we are producing in our Houses of charity is in favor of the weaker ones, the more vulnerable, often the last ones in society, the beloved of Divine Providence, as our holy Founder said. Our mission is in his name, we do it because God has sent to them “the prolongation in history of a special presence of the Risen Lord” (VC 19).

Forward, then, with all the strength, serenity and peace of heart that the Spirit gives us. Let us always love one another and face any adversity together, we will be better able to overcome them. Best Wishes!

On this day, the liturgy calls us to remember a great friend of our Works, St. Paul VI. He was the pope who beatified our Founder and the first pope who visited our Houses. I am sharing a prayer to the Holy Spirit composed by him. Let us pray it together in these days, so that also on our dear Congregation the Spirit may write, with each one of us, beautiful pages of resurrection.

*Come, Holy Spirit, and give me a pure heart,  
 Ready to love Christ the Lord*

*With the fullness, the depth, and the joy that only you  
 can instill.*

*Give me a pure heart, like a child's heart*

*Who knows evil only to oppose and escape it.*

*Come, Holy Spirit,*

*And give me a big heart, open to your inspiring word*

*And closed to any mean ambition.*

*Give me a big and strong heart, capable to love  
 everybody,*

*Determined to endure for them any trial, annoyance  
 and weariness,*

*Any disappointment and offense.*

*Give me a big, strong and firm heart up to sacrifice,*

*Happy only when beating together with Christ's heart*

*And accomplishing humbly, faithfully*

*And courageously God's will.*

*Amen.*

*-St. Paul VI*

## Fifteen Fiery Swords for His Holy Ministry By Fr. Samson Rajasegaran John, SdC

Much of the world has been troubled by the presence of COVID 19. At the same time the Guanellan world made remarkable and memorable strides during the last week of the Paschal season. It is a great joy and blessing to the congregation of the Servants of Charity and to Holy Mother Church that fifteen young soldiers for Christ have come forward to say "YES" to the Lord forever; these young men took this step through their Perpetual Profession on May 26, 2020 as Mother Mary said "YES" to God's plan of Salvation on the 154th Ordination anniversary of our Founder, St. Louis Guanella. The same fifteen confreres received the Sacred Diaconate Ordination on the eve of Pentecost, the May 30, 2020, in the Good Pastor's Church of Theological Seminary Mons. Bacciarini, the Heart-city of the Church, Rome. They are from three different Provinces of the Servants of Charity: one confrere came from St. Joseph's Roman Province, Italy; four confreres were from Our Lady of Hope Vice Province, Africa; and ten confreres were from Divine Providence Province, India-USA.

The Perpetual Profession Eucharistic celebration was presided over and the vows were received by the Superior General, Rev. Fr. Umberto Brugnoli, SdC. It

was a grace-filled and solemn celebration. The Sacred Diaconate Ordination was celebrated and fifteen confreres were consecrated as deacons to serve the Word of God, the Liturgy and the poor by Most. Rev. Mons. Giacomo Morandi, Secretary of the congregation for the Doctrine of Faith.

In these celebrations, the Superior General and his council, the Provincial and the Vice Provincial of St. Joseph- Roman Province, the Guanellian fathers, the Guanellian sisters, the Guanellian co-operators and their guests participated in the Holy Mass and prayed for the brothers.

Both celebrations were telecast live through our seminary's Teologico Bacciarini youtube channel; this permitted these important events to be viewed by the native families as well as the rest of the Guanellan community across the world. Along with the support of each group within the community, the Rector, Vice Rector and Administrator organized the celebrations. At the end of the each celebration, the guests enjoyed the delicious meals from cultures as they shared these joyful moments with the community.



## The Heart of Jesus

By Fr. Franklin, SdC

Three Eucharistic miracles occurred in Buenos Aires during the 1990s. In 1996, then-Bishop Jorge Bergoglio (now Pope Francis) was an auxiliary bishop when a consecrated Host was found on the floor and soon after placed in water. A few days later, the Eucharist had turned into bloody flesh. After the flesh remained unchanged some years later, it was taken to scientists for examination; those who tested it weren't told what it was or where it came from. The findings revealed that the sample was part of a heart muscle, specifically from the myocardium of the left ventricle.

The blood was discovered to have human DNA and the AB blood type. Further study found the heart had been tortured - the samples were even pulsating while they were studied.

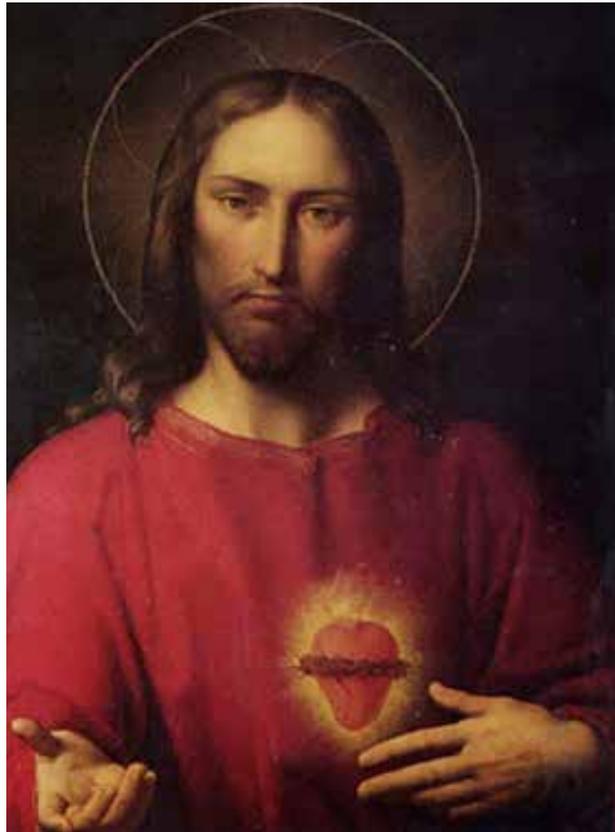
"Heart," used more than a thousand times in the Bible, gets a prominent place and meaning in its context. The references are to much more than sentiments and deep feeling. The heart is the center and core of a person. "The heart is the dwelling-place where I am, where I live," according to the Semitic or Biblical expression; the heart is the place "to which I withdraw." The heart is our hidden center, beyond the grasp of our and others' reason... The heart is the place of decision, deeper than our psychic drives. It is the place of truth, where we choose life or death. It is the place of encounter... it is the place of covenant CCC 2563). Therefore, in order to understand a person, it is essential to understand their heart. There is a massive difference between knowing about the person and knowing their heart.

Only the human heart can understand the heart of the other, burn for the love of the other, and be immersed in that love. So God came and lived among us and showed us His merciful, compassionate, gentle, and meek heart. He loves us with a human heart; as St. John (1,14) teaches us, "the Word became flesh" and made His dwelling among us. He placed His tent among us. So, devotion to His heart means devotion to the very essence of God, the deepest core of His divine nature, and to God Himself. God shows us His heart to remind

us that He wants to be in a relationship with us - not just now, but always. Nowhere else in history can one discover a god who wants to be in constant relationship with his creation, a relationship built on love. Here we see Jesus showing His pierced heart, His burning heart, a wounded, bleeding heart, and from it expressing to everyone that He loves us unconditionally.

Pope Pious XI, said that "devotion to the Sacred heart is the very epitome of our religion, and opens the way to a perfect life (Misertissimus Redemptor - 3). Pope

Benedict XVI said that "the devotion, which is totally oriented to the love of God, who sacrificed Himself for us, has an irreplaceable importance for our faith and for our life in love. In the pierced heart of the crucified, God's own heart is opened up; here we see who God is and what He is like. Heaven is no longer locked up. God has stepped out of His hiddenness." God lives among us, and though His heart was tortured, pierced, and bleeding, He loves us. This heart is the epitome of our religion, and it cannot be matched. His Sacred Heart reminds us that heaven is open: our God is not hidden.

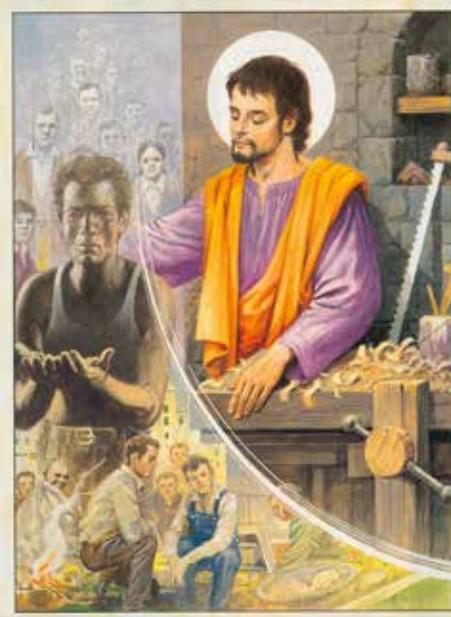


The blood and water that gushed forth from the heart

of the crucified Christ was recognized by the Church's fathers as symbols of the sacraments of Baptism and the Eucharist. They make a connection between God forming Eve out of the rib taken from Adam's side when he was sleeping, and God forming the church through the sacraments out of the wounds in Christ's side as He died on the cross. What does this wound tell us? This wound tells us that this heart is love and wounded for love - not weak, but strong, it is a self-sacrificing love. The Sacred Heart is a heart that struggles, suffers, and dies for the good of the beloved - and **You are His beloved, though He rose from the dead and ascended to the Father's right hand, still His heart is beating for you in the Eucharistic presence.**

### St. Joseph Feast Day

**BANGALORE** - The May 1st feast day began with the holy Mass celebrated by Fr. Kulandaisamy and concelebrated by Fr. Peter and Fr. Gabriel. Many faithful gathered and offered the Mass for special intention, followed by special wishes to all people who bear the name of St. Joseph. Since this day was dedicated for the workers, the community gave a rest day for the workers and the brothers took care of all the tasks.



### Providential Work Continues

**THALAVADI** - The Nazareth Illam community has undertaken the second phase of COVID relief work as directed by the DPP for the people who are poor and



migrant around Thalavadi. We sheltered 13 migrant workers from Bihar and UP who were homeless, hopeless and without work or money to live. We provided them housing and daily groceries, vegetables, egg, fish and meat from March 23rd-May 15th. We were finally able to arrange for their return with help from government officials and they safely reached home. We also reached out to the elderly and poor who couldn't be reached by anyone with any transport, were identified and were provided with groceries, masks and vegetables along with a little money.

In this Pandemic situation, besides serving our mentally ill inmates, we were also able to identify persons who

are differently-abled in our area with the collaboration of the District Director of the Differently-Abled and provided them with groceries, masks and vegetables. We still accompany them in case of any emergency to the hospital etc. We wholeheartedly thank our Provincial Superior and his team for this golden opportunity to identify our own people around and to extend and expand our mission outside the walls. We value their support as Divine inspiration and saving act of charity. We hope to continue as the Providence provides.



### Rosary of 1000 Beads

**BANGALORE** - May 2nd was a grace filled day for the Guanella Preethi Nivas community. As per the instruction of the province we the community conducted the 1000 beads Rosary to pray for the COVID-19 pandemic victims. Fr. Kulandaisamy invited the faithful to attend at our church. A few faithful arrived for the Rosary at 9:00 am concluding at 1:00 pm.



The Rosary was prayed in different languages. This event created a very spiritual, grace-filled day.

### Annual Retreat for Confreres

**CUDDALORE** - The Don Guanella Boys Home community, Samupillai Nagar, and our beloved DSMP sisters gathered for spiritual refreshment May 11-15th. Having experienced the spirit of the Lord through the pandemic, our faith was renewed during the annual retreat with the guidance of Fr. Mathias, SdC. We shared our faith starting with adoration in the morning



continuing with a talk, Mass and ending the evening by praying the holy Rosary. We thank Fr. Francis, the local superior, for arranging this retreat and Fr. Ronald, Provincial Superior, who encouraged and supported the event with his valuable prayers.

### Food Distribution

**BANGALORE** - Since God called us to serve the poor, the Guanella Preethi Nivas community, under the guidance of Fr. Kulandaisamy and with the other fathers, joined together to cook for the migrants who are residing around our community. We started cooking after our recollection and at 6:00 pm we went to distribute the food to over 600 people in the area.

### Renewal of Life

**MYSORE** - Confreres of Preethiya Sevakaru arranged, according to the guidelines of the Provincial Superior, a five-day annual retreat to be in close relationship with the Lord. Two priests and four brothers participated in



the retreat which started on May 11th with night prayer and ended on May 16th with evening adoration. During the retreat there was a daily talk on different topics: New Experiences, New Temple, New Worship, New Rules, New Leadership, & New Life; morning, midday and evening prayer; adoration, rosary, chaplet of Divine mercy and Mass. The retreat was guided by Fr. Praveen Jeba Kumar, in-charge of the formation. Audio tracks of the talks were played on the sound system and handouts were distributed to the participants.

### Spiritual Enhancement

**CUDDALORE** - St. Joseph's Seminary organized the annual retreat for the confreres May 12-29th at Seminary Chapel, Samupillai Nagar. Fr. Rosario, rector of St. Agnes Minor Seminary, Pondy - Cuddalore Diocese and a renowned formatter, singer and preacher, guided the 7 priests. The participants were Fr. Vincent, Fr. David, Fr. Mathias, Fr. Arul, Fr. Arockia Raj, Fr. Adaikalam and Fr. Loyola. On the very first session, Fr. Vincent introduced Fr. Rosario to the confreres and he

continued his talk. He dealt with the topics like vocation history, priestly life, hardships in life, consecrated life and the power of reconciliation. In his talk, he cited many Bible quotations and cross references which was very useful to read and meditate upon. He made the fifth day very significant by making all the retreatants purify and cleanse their heart by seeking forgiveness from the Lord. All the confreres felt the importance of the day and made use of the sacrament of confession meaningfully. Fr. Loyola recapped the retreat and thanked the preacher for his availability and timely spiritual guidance. The retreat ended with Mass celebrated by Fr. Adaikalam. The retreat has given the mark of absolute zeal and total commitment to the retreatants.



### Monthly Recollection

**BANGALORE** - We began the recollection on May 13th with the night prayer followed by a short introduction by Fr. Gabriel, who led with the mood of prayer in a very pious way. The next day began with the first talk, the sacrament of confession and followed by holy Mass. The topic he chose for the Recollection was, "Restoration of relationship with God the Almighty, Neighbor and Nature".

### Life is a Gift

**CUDDALORE** - Life is a gift from God. The best way to live a fulfilling life is through thanksgiving and praise. Therefore, Fr. Mathias celebrated his birthday on May 13th in a meaningful way by thanking and praising the Lord by saying solemn Mass. During Mass he shared that when we recognize life as a gift from God, we start appreciating every breath we take. And when we do that, we are fully living. Our life becomes full of meaning and purpose. And that is another gift from God. Suddenly we start recognizing heavenly gifts around us. Life becomes more and more precious. And we love it more as we



continue to grow in God's love and grace. The celebrants for the birthday Mass were Fr. Vincent, Fr. David, Fr. Arul, Fr. Arockia Raj and Fr. Loyola. After Mass, the birthday celebrant cut the cake and shared his joy by giving cakes to the confreres, who wished him and prayed for him. Then, there was a sumptuous meal which everyone enjoyed as a community.

### Community Day

**BANGALORE** - "How beautiful it is when brothers come together". May 17th was the day that everyone anticipated to appreciate the good deeds that have been gifted to us from within the community and its members. In the evening after the games, the event was begun with a small prayer by Fr. Peter. One after another each confrere spoke about the community and one another. Fr. Kulandai ended by thanking everyone and wishing for the next formation. Community day ended with a sumptuous dinner.

### Divine Mercy Daily

**KUMBAKONAM** - The Divine Providence Parish was able to distribute food to 75 needy brethren comprising Catholics and Hindus of our parish. We are able to serve with the help of our Congregation, some parishioners



and friends. Thanks to all the close Collaborators, Guanellian sisters and few GLM members for their selfless service. Since the need is greater, trusting in Providence, we hope to help out more people in the coming days.

Two boys of the parish from Auto Nagar, A. Vinith (our Ex-Seminarian) and J. Ashwin, approached Fr. John Bosco with the request to feed the poorest in and around K. Konam Bus stand. Even though there was some reluctance in the beginning, later he accepted. Mrs. Leema Rose, GLM member, cooked and made more than 50 food parcels. Vinith and Ashwin personally distributed them to the beneficiaries. They really surprised everyone by their commitment and zeal to work for the poor. This is the best



charitable work that we have done in our parish so far for Corona Relief.

### Creative Annual Retreat

**BANGALORE** - The annual retreat for Guanella Preethi Nivas was held May 17th-21st. Holy Mass was preached by Fr. Kulandaisamy on the topic, "Traveling on the Road". For five complete days he accompanied



the confreres to deepen their faith in God by reflecting upon different aspects. He creatively maintained an atmosphere of silence and meditation; very peaceful and serene. Each day there was a prayer service led by different groups. All were nourished by God's word and inspired by the talks.

### Major Seminary Annual Retreat

**CHENNAI** - Our Constitution recommends that each confrere have a five-day retreat annually. Retreat is a time of introspecting into oneself to evaluate and make decisions to become a better person and all the more generate enough and more spiritual power to live the future with the presence of God. This year Don



Guanella Major seminary arranged a five-day retreat for the priests and brothers. There were thirteen Priests, including DPP Provincial House. The retreat was guided by Fr. Arulappa, professor from Sacred Heart College, Chennai. He guided the retreat well that all the priests had enough time to have personal dialogue for spiritual sessions and confessions. The retreat began on May 11th and ended on the 15th with the birthday celebration of

Fr. Stalin. Temporarily professed confreres had their annual retreat separately led by Fr. Antony Samy, SdC. He guided the brothers well that they had good input sessions. Retreat for the brothers was held May 18th-23rd. It was a preparation for the renewal of the religious vows.



### Renewal of Vows

**BANGALORE** - The event was hosted at 6:00 am by Fr. Kulandai, beginning with an hour of adoration conducted by Fr. Kulandai also celebrated Mass. Five of our brothers renewed their vows in the presence of our fathers, the lay faithful, religious sisters, and the recipients. We started the procession from the Founder's statue and came to chapel. The choir was conducted by the Novices and after Mass all the participants were invited to our community for breakfast. Later, there was a volleyball match. With a blessing over the brothers the event came to an end.



### Brother Renews Solo

**THALAVADI** - On the anniversary of the Ordination of Holy Founder St. Louis Guanella, when many were renewing vows and making final professions in our Guanellian family around the globe, Bro. William, the regent, also prepared himself to renew his vows. Though COVID-19 alienated and separated people externally, it could not alienate people from the love of God. Bro. William was able to witness this as he was unable to join his classmates or the temporary professed confreres to renew the vows together as one Guanellian



family. But still he was able to feel and do the same, as he was beautifully accompanied by the residents to the altar and he renewed the vows in front of the Superior of the Nazareth Illam and Provincial Councilor Fr. Gnanaraj. Fr. Vanathayan was also present during Mass. He was able to witness the same joy as on the day of his first profession. May God bless him and accompany him on his spiritual journey.



### A Courageous Yes

**CHENNAI** - After their annual retreat, seven brothers of the Don Guanella Major Seminary Community renewed their religious profession on May



26th. The Holy Mass was presided over by Fr. Ronald, Provincial Superior. He received the renewal of the brothers for another year. He gave a homily on renewing one's heart in order to be a better religious. He appreciated the

brothers for saying a courageous 'yes' to the Lord. The Mass was so solemn and the brothers sang the songs well to make the day a colorful one. Bro. Raja Rathinam thanked the formation team for preparing the brothers worthily and well for their renewal.

### Aspiring Victims of Charity

**BANGALORE** - May 31st was a historic moment for Guanellians as our seven Novices said 'Yes' to the call of Jesus amidst so much uncertainty, chaos, restrictions and panic caused by COVID-19. It was the day chosen by God and as He promised, He made it a memorable and meaningful experience for our Novices: Ajis, Arokiasamy, Chandra, Charles, Dipak, Edward and Maria Paul. Even though it was a special moment, their families could not attend, so the Guanellian Cooperators and Benefactors stood with the Novices in their place. Even worse, the novice master was away from the city and could not return because of the travel restrictions. He spiritually supported the brothers and prayed in front of the Blessed Sacrament while his students went



their cassocks and remember the vows till their last breath. He explained to them the sanctity of each vow they made and he said one should always reflect on this. He encouraged the Brothers and accepted their vows. It was a solemn Mass followed by a sumptuous meal for everyone. This event inspired the faithful to think of the simple Ordination of our Founder in a challenging situation then and these Novices experienced something similar. On the day of Pentecost they stood in front of the Altar seeking the gifts and fruits of the Holy Spirit.

forward to make their first vows.

The day started with the Novices walking towards the Chapel wearing their cassocks and looking like Angels. They were accompanied by those who came to witness this event. Our Vice Provincial and the Superior of the House, Fr. Kulandaisamy, was delegated to accept the vows of our Brothers and Fr. Peter Joseph organized the Novices in the absence of the novice master. Fr. Kulandai, in his sermon, explained how the Brothers should keep the purity of



## Renewal in the Philippines

**BANGALORE** - On May 26th, the 154th ordination anniversary of our Founder, fifteen young confreres renewed their religious vows in the Philippines (Manila and Legazpi), and Vietnam, Bro Arun Kumar from DPP was one among them. In Manila, Fr. Luigi De Giambattista presided over the Eucharistic Celebration in which he received the vows from ten brothers. He invited all of us to grow in His friendship, because the Lord is always faithful to His love. Let us make the encounter with Jesus through a daily relationship that strengthens us. He invited the young confreres to widen their horizon to receive the Spirit and the

grace of that fire that came upon the apostles on the first Pentecost in Jerusalem. Some of the staff and children participated with their colorful presence. After Mass, the professed brothers shared their enjoyment and fun with the special children by cutting the cake. It was followed by a simple dinner, and like a family they played fun games and cherished the family spirit together.



### Rosary-a-Day in May

**E. PROVIDENCE** - Since May is the month dedicated to our Blessed Mother Mary, Fr. Silvio, Fr. Peri and Fr. Bernad decided to offer the Rosary for the total recovery of all those affected by the Covid-19 Pandemic situation throughout the world. Since the faithful, for their own well-being, were unable to leave their homes, the Rosary was livestreamed every evening at 7:00 PM on Sacred Heart Church's Facebook page. Parishioners and friends happily joined in praying the Rosary for each of the 31 days of the month. The Marian altar was beautifully decorated for this pious event. Fr. Silvio began the Rosary each evening with a short message and a special intention. Thus, even though we were apart, the use of technology brought us together and we were glad to pray with each other, through the intercession of Our Lady of Fatima.



the lessons until the chicks hatched in early April. The students were able to observe the chicks during Google Hangouts meetings! It certainly wasn't the same as doing the project in person but they did get to see the chicks frequently and learn all about them. The first graders are also saying a portion of the Rosary every day. They keep track of how they are progressing with a picture that is posted on Google Classroom and Facebook. There was a Spirit Week at the beginning of distance learning. Everyone shared their favorite pet-real or stuffed. The priests at Sacred Heart Church are livestreaming Mass every week along with other things such as a nightly Rosary.



### Sacred Heart School Thriving Online

**E. PROVIDENCE** - Sacred Heart School is still going strong during the pandemic. All students in grades K-8 are participating in distance learning lessons with their teachers.

The first graders worked on a project to decorate the window at school to thank all the people who are helping keep us safe. Our daycare also posted a thank you sign on their front door.



Right before the school closed, the first grade class started Project Chick, an annual unit on the life cycle of a chicken.

When we found out schools were going to be closed for an extended period of time, Mrs. Chalmers, the first grade teacher, brought the incubator home and continued



### Everyone Loves a Parade

**CHELSEA** - Every year for Memorial Day our residents load up into vans and watch a local Memorial Day Parade. This year due to COVID-19 all gatherings and parades in Michigan were canceled. Staff member Ashley Bertke had an idea to provide the children of SLC a parade. Ashley works with the adults in FGH and OLP. She asked the adult residents if they would like to make signs and throw treats to the children. The residents of FGH and OLP were very excited to provide a parade for them. To maintain social distancing the adult residents walked with their staff members in front of the Children's Homes while the children anxiously awaited them on their front porches.



The maintenance crew drove the lawnmowers in the parade to provide more entertainment. The priests and supervisors also walked with the adult residents and waved to the children. All the residents were so pleased with the Memorial Day Parade plans are in the works for another parade on the 4th of July.

## June Calendar of Events

- 1 Blessed Virgin Mary, Mother of the Church
- 7 The Most Holy Trinity
- 12 Grass Lake: Mother of Divine Providence Day- PUSJ
- 13 Anniversary of the Death of Catherine Guanella (1891)
- 14 The Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ
- 19 The Most Sacred Heart of Jesus  
Grass Lake: St. Joseph Day- PUSJ
- 20 Immaculate Heart of the Blessed Virgin Mary
- 21 Anniversary of the Death of Alexander Mazzucchi (1890)
- 24 The Nativity of St. John the Baptist
- 27 Anniversary of the Death of Bishop Bacciarini (1935)
- 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; 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
- 26 Fr. Arun, Fr. 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, Bro. John Peter M.: feast day



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