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MESSAGE FROM THE DELEGATE SUPERIOR

Dear Sisters, Fathers (Guanellian Fathers), GLM, GC Members, friends and well-wishers,

I greet and wish you affectionately through this Newsletter in the name of the NewTeam of Delegation Council. I express my gratitude for your love and friendship towards me.

To begin, I thank God the Almighty, for the gift of Life and Vocation. We are living in this historical moment of a global and devastating pandemic, where we value life, more than ever before. We are facing a struggle between life and death with the loss of our near and dear ones, witnessing the sufferings



of the poor and facing the hard truth that many of our friends who were a part of our circle until very recently are no more with us. We are unable to fathom the turn of our fate so much so that it all seems like a mystery. Yet, may our hearts find peace in God as we surrender to Him this present moment of turmoil. May we then turn to our Source of life, and believe that we will find life in its fullness (Jn10:10). As Bishop Fulton Sheen once said, 'Life is not a push from below, but it is a gift from above.' So, may we look upon our lives as God's precious gift to us. This life which was gifted to us becomes worthwhile when we live for others rather than for ourselves. We rejoice in giving back this gift of life to God and to our needy brethren. By doing so we fulfil the purpose for which God has blessed us with life. With this conviction may we march forward trusting in God's Providence.

With a sense of gratitude, I would like to reflect on the Synod which is about to be held on synodality. In the words of Pope Francis, "Synodality is all about journeying together. This happens through listening to one another in order to hear what God is saying to all of us. It is realizing that the Holy Spirit can speak through anyone to help us walk forward together on our journey as people of God." As Pope Francis asks of us, I wish that we shall walk together through listening to one another from the least to the greatest without leaving out anyone in our journey. We leave our past which has gone by. We look into the future with enthusiasm and courage. We move forward in the journey of our life. God gave us the gift of life; it is up to us to give ourselves to God and to others the gift of living well.

With this I would like to express my gratitude on behalf of the New Delegation team, to the Major Superiors who have placed their trust and confided in us. Our sincere thanks to Sr. Neuza Giordani, the Vicar General, who is shouldering all the weight of the congregation in this period. I am grateful to Our late Mother General Sr. Elizabetta Serena Ciserani for her support and enthusiasm to open the tent of charity and spread it everywhere. May her soul rest in peace. I thank all the General Councillors, Sr. Carla, Sr. Antonietta, and Sr. Esther for their assistance and guidance in every aspect of our lives.

I express my heartfelt gratitude to our former Delegation team, Sr. Victoria William, Sr. Betci, Sr. Jeyamalini and Sr. Emelda Selvaraj, who worked hard in spreading our charism far and wide and worked towards the growth of our congregation in India. My special thanks to Sr. Victoria William who has worked hard all these years since the beginning of the Congregation in India. There is a mark or a sign of her's in every milestone we have passed through for the progress of our Congregation in India. A heart felt thanks to Sr. Victoria William who worked for the good of our needy brethren and the good of our Congregation.

May God help us to be grateful for our past, fill us with confidence about our present and bring us hope to face the future with courage and trust in the providence of our Lord and our Blessed Mother Mary.

With love and prayers, Sr.Mary Chinnappan, (The Delegate Superior)

MESSAGE FROM THE VICAR GENERAL CONGREGATION OF DAUGHTERS OF ST.MARY OF PROVIDENCE

I am happy to address you in the maiden issue of the newsletter of our Delegation of Mary most Holy of the Assumption. I begin with a sense of gratitude to God the Provident Father who guides the history of our Congregation.

It is a providential plan of God that, St. Luigi Guanella was inspired to establish the Congregations of Daughters of St. Mary of Providence, the priests and brothers of Servants of Charity and the Guanellain Co-operators as gift to the Church. He was a man of prayer with a strong faith in the Providence of God. His heart was moved by the misery of the suffering humanity. With the collaboration of Marcelina Bossatta and the first sisters, he comforted the poor and the needy by providing them with basic needs. This mission which he started in Italy, spread far and wide throughout the world. By the intervention of God, the mission reached to India in 1987 through his Sons and Daughters.

I am pleased to see that our sisters, The Daughters of St. SMary of Providence in India are continuing to serve the needy brethren with the spirit of our Founder. In the journey of the growth of our Congregation in India, we acknowledge with gratitude the sisters who contributed their prayers, support and selfless service.

I am thankful to the former Superior Generals, Sr. Elena Salarici, Sr. Imelda Malovan (Vicar General) Sr. Guistina Valicenti and Sr. Elizabetta Serena Ciserani and the Councillors, for taking initiatives to instill the charism in the beautiful land of India. In this juncture, we cannot forget Sr. Erina Berzovini (Delegata ad personum) who tirelessly gave herself to form the sisters and to carry out the Guanellian Mission in India. I remember with affection all the Indian sisters, for their courage to start and spread the Guanellian mission in India. Special thanks to Sister Victoria Willian, the first Delegate Superior and the council members: Sr. Becti Clara Mary Moses, Sr. A. G. Jeyamalini Arulappan, Sr. Mary Chinnappan, and Sr. Emelda Selvaraj who had the vision of expanding the Guanellian mission and worked together with the sisters toward the opening of the new mission centers in different parts of India.

At the beginning of this New Year, I wish Sr. Mary Chinnappan, the Delegate Superior, and the councillors Sr.A.G. Jeyamalini Arulappan, Sr.Maria Claudia Jude, Sr. Savariammal Devasagayam and Sr. Arockia Mary Mathalaimuthu, and the Delegate Econome Sr. Madhalai Mary Chinnappan, that with the grace of God and the co-responsibility of all the sisters they may face the present challenges with faith in the Risen Lord and to continue to do the good to the least and the marginalized.

My sincere thanks to the Lord for His grace and mercy that enabled you to extend the Guanellian charity to the brethren of India. At the same time, it is a reminder to decisively renew our fidelity to Jesus Our Lord and Master. As John Paul II reminded us (cf.VC 100) we not only have a great story to tell but we also have the task of "making" history. This is the challenge that lies ahead. I believe that our newsletter will be one of the means to make known our charism to many people. I recall what St. Luigi Guanella wrote: "The press is the universal engine ... it is like the major wheel that sets in motion all the other minor of the social building". In his time it was mainly the press, but today through the internet and the other mass media.

To the whole Guanellian Family and those who come into contact with the Guanellian work of charity, I wish that your journey may be accompanied by the love of God and the tenderness of the Virgin Mary, "GO AHEAD WITH COURAGE, PROVIDENCE WILL NEVER FAIL".

Sr. Neuza Maria Giordani (The Vicar General) Rome

MESSAGE FROM THE FORMER DELEGATE SUPERIOR

"It is God who does"

-St.Louis Guanella

WISHES TO THE NEW DELEGATION TEAM

At the outset I extend my greetings to all who are the recipients of this newsletter. May the Almighty God bless you abundantly with His Grace and protect you.

I congratulate and welcome the new Delegation team. Your initiatives in bringing out this Newsletter on behalf of the Delegation of "Mary Most Holy of Assumption, is highly commendable.

On the auspicious occasion of the installation of the team 28.01.2022, I would like to bestow upon you, Dear Sr.Mary Chinnappan (The Delegate Superior), the Councilors; Sr.A.G.JeyaMalini Arulappan, Sr.Maria Claudia Jude, Sr. Savariammal Devasagayam, Sr. Arockia Mary Madhalaimuthu and the Econome Sr. Madhalai Mary Chinnappan, my blessings and best wishes .I pray that you start the Mandate of leading our Congregation in India fruitfully. I urge you to embrace the Word of God, which is the source of enlightenment and encouragement: "The Lord your God is in your midst, a warrior who gives victory. He will rejoice over you with gladness, he will renew you in his Love; he will exult over you with loud singing. (Zeph: 3/17). I implore the spirit of the Lord to empower your heart and mind with the truth of heavenly wisdom, knowledge and understanding. This will help you to execute your mandate precisely and promptly, as well as cheerfully and clothed with faith, humility and enthusiasm.

In everything you do, immerse yourself in prayer as we see our Master Jesus Christ Himself, ,"During those days, He went out to the mountain to pray; and He spend the whole night in prayer to God... and in the morning, He chose twelve of them." (Lk 6:12).Let the primacy of God reign in your heart for He is the creator of the world and the source of all good, as the universal poet , Thiruvalluvar said," 'A' as its first letters of every language maintains, the primal 'God' (Deity) is first through all the world's domain". Again as St.Luigi Guanella said, "Holiness will save the World''.

It is providential that through this spiritual leadership you are invited to seek holiness and universal brotherhood. For this, you need to have the empathy of Mother Mary as she showed at the wedding in Cana and the neighbourly spirit that the good Samaritan displayed on the road to Jericho. You can then console the lonely, feed the hungry, serve the sick and vulnerable with love as Mother Mary and good Samaritan did. Indeed as our beloved founder St. Luigi Guanella said, "The whole World is your Homeland." (Writings to the Congregations (Vol. IV pg.788)). I urge you to lead the Congregation according to the spirit of our founder and to embrace his Charism. May you go forward with zeal of doing charity and placing your trust in the Providence of God, working constantly as little martyrs. Let us also imitate the virtue of Blessed Clare Bosatta and Marcelina Bosatta as a leader they listened attentively and echoed Him in love and consumed their life for the work of God. Once again I wish you the very best and good health; Walk with the Lord always for the joy of the Lord is your strength.

He has chosen you to bear much good fruits. Our Lord says, "It was I who chose you and sent you to go and bear fruits, fruit that will long last. And everything you ask the Father in my name he will give you" (Jn 15:16). So, trusting in the Lord, go ahead with courage the Lord is with you and He will lead you to bear the fruit in abundance.

With love and Prayers, Sr. Victoria William

GRATITUDE IS A BEAUTIFUL ATTITUDE

Dear Friends,

May the peace and joy of the Risen Lord be with all who read this message.

Through this note, I would like to share with you the wonderful deeds that the Almighty God has worked through our Congregation of Daughters of St. Mary of Providence (Guanellian Sisters/DSMP), in our Indian soil. It is a sharing of faith and how the providence of God calls, leads, guides and uses those who respond to His invitation in a smaller or in a greater way; as St. Paul tells in Eph. 3: 20- 21, "Bow to Him who by the power at work within us is able to accomplish abundantly far more than all we can ask or imagine, to Him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus to all generations forever and ever. Amen."

It is the providence of God who inspired our Major Superiors and paved their way to sow the seed of the charism of our Founder St. Luigi Guanella in our mother land India. In1987, with the fraternal guidance of one of our Guanellian priest Don Domenico Sagginario, the Provincial of the Roman province; the Superior General of DSMP namely Rev. Sr. Elena Salarici and the Vicar General Rev. Sr. Imelda Malovan came to India and had started our presence in India. As a small grain of mustard seed, it was started in a small rented house with few aspirants at Bangalore in India.

Following the spirit of our Founder St. Luigi Guanella, the pioneers of our mission in India, have confided their trust in the Lord . They have patiently but with firm filial affection, sought in prayer the Divine assistance, to be rooted personally in the paternal Love of the Heavenly Father. This trust has helped them and to share the Joy and Hope of our faith through the service to the needy, especially, the differently abled, aged, widows, orphans, the marginalized etc. Again the grace of God helped us often in mysterious ways, so much so that the charism(small seed) of St. Luigi Guanella has grown to bear fruits of service to the needy humanity. The tireless service of hundreds of our sisters has brought smile and happiness to multitude of people not only in different parts of India but to many overseas countries too. I am happy to recount to you my journey with Berzovini, who shouldered our Congregation in India since 1993 till her last breath on 16.9.2009. My thoughts go back to the last 35 years during which DSMP has paved the way for service and works of charity. I marvel at the work of God and thank the Lord for His great benevolence. I also express my sincere and affectionate gratitude to all our sisters who rendered their service with Christian faith, compassion, sacrifice, zeal, innovations and faithfulness to the charism of our Founder. They have indeed worked with full trust in the provident love of the Father while tenderly loving the needy brethren at the same time.

All the spiritual and mission achievements, that are listed in the note of chronology, were the results of our prayer and fatigue - sacrifice ("Pregare e patire"), which is the testament recommended by our Founder. Pope Francis also tells us in Evangelii Gaudium Art. No.262, that "Spirit filled-evangelizers are evangelizers who PRAY and WORK." On a final note let me acknowledge that amidst all the progress we have made, we have also met with many difficulties. However we surrendered them to the Lord with prayers. We have shared the burdens as we shared the blessings. This is the way of the Gospel, as St. Paul tells us in his letter to Philippians 4:6, "Do not be anxious about anything but in every situation by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God." Through this newsletter, I express my gratitude to the Heavenly Father for the innumerable blessings that He has showered upon me and the Councillors throughout the years of our mandate: "It is God who does".

Thirukural says, "Although an act of help done timely might be small in nature, but it is truly larger than the world itself." Believing his wisdom, in the name of all the Indian sisters, I thank and appreciate all our Major Superiors and the team; Mother Elena Salarici and her team, Mother Giustina and her team, Mother Serena and her team and the Vicar General Sr. Neuza Giordani and her team and in particular to, Mother Elena Salarici (Late), Sr. Imelda Malovan (late) and Sr. Erina Berzovini (late) for their spiritual and fraternal support, closeness and encouragement to carry out our mission in India fruitfuly.

My sincere gratitude and prayers to all the Bishops who have host our congregation in India and for supporting us to spread the tent of charity effectively according to the spirit of our Founder. Our gratitude to our Fathers, Servants of charity (Guanellian fathers), to all the Major Superiors and the team, Delegate and Provincial Superiors and the team who constantly travel along side of us with the spirit of our Founder, supporting us in many ways with fraternal affection and spiritual responsibilities. My heart felt and special thanks to Fr, Fr.Dominico Sagginario(late), Fr. Pierto Lippoli, Fr. John Bosco (late) and Fr. Thanasekar(late) who with great fraternal concern guided us and accompanied us in the journey of our Congregation in India.

I also thank all the parents and siblings of our beloved Sisters who were generous to send their daughters to serve the Lord in and through our congregation. May God bless them and reward them abundantly. I extend my thanks in the name of our institution to all the friends, beneficiaries, benefactors and others who are connected with our Guanellian mission in any way. I sincerely thank Mr. T. G. Venugopal, the architect , for his concern, generosity and for his accompaniment since 1987 . I assure you our prayers to one and all. Finally here is a short list of those to whom I wish to thank in a very special way for the significant role they have played in the progress of our congregation.

I am obliged to the sisters of the Congregation of Franciscan Sisters of Immaculate Heart of Mary, and Bishops of Bangalore, Eluru, Kumbakonam, Chennai, Kottar, Podicherry- Cuddalore, Dindigul and all the Diocesan priests, and who helped our sisters in different places . Fr. Stephen Fernandes (Tuticorin Diocese), Fr. Venancius, Fr. Lucas, Fr. Salvatore (Missionaries of Sacred Hearts)., Fr. Vincent Ferror (Kumbakonam Diocese) Fr. Rajarathinam (Pondicherry Diocese- late), Fr. Martin (Salem Diocese- late), Fr. Pushpa Raj and Fr. Anandha Rayer (Pondicherry Diocese), the Jesuits priests, priests from the congregation of Holy cross, Cleritian fathers, OMI fathers, Montfort fathers, Holy Trinity fathers, Sacred Heart Brothers, Redemptorists priest in a special way we remember Fr. Jim Canoli, who have accompanied our novices, sisters in their spiritual journey to strengthen their faith and en-kindle in them the fire of charity.

With joy filled heart I thank each one of our beloved DSMP sisters, for their faith, loyalty in living their religious vocation, their service and hard work for the growth of our Congregation. At this moment, I remember Sr. Maria Delphine, the first person, who went ahead of us to the Heavenly abode from our Indian soil. I gratefully remember her love and service and I firmly believe that she will intercede for each one of us and our families as she always did. My sincere thanks to the former Delegation team members, Sr. Betci Clara Mary Moses, Sr. Mary Chinnappan, Sr. JayaMalini, and

Sr. Emelda Selvaraj and Sr. Rexy Manohari, the Econome, who worked tirelessly and rendered fruitful services with maternal love and concern. I assure my best wishes and prayers to the new delegate team. May they bear much and good fruits .Dear friends in Christ, with grateful heart let us continue to walk together with the Risen Lord, as He assures, "I will be always with you ." May His Charity inflame our hearts and raise our hope, for "In His Providence is our Hope."

MESSAGE FROM THE PROVINCIAL SUPERIOR DIVINE PROVIDENCE PROVINCE SERVENTS OF CHARITY

A NEW BEGINNING TO ANNOUNCE THE STORIES OF LOVE

Human beings are storytellers. From childhood we hunger for stories just as we hunger for food. Stories influence our lives, whether in the form of fairy tales, novels, films, songs, news, even if we do not always realize it. Often, we decide what is right or wrong based on characters and stories we have made our own. Stories leave their mark on us; they shape our convictions and our behaviour. They can help us understand and communicate who we are.



Every human story has an irrepressible dignity. Consequently, humanity deserves stories that are worthy of it, worthy of that dizzying and fascinating height to which Jesus elevated it. Our own story becomes part of every great story. As we read the Scriptures, the stories of the saints, and also those texts that have shed light on the human heart and its beauty, the Holy Spirit is free to write in our hearts, reviving our memory of what we are in God's eyes. When we remember the love that created and saved us, when we make love a part of our daily stories, when we weave the tapestry of our days with mercy, we are turning another page.

In this present situation, each one of us and the entire world has the story that tells how we are affected by the coronavirus pandemic; our economy, our families, communities and our entire way of life are adversely affected. We have witnessed so much of suffering and pain caused due to the pandemic in our world. I am confident you have done all you can to reach out to the poor and needy in your vicinity during these days of uncertainty. Stephen Grellet says, "I shall pass through this life but once. Any good, therefore, that I can do, or any kindness I can show to any fellow creature, let me do it now. Let me not defer or neglect it, for I shall not pass this way again."

For two millennia, a chain of such encounters has communicated the attractiveness of the Christian adventure. The challenge that awaits us, then, is to communicate by encountering people, where they are and as they are. With the gaze of the great storyteller – the only one who has the ultimate point of view – we can then approach the other characters, our brothers and sisters in our communities and mission centres, who are with us as actors in today's story. For no one is an extra on the world stage, and everyone's story is open to possible change. So, releasing a newsletter is not a matter of simply telling stories as such, or of advertising ourselves, but rather of remembering who and what we are in God's eyes, bearing witness to what the Spirit writes in our hearts and revealing to everyone that his or her story contains marvellous things.

We, the Servants of Charity are reminded of the lovable stories that express how St. Louis Guanella and Sr. Marcellina Bosatta together with the first group of sisters played a vital role in forming and creating history in the first phase of the foundation the Guanellian Family in Italy. The history of DSMP in India through this novel initiative of official news letter of the Delegation of the Mary Most Holy of the Assumption is yet another milestone for the Guanellian Family In India.

May this initiative that you are undertaking to release this newsletter be for the information and formation of the Guanellian Family especially for those involved with the mission, education and formation of DSMP. I wish that it endeavours to keep its readers abreast of the main events in the Church and the Congregation on the local and worldwide level with particular attention to your Delegation. Let the magnanimity of human spirit shine bright through your acts of kindness and compassion and ignite the rays of hope through the love stories that you are going to print hereafter in your newsletter.

In order to do this, may you entrust yourselves to a woman who knit together in her womb the humanity of God and, the Gospel tells us, wove together the events of her life. For the Virgin Mary "treasured all these things and pondered them in her heart" (Lk 2: 19). May you ask for help from her, who knew how to untie the knots of life with the gentle strength of love: O Mary, woman and mother, you wove the divine Word in your womb, you recounted by your life the magnificent works of God. Listen to our stories, hold them in your heart and make your own the stories that no one wants to hear. Woman of the Spirit, mother of trust, inspire us too. Help us build stories of peace, stories that point to the future. And show us the way to live them together.





Fr. Ronald (Provincial Superior)



MESSAGE FROM MR. DOMNIC TILAK THE PRESIDENT AND GENERAL COUNCIL OF GUANELLIAN COOPERATORS

Dear sisters

As we celebrate the 35 years of Guanellian presence in India, it gives me immense pleasure to know that the Guanellian sisters in India are planning start to publish a periodical newsletter on the charitable and spiritual activities carried out by the Guanellian sisters in India. It's a nice initiative to commemorate and remember the occasion.Don. Guanella and sr.clare have given us examples of a life given in charity, a true life, concrete, simple and fruitful. Their holiness was built on acceptance of the will of God in accompanying their brothers and sisters, this I believe are the call of the Guanellian family today.



Let us carry on with courage and continue to collaborate with in the Guanellian family to fulfill the dream of our beloved founder don Guanella "the spirit of charity may spread in all hearts and there may be no one who does not cooperation in the salvation of the poor."

The Guanellian sisters have been a source of motherly love and affection to the Guanellian cooperators and the Guanellian lay movement members in India I would love to t6hank all the Guanellian sisters or their continues love and prayer. We promise our love, prayers and collaboration as we march ahead as one family as the flag bearers of the Guanellian charism and spirituality. Fr. Mario Carrera, the postulator of the cause of beatification of ven. Aurelio bacciarini says that "with fr.Guanella, he had to be both Martha and Mary at the same time."

May our holy founder continue to inspire us and intercede to sustain us to carry on striving 8in the path he showed us for the greater glory of God. I wish you all success in this endeavor.

with prayers in love,
Domnic Tilak
(World Council of Guanellian Cooperators



HISTORY OF THE CONGREGATION OF DAUGHTERS OF ST. MARY OF PROVIDENCE (DSMP) IN INDIA

India is a land rich in its heritage and marked by picturesque landscape, mighty rivers flowing through fertile soil, and a variety of flora and fauna. It is distinguished to be one of the world's oldest civilizations, and represents a multi-layered confluence of religions, customs, and traditions. It's highlight lies in the supremacy of its art, architecture, classical dance, music, natural habitat, lifestyle, secularism, the festival which brings out their tradition, the freedom of speech, the beautiful tradition of draping a saree, including the classical dance that teaches us the value of it and the Hindustani music that centres on the swing of the springs.

It is to this beautiful land that Don Luigi Guanella desired to come 100's of years ago to bring the good news that God is our Providential Father who loves us and cares for us. The dreams of St. Luigi Guanella to come to India became a reality in our era through his sons and daughters. In all modesty, we recount the history of our Congregation in India. And as we trace back, we marvel at the intervention of Divine Providence in using us to bring to fulfilment His Divine plan.

ST.LOUIS GUANELLA OUR FOUNDER

Louis Guanella was born in Fraciscio di Campodolcino in Val San Giacomo (Sondrio in Italy) on 19th December 1842. On the solemn day of His ordination, he took the motto that his plan of life was to "be a sword of fire in the ministry of charity". During the early life of his priestly ministry, he took many efforts to help his people, becoming "everything for everyone". He dedicated himself zealously to young people in helping them, in their schooling and revitalising their Catholic life.

Welcoming the calls of Providence, he founded two congregations: for the women, "Daughters of St. Mary of Providence" and all working in different parts of the and his sisters to work unsparingly "Charity in all things...It cannot be people to serve and the needy to be your homeland!"

In 1886, Fr. Guanella's desire
first residential school in Como,
children". In Pianello, Como he
Providence which is called the 'Cradle
which he built a Shrine to the Sacred

became a reality. He opened the
Italy, for these beloved "Good
founded the House of Divine
of the Congregation'', at the centre of
Heart of Jesus.

As the work of Fr. Guanella grew and multiplied, his thirsts for doing good all the more abounded. He sent his priests and sisters to different parts of Italy and gradually to different parts of the world to begin the mission to serve the needy brethren. He also had a dream of coming to India. But before he could realise it, he reached God's abode on 24th October 1915. His dream to begin the works of charity in India came true after 100 years in 1986.

First Indian in the Guanellian Community (13th Apr, 1986)

Divine providence enabled Fr. Stephen Fernandes to meet, the first candidate, John Bosco who had already advanced in his studies and formation with Claretian Fathers. With due permission from his superiors, he agreed to join the Congregation of Servants of Charity, and then worked for the foundation of the first home in India. At the same time, the Congregation was able to contact the Archbishop of Madras, Pondicherry, Cuddalore, Madurai and Tuticorin, all of whom were glad to welcome the Congregation into their respective dioceses to begin the opera Don Guanella. Thus Don Guanella's dream was fulfilled by the arrival of the Congregation in India on April 13th, 1986. Soon several young students followed John Bosco to Rome. In India, with the kind help of Fr. Stephen Fernando, Fr. Lucas and Fr. Vincent Ferrar, an affectionate friend of the Diocese of Kumbakonam, the small group of seminarians were recruited.

Fr. Tito Credaro - The First Guanellian priest's visit to India

Few events paved the way for the initial foundations in India. On 3rd July 1986, Fr.Tito Credaro the Provincial Superior of St. Joseph Roman Province, Italy, of Servants of Charity, arrived India accompanied by Bro. John Bosco on the Feast of St. Thomas. They stayed in Madras as the guests in the Provincialate of the Salesians and visited some Historical places. They held the first Vocation Camp in Madurai for aspiring candidates for the Servants of Charity. Fr. Tito could not resist the summer heat of Madurai. He cut short his visit and entrusted all the appointments and works to Bro. John Bosco and returned to Italy.

Fr. Domenico Saginario



Fr.Domenico Saginario who succeeded Fr.Tito as a New Provincial, took a lot of initiatives to bring the Guanellian mission in the Indian soil. He was a prophet and a visionary. We could honourably call him as the Founder of Our Mission in India. He had such an unquenchable missionary zeal. As our Founder, he too cherished the desire to be a missionary in India. And the dream has come true.

On 25th January 1987, Fr.Domenico Saginario along with Bro. John Bosco arrived Madras and visited the Diocese of Madurai, Tuticorin, Kumbakonam, Cuddalore, Pondi, Salem and Vellore. They met their Seminarians who were studying in the Diocesan Seminaries. They met their Bishops and Priests exploring possibility of our presence in India. At the same time, Fr.Domenico explored the possibilities to bring the Guanellian Sisters in India and along with Bro. John Bosco, he spoke with the Bishop of Tuticorin and thus the Bishop asked his priests to take them to St.Mary's College run by the Servite sisters. There they met 2 aspirants in the college. But unfortunately they never turned up. Indeed God has His own ways.

PROVIDENCE OPENED THE WAY THROUGH FR. VINCENT FERRER

In the Diocese of Kumbakonam, many aspiring candidates joined the Servants of Charity. Fr. Vincent Ferrer who was then the Parish Priest of Our Lady of Lourdes Church, Thennur and also the Correspondent of Annai Lourdu Higher Secondary School was a well-known friend of Bro. John Bosco. And the sisters who were working in the School (Sisters of the Immaculate Heart of Mary) were much familiar with Bro. John Bosco. Thus they gave a warm welcome to Fr. Domenico and Bro. John Bosco.

Thus Fr. Domenico took initiative to bring the Daughters of St. Mary of Providence in India and spoke with the Sisters working in the School and Fr. Vincent Ferrer. They met few girls who expressed their desire to join the Daughters of St. Mary of Providence. By a great surprise, one of them was a teacher. It is none other than Sr. Victoria William one of the first seeds of the Daughters of St. Mary of Providence. She was working as a teacher in the School.

GOD'S INTERVENTION THROUGH MONS. SELVANATHAN

Fr. Vincent, Bro. John Bosco, Sr. Alfonsa, Sr. Bruno Mary and Sr.Eutychia ,all of them went to Pondicherry to meet the Archbishop Mons. Selva Nathan and seek his help in order to open the house for DSMP in India. Mons. Selva Nathan and Sr. Emilia Mary who was then the Mother General of the Sisters of the Immaculate Heart of Mary of Pondicherry, were brother and sister. Fr.Domenico presented the request before them to help our sisters in the initial formation of the candidates by lending two of their sisters. They accepted and asked for some time to think over for this kind of collaboration. After a very hectic schedule and fruitful visits on 11th Feb 1987, Fr. Domenico returned to Rome.

In the month of April of the same year, Fr. Domenico received a letter from The Mother General of the Sisters of the Sr. Alphonsamma Immaculate Heart of Mary, Mother Emelia who accepted the



proposal and would offer 2 of her sisters for this collaboration- Sr.Alphonsamma and Sr.Barnabas Ubagari. She was also ready to put to our disposal one portion of one of their convents in Bangalore for the initial Formation of our candidates.

FIRST VISIT OF THE GUANELLIAN SISTERS IN INDIA

The much awaited day came for the sisters too. With due preparations and prayers, Mother Elena Salarici, the then Mother General of the Daughters of St. Mary of Providence and Sr. Imelda Malovan, the Vicar General, Fr. Piero Lippoli and Bro. John bosco left for India.

On 20th June 1987, the Solemnity of Corpus Christi, they reached Madras and resided in the Archbishop's House. First vocation camp was conducted for the girls at Madurai, in which were present Mother Elena Salarici and the Vicar Sr. Imelda Malovan, Sr. Barnabas and few other fathers were present for the interview. Through this camp the first 9 candidates were selected. Later, the sisters and fathers reached Thennur.



Fr. Vincent Ferrer as usual gave a warm welcome and organised a cultural programme for them. There the Sisters met Ms. Victoria William who was aspiring to join the DSMP sisters. She was a teacher working in the Parish School. She confirmed her willingness to Mother Elena Salarici. Then the Sisters went to meet the Archbishop of Pondicherry, Mons. Selvanathan and thank him for his great favour. Everywhere they were accorded with warm welcome and hospitality.

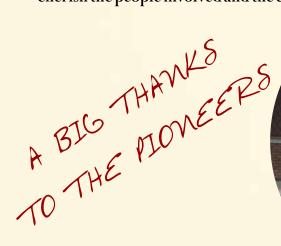
Mother Elena Salarici returned to Rome on 7th July1987. Mother Imelda Malovan travelled to Bangalore to make necessary arrangements to welcome the 1st group of candidates for the initial formation and went

to meet the Archbishop of Bangalore Most Rev. Alphonse Mathias and wrote a request letter seeking permission to begin our Congregation in India. The request was accepted by the Archbishop of Bangalore and the permission was granted to start the Congregation in the Diocese of Bangalore, in the Parish of the Holy Ghost Church.

THE FIRST INDIAN SEEDS

On 21st July 1987, the candidates gathered together in Pondicherry, to travel to Bangalore with the Sr.Imelda Malovan, Dsmp ,Sr.Barnabas Ubakari, FIHM (Franciscan Sisters of Immaculate Heart of Mary), Bro.John Bosco, SdC and Fr. Vincent Ferrer. On 22nd July 1987, they reached the Immaculate Heart of Mary Convent at Davis Road, Bangalore. Sr.Alphonsa and Sr.Barnabas welcomed the sisters with garland. The first group of candidates were Betci Clara, Victoria, Scholastica, Maria Pushpam, Lawrence Mary ,Josephine Mary, Lourdu mary, Margaret and Maria Arockiam. They were given formation in Spirituality, Church History, Lives of Saints etc. Among them three candidates were selected to go to Rome. They were Betci Clara and Victoria who were teachers and Scholastica who was a social worker.

Later in 1988, a house 4/1, John Armstrong Road, Richard's Town, Bangalore was purchased for us in the name of the Archbishop of Bangalore, since we had not yet registered as a 'Society' here in Bangalore, Karnataka. This is the beginning of the Daughters of St. Mary of Providence in India. As we trace the history of our Congregation in India, we thank and appreciate all the Guanellian fathers for their spiritual assistance, collaboration in living and carrying out our apostolate. We cherish the people involved and the events recorded as they hold great significance for our history.





JOURNEY OF DAUGHTERS OF ST. MARY OF PROVIDENCE IN INDIA

1986	Ms. Victoria William, a post graduate teacher in 'Annai Lourdu Higher Secondary School', Thennur, gave her consent to Fr. Domenico Saginario, Sdc, Italy, who paid a short visit to her parish together with a seminarian Bro.John Bosco, SdC, to join the DSMP sisters.
May, 1987	First Vocation camp at De Nobili Pastoral Centre in Madurai, Tamil Nadu. Rev.Sr. Elena Salarici, DSMP, Mother General and Rev.Sr. Imelda Malovan, DSMP (Vicar General) and Fr.Piero Lippoli, SdC were present with Sr.Barnabas Ubakari (FIHM), who would be the formator of the candidates.
5 th July, 1987	Sr. Imelda Malovan came to Bangalore and spoke with the Arch Bishop Most Rev.Dr. Alphosus Mathias about starting our Congregation in the Archdiocese of Bangalore.
22 nd July, 1987	Today is the memorable day in the History of our Congregation .It is the beginning of our Congregation in India. First candidates travelled from Pondicherry to Bangalore for the religious formation, accompanied by Sr.Imelda Malovan, Dsmp ,Sr.Barnabas Ubakari, FIHM (Franciscan Sisters of Immaculate Heart of Mary), Bro.John Bosco, SdC and Fr. Vincent Ferrer. The foreigners were not supposed to stay in India for more than 6 months, as per our Government rules. Thus the formation was given in the Immaculate convent which belonged to the Congregation of Franciscan Sisters of Immaculate Heart of Mary at Peazald road, Bangalore. Sr. Imelda Malovan was responsible for renting the house and paying for the candidates. Sr. Barnabas FIHM was appointed as the formator and Sr. Alphonsamma was assisting her.
17 th Jan,1988	Rev. Dr. Alphonsus Mathias, Archbishop of Bangalore paid a pastoral visit to the community in Peazald Road, Immaculate sisters Convent and gave his blessings to the candidates, the future Daughters of St. Mary of Providence.
22 nd Apr, 1988	The first group of candidates went to Italy for the Religious formation. (Betci Clara Moses, Victoria William and Scholastica Elias)
6 th June, 1988	IInd Vocation camp was conducted in Madurai. Sr. Imelda Malovan came with Sr. Ada de Paola, the General Secretary to visit India.
20 th July, 1988	As DSMP was not yet a Registered Society in Bangalore, Karnataka, we bought a house in the name of the Arch Diocese of Bangalore in 4/1, John Armstrong Road, Richard's town, Bangalore. This is the first Guanellian Sister's residence and the formation house bought in India, named as Daughters of St. Mary of Providence.
14 th Aug,1988	The first group of candidates Betci Clara Mary Moses, Scholastica Elias and Victoria William entered into the Novitiate, in Casa Beato Luigi Guanella, at

Lipomo, Como, Italy.

28 th Mar,1989	Sr.Elda Soscia came with Sr.Imelda Malovan to pay a visit to the Community.
23 rd Apr 1989	The Second group of candidates went to Italy (Lawrence Mary Maria Dass, Maria Pushpam Kurus Antony, Lourdu Mary Antony samy, Josephine Santiago accompanied by Sr.Imelda Malovan and Sr.Elda Soscia.
30 th June,1989	Sr.Imelda Malovan came to Bangalore to follow up the formation of the Aspirants and also to buy a house (4/1A) which is adjacent to 4/1, John Armstrong Road, Bangalore.
11 th July, 1989	Another part of 4/1 A, which was adjacent to 4/1, John Armstrong road was purchased.
5 th Aug,1989	The blessing of the new part of the house 4/1(A), John Armstrong Road.
28 th Feb 1990	Sr. Imelda Malovan came to India (Bangalore) to visit the aspirants.
17 th Mar,1990	Arch Bishop Alphonsus Mathias paid a visit to our new community in John Armstrong Road (Davis Road).
18 th June,1990	The third group of candidates went to Italy: Sagaya Vanmathy, Maria Delphine Sebastian, Lourdu Mary Manica Soosai.
21 st June,1990	Sr.Amalorpavam (FIHM) replaced Sr. Alphonsamma as the Assistant.
15 th Aug,1990	First Profession of the first Indian Guanellian Sisters: Sr. Betci Clara Mary Moses, Sr. Scholastica Elias and Sr. Victoria William in Lipomo, Italy.
20 th May 1991	Fourth group of candidates went to Italy. (Cecil Dimel, Saleth Mary, Antoniammal Micheal and Christina Santiago)
19 th Dec,1991	Priestly Ordination of Fr. John Bosco, 1 st Indian Priest of Servents of Charity in Thennur, Kumbakonam Diocese.
29 th Apr,1992	Sr. Imelda Malovan came to India for the Vocation Camp.
15 th Aug,1992	First Profession of Sr. Lawrence Mary Maria Doss, Sr.Maria Pushpam Kurus Antony ,Sr. Josephine Santiago in Casa Beato Luigi Guanella, Lipoma, Como, Italy.
2 nd Oct,1992	Fifth group of candidates went to Italy. Josephine Boniface Sebastian, Mary Victoria Arul, Shanthi Mary Soosai, Savariammal Devasagayam, Arockia Mary K.M, Amalorpava Mary Arockia Samy and Gabriel Licinal.

27 th July,1993	Sr.Erina Berzovini came to India, as 'Delegata ad personum' accompanied by Sr.Victoria William.
15 th Aug,1993	First Profession of Sr. Maria Delphine Jebastian, Sr. Sagaya Vanmathy Antony and Sr. Lourdu Mary Manica Susai in Casa Beata Luigi Guanella, Lipoma, Como, Italy.
2 nd Feb,1994	Postulancy was started at 4/1, John Armstrong Road, Davis Road, Bangalore, in India. Sr. Erina Berzovini took in charge of the Postulants.
7 th July,1994	We registered a Society (NGO) in the name of our Congregation, "Society of Daughters of St.Mary of Providence", with register no.275/94-95
3 rd Sept,1994	Sr. Scholastica came back from Italy to India and she was responsible for the aspirants.
8 th Sept,1994	For the First time the Novitiate was started in India, at Davis Road, Bangalore. A blue coloured saree was selected as the Novitiate uniform. Sr. Erina Berzovini was appointed as the Novice Mistress.
12 th Sept,1994	First Profession of Sr.Christina Santiago, Sr.Saleth MaryAntony Samy, Sr.Cecil Dimel Rajarathinam and Sr.Antoniammal Micheal in Casa Beato Luigi Guanella, Lipomo, Como, Italy.
15 th Feb,1995	A Land was registered in Chikkakamanahalli, Bannerghatta Road, Bangalore, for the novitiate and for the Mission purpose. (17/02/1995, 15/02/1995, 09/02/1995)
8 th Sept,1995	First Profession of Sr.Josephine Boniface Sebastian, Sr.Mary Victoria Arul Samy, Sr.Shanthi Mary Soosai, Sr.Savariammal Devasagayam, Sr.Arockia Mary.K.M, Sr. Amalorpava Mary Arockia Samy and Sr.Gabriel Licinal in Casa Beato Luigi Guanella, Lipomo, Como, Italy.
31 st Aug,1996	The first canonical visit of Mother Elena Salarici and the Vicar General Sr. Imelda Malovan which concluded on 16 th Sept,1996.
5 th Sept, 1996	Perpetual Profession of Sr. Victoria William, Sr. Scholastica Elias at St. Mary's Basilica ,Shivajinagar, Bangalore ,for which Mother Elena Salarici and the Vicar General Sr. Imelda Malovan and Sr. Erina Berzovini were present.
8 th Sept,1996	Today the first group of Novices who made their profession in India. First Profession of Sr.Annammal Irudaya Samy, Sr.Arpudha Mary Maria Doss, Sr.Arockia Mary Chinnappan, Sr.Arul Savariammal James, Sr.Kulandhaiammal Arockiam, Sr.Mary Chinnappan, Sr.Vasantha Thangaraj, Sr.Pauline Yacob at Holy Ghost Church, Bangalore, India.



14 th Sep, 1996	Perpetual Profession of Sr. Betci Clara Mary Moses at Dindigul, in her native. For which Mother Elena Salarici and the Vicar General Sr. Imelda Malovan ,Sr.Erina Berzovini, Sr.Victoria William and Sr. Scholastica Elias were present.
26 th Dec,1996	Sr. Betci went to Philippines as a Novice mistress.
7 th Aug, 1997	Sr.Imelda Malovan and Sr.Guistina came to India for a visit.
30 th Aug,1997	Sr.Maria Pushpam Kurus Antony made her Perpetual Profession in Como, Italy in the Sacred Heart Church.
24 th Oct, 1997	First Profession of Sr.JeyaMalini Arulappan, Sr.Mariammal IrudayaSamy and Sr.Sujatha at Holy Ghost church, Bangalore, India.
24 th Oct, 1997	Foundation Stone was laid for the new house (Community,Novitiate and School) of St.Joseph Nivas at Chikkakamanahalli, Bannerghatta Road, Bangalore.
12 th Sept, 1998	First Profession of Sr. Esther Mary Francis, Sr.Emelda Selvaraj ,Sr.Sagaya Loyola Arulanantham, Sr.Arockia Mary.S.A, and Sr.Christine Genma Rani Arockiasamy, at Holy Ghost Church, Bangalore, India.
11 th Sept,1999	First Profession of Sr.Flora Antony Samy, Sr.Christilda Ezhil Selvi Selvanayagam and Sr.SandhanaMary at Holy Ghost Church, Bangalore.
11 th Oct,1998	Sr.Maria Delphine Jebastin made her Perpetual profession in Santa Maria della Nocetta, Rome.
30 th Aug, 1999	Sr.Lawrence Mary Mariadoss, Sr.Sagaya Vanmathy Antony, Sr.Lourdu Mary Manica Susai, Sr.Christina Santiago, Sr.Cecil Dimel Rajarathinam and Sr.Antoniammal Micheal made their Perpetual Profession in Sacred Heart Church, Como, Italy.
24 th Oct,1999	Mother Guistina Valicenti, Sr.Imelda Malovan and Sr.Maria Miele came to India for a visit.
12 th Nov 1999	DSMP sisters gathered for the Formators meeting at Generalate, Italy, Rome, in which Sr. Victoria William and Sr. Betci Clara Moses were present.
18 th Aug,2000	Sr.Josephine Boniface Sebastian, Sr. Mary Victoria Arul Samy and Sr.Saleth Mary Antony Samy made their Perpetual Profession in the Basilica of St.Joseph Triunfale, Rome.
16 th Sept,2000	First profession of Sr. Prabha Antony Samy, Sr. Arockia Mary Antony Samy, Sr.Leema Antony Mary. A and Sr. Lourdu Mary Chinnappan, Sr.R.Arockia Mary, Sr.Madonna and Sr. Stella Mary at Holy Ghost Church, Davis Road, Bangalore

12 th Nov,2000	We started our mission in Kumbakonam Diocese, by assisting the elderly priests in 'Bethany Home' of Kumbakonam Diocese and doing pastoral work in Cathedral Parish and its substation.
28 th Apr,2001	Advance was paid to buy the land and house in Geddalahalli, Kothanur post, Bangalore and the agreement was made today with Seguira family. The house was named as 'Blessed Clare Nivas'. [Registered in the name of our Society on 23/07/2004]
22 nd July,2001	Inauguration of the New house 'St.Joseph Nivas',in Chikkakamanahalli, Bannerghatta, Bangalore with Novitiate House, Community and School building, Visitors block and dispensary block. The Nursery School was started in the School building.
30 th Aug,2001	Sr.Shanthi Mary Soosai, Sr.Annammal Irudaya Samy, Sr.Vasantha Thangaraj, Sr.Pauline Yacob and Sr.Kulandhaiammal Arockiam made their Perpetual Profession in Como, Italy in Sacred Heart Church.
1 st Sept,2001	The Nursery School was started in the School building. But since the sisters of Charity already had a nursery school closer by, called as 'Prem Sadan', so the parish priest requested us to start the mission appropriate to our charism, that is a Special school for the mentally challenged. Thus we started the Mission for the Special Children in St. Joseph Nivas.
24 th Oct,2001	Inauguration of the house for the formation of Postulants in 'Blessed Clare Nivas', in Geddalahalli, Bangalore, blessed by Fr.John Bosco.
2001	Inauguration of St. Mary's Nursery School at Thirumanapettai, Villiavaramphil Parish, Kumbakonam. The building for the school was rented. And we started our pastoral mission in Villiavaramphil Parish in collaboration with the Claretian Father.
19 th Jan,2001	Registration of St. Joseph Nivas Special School, Bangalore. (in Persons with disability Act 1995)
25 th Jan,2002	The study house for the candidates was opened at St.James Street, Poonamalee, Chennai. We rented a house for the stay. We started collaborating with the Guanellian fathers in the mission by assisting them in the special school and helping in the pastoral ministry at the Parish.
2002	A Dispensary was opened at St. Joseph Nivas, Chikkakamanahalli, Bannerghatta ,Bangalore.
30 th Aug,2002	Sr.Amalorpavam, Sr.Mariammal and Sr.Savariammal made their Perpetual Profession in Sacred Heart Church, Como, Italy.

8 th Dec,2002	We were invited by the Bishop of Kottar Most .Rev.Leon Tharmaraj to render our service at South Thamaraikulam in the house which belongs to the diocese. Panimaya Annai Illam was erected on this day. We assumed the responsibility of the nursery school.
Mar,2003	Our sisters from Bethany Home, Kumbakonam went to render their service in the 'Pastoral centre'.
30 th Aug,2003	Sr.Mary Chinnappan, Sr. Arockia Mary Chinnappan, Sr.Arul Savariammal James made their Perpetual Profession in Como, Italy in the Sacred Heart Church.
19 th June,2004	First Profession of Sr.Mary Sweety Kamaliyas, Sr.Antony Mary Samson, Sr.Antoniammal at St.Joseph Nivas Novitiate, Bangalore. Sr.Imelda Malovan, Sr.Maria Miele and Sr.Letizia, the General Econome came for the Profession.
12 th July, 2004	Sr.Scholastica worked as a social worker in Kumbakonam Multipurpose Social Service Society (KMSSS).
11 th Sept, 2004	Canonical visit made by Mother Guistina Valicenti .The visit concluded on 16 th Oct, 2004. Sr.Erina and Sr.Victoria William went for the XVIth General Chapter to Rome, Italy.
24 th Oct,2004	Sr. Esther Mary Francis made her Perpetual Profession in the Basilica of St. Joseph, Trionfale, Rome, Italy.
Oct, 2005	Our Sisters from Bethany Home, Kumbakonam terminated their service in the 'Pastoral centre'.
26th Dec 2004	Today is the unforgettable day when we were struck with a natural calamity-Tsunami. Our sisters who were present in South Thamaraikulam along with our novices rendered a great service for those who were affected with Tsunami by burying the dead, distributing food and clothes, giving counselling and supporting them mentally and morally.
25 th Oct,2005	Sr.Emelda Selvaraj, Sr.Arpudha Mary Maria Doss, Sr.Jeya Malini Arullappan,Sr.Sagaya Loyola Arulanantham, Sr.Christin Genma Rani Arockia Samy, Sr.Arockiam.S.A, made their Perpetual Profession in the Sacred Heart Church, Como ,Italy.
8 th Dec,2005	The community of Guanellian Sisters was started in a rented house at Samupillainagar, Cuddalore to work in the nursery School and in the Sagaya madha parish for the Pastoral ministry. We also worked in the Dispensary which belonged to our Guanellian Fathers and also started the Hostel for girls in a rented house.
14 th Dec,2005	We bought the land in Nehru nagar, Cuddalore.



1 st Mar,2006	We terminated the pastoral work in Villiavarambil, Kumbakonam.
16 th July, 2006	First Profession of Sr.Sagaya Mary Pathinathan, Sr.Rexi Manohari Arockiam, Sr.Maria Antin Suji Antony, Sr.Arockia Mary Soosai and Sr. Mary Stella at St.Joseph Nivas Chapel, Chikkakamanahalli, Bangalore
23 rd July,2006	We started collaborating with our Guanellian Fathers by assisting in the Parish of Mother of Divine Providence Church and also by doing pastoral work in Kumbakonam.
8 th Sept,2006	Sr.Christilda Ezil Selvi Selvanayagam and Sr. Flora Antony Samy made their Final profession in Sacred Heart Church, Como, Italy.
12 th Sept,2006	Hostel opened for the T.John College students at St.Joseph Nivas, Chikkakamanahalli, Bangalore in the Visitors block.
24 th Oct,2006	House was bought for the pastoral work at Thirumullaivaiyil, Sacred Heart Illam, Chennai. We started to teach tailoring in the parish and we started evening school for the children. We also took adult and Children Catechism and went for family visits and conducted meetings for the Basic Christian Community and formed groups of Legion of Mary, Youth Catechism, YCS and YSM.
Jan, 2007	Our Sisters from St. Joseph Nivas Community, Bangalore, went to work as teachers in T. John Collage.
19 th Mar,2007	The Foundation stone was laid to build the Community and Hostel in Nehru nagar, Cuddalore.
15 th Apr,2007	We closed St. Mary's Nursery School in Thirumanapettai, Kombakonam.
28 th Apr,2007	We terminated our service in Don Guanella Special School which belongs to the Servents of Charity, Chennai.
May,2007	Our Sisters from St. Joseph Nivas Community, Bangalore, terminated their service as teachers in T. John Collage.
June,2007	Our sisters from Bethany Home, Kumbakonam, worked in Little Flower Matriculation School, which belongs to the Diocese of Kumbakonam.
13 th June,2007	We shifted the hostel for girls in Cuddalore from the rented building Samupillainagar to Nehru Nagar to the newly constructed house even before the inauguration.
1 st July,2007	We closed our community (Study house for the candidates) in Poonamalee, Chennai and shifted to our community in Thirumullaivoiyil, Chennai.

6 th Oct,2007	Sr. Leema Antony Mary. A made her Perpetual Profession in Sacred Heart church, Como, Italy.
6 th Jan, 2008	First Profession of Sr.Innaciammal Jebamalai, Sr.Janet Dasan, Sr.Jensi John Bosco, Sr.Lourdu Sagayam Savariappan, , Sr.Roseline Shanthi Micheal Nathan and Sr.Vinita Mary Vincent George at St.Joseph Nivas Chapel, Bangalore.
11 th Feb,2008	Guanellian Sisters Community was started in Shivajinagar ,Bangalore. We stayed in a house which was freely given by Mr.Bosco, brother of Fr.Victor, for our service in St. Mary's Basilica. The sisters took adult catechism for both children and adult, also started evening school for the poor children in the surrounding area and worked in the Reception Office of the Basilica.
15 th Mar,2008	We started to work for the Elderly Priests in the Diocese of Eluru, in 'Vianney home', Andra Pradesh.
19 th Mar,2008	Termination of our service in the Nursery School and dispensary in samupillainagar which belongs to the Servents of Charity.
19 th Mar,2008	We bought the land in Kumbakonam on the following days, at Kottaiyur Village, Melacauvery post, Kumbakonam, Tanjore (Dt). [S.No: 356/3A, 4A,6,342/3,6; 246;341/4,5; 342/3,4] { 10/03/2008, 19/03/2008, 24/03/2008, 14/08/2008, 18/06/2012}
15 th May,2008	We started to work in the 'Social Service Centre' (APSS) of the diocese of Eluru.
June 2008	We started to render our service in the MI Rehabilitation Centre in 'Friends for the needy' in Thirumullaivoyil, Chennai.
3 rd June,2008	We closed the nursery School in South Thamaraikulam, Kanyakumari district.
7 th Oct,2008	First Profession of Sr.Arockia Mary Madhalaimuthu, Sr.Arockia Mary Periyanayagam, Sr.Jancy Rani Pushpa Raj, , Sr.Joseph Jeya Julie Paul Raj, Sr.Maria Claudia Jude, Sr.Micheal Rani Soosai and Sr.John Shylaja, in St.Joseph Nivas Chapel, Bangalore.
3 rd Nov,2008	We started to work in the Special School 'Preman Vidha' of the Diocese of Eluru, Andra Pradesh.
11 th Feb,2009	Don Guanella Special School for the Mentally Challenged was opened at South Thamaraikulam, Kanyakumari, Tamil Nadu.
1 st July,2009	We started to work in the Diocesan School 'Don Bosco School', Thirumullaivoiyil, Chennai. One of our sisters worked in the school as the Head Mistress.

20 th July,2009	We started to work in the Sacristy of St. Mary's Basilica, Bangalore.
16 th Sep,2009	Sr.Erina Berzovini who was delegated as the person in charge of our Congregation in India, reached the Eternal abode this day. (30.03.1946-16.09.2009)
23 rd Sep,2009	Canonical Visit by Mother Guistina Valicenti and Sr.Franca which was concluded on 17 th Oct, 2009.
7 th Oct,2009	First Profession of Sr.Antoniammal Irudayasamy, Sr.Arockia mary Lazar, Sr.Gnana Siron Mani Jesudass, Sr.Helan Sobitha Lenadimai Sr.Jaya Rani Sadhanantham, Sr.Johncy Loyola Shanthi Muddiapan, Sr. Jayaseeli AntonySamy, Sr.Jenitha Jesie Chinnappan, Sr.Kulandai Therese Irudhaya Raj, Sr.Madhalai Mary Chinnappan, Sr.Michael Rani Asir, and Sr.Usha Rani Gadidesi at St.Joseph Nivas Chapel, in the presence of Mother Guistina Valicenti and Sr.Franca.
8 th Oct,2009	Assembly was held in St. Joseph Nivas for the Sisters in order to elect the representative for the General Chapter. Sr. Betci was elected and Sr. Victoria William went by right.
15 th Oct,2009	St. Mary of Divine Providence Community at Guanella Road, Nehru Nagar,1, Cuddalore and Divine Providence Home, Hostel for the College Students, was inaugurated by Most. Rev. Dr. Anantharayar, Archbishop of Pondicherry-Cuddalore.
24 th Oct,2009	Sr.Prabha Antonysamy, Sr.Lourdu Mary Chinnappan, Sr.Arockia Mary Antony Samy made their Perpetual Profession in Sacred Heart Church, Como, Italy.
17 th Jan,2010	Blessed Clare Nivas Special School for the Mentally challenged children was opened at Geddalahalli, Bangalore.
Feb,2010	We terminated our mission in 'Friends for the needy'', Rehabilitation Centre for the mentally Ill in Thirumulaivoiyil.
18 th Feb,2011	Sr.Imelda Malovan and Sr.Genevieve came to India for a visit. And today we celebrated the Birthday of Our Dear Sr.Imelda Malovan in St.Joseph Nivas, Bangalore.
May, 2010	We terminated our assistance in Kumbakonam multipurpose social service society-KMSS in Kumbakonam
20 th May,2010	Today we laid foundation stone to build a Multipurpose Hall in Geddalahalli, Bangalore.



1 st July,2010	Mother Guistina and Sr.Marina came from Italy to visit us.
30 th July,2010	The land in Janampet, Eluru, Andhra Pradesh was donated by Arch Bishop Most.Rev. Mallava Prakash (Bishop of Vishakapattinam).
24th Oct,2010	We inaugurated the 'Erina Hall' in Geddalahalli, in loving memory of Sr.Erina Berzovini.
8 th Dec,2010	New Mother General Rev.Sr.Elizabetta Serena Ciserani was elected.
1 st June,2011	Registration of Don Guanella Special School, South Thamaraikula (in Persons with Disability Act1995).
6 th Apr,2011	The Fraternal visit of Newly elected Superior General Sr.Serena's first visit to India with Rev.Sr.Giustina Valicent,the VicarGeneral.
June 2011	The shifting of Shivajinagar Community from the old house to the house inside the Basilica Campus, which belongs to the Parish.
22 nd July,2011	Foundation stone was laid for St. Joseph Nivas Aged Home
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22 nd July,2011	Sr.Scholastica Elias went as missionary to Romania to render her service.
27 th July,2011	South Thamaraikulam land property was gifted to DSMP from the Bishop of Kotar Diocese.
2 nd Aug, 2011	We registered another piece of the land next to Sacred Heart Illam, Chennai, where we have the evening school for the poor children from the surrounding area and named it as "Mother Imelda Evening School".
3 rd Aug,2011	We purchased a house with land in Vidhyanagar, Eluru, Andra Pradesh.
7 th Oct,2011	First Profession of Sr.Arockia Rani Thanislas and Sr.lilly Flora Ambrose at St. Joseph Nivas Chapel.
23 RD OCT,2011	CANONIZATION OF OUR FOUNDER ST.LUIGI GUANELLA AND THE CELEBRATION WAS IN THE HOLY GHOST CHURCH GROUND. BOTH SDC AND DSMP CELEBRATED TOGETHER.
24 th Oct,2011	Sr.Antony Mary Samson made her Perpetual Profession in the Basilica of St.Joseph, Triunfale, Rome, Italy.
2011	A sister was sent to work as a teacher in St. Xavier's High School run by PIME Fathers, in Eluru, Andhra Pradesh.
Mar,2012	Sr. Victoria William was nominated as "Delegata ad Personum" and Sr. Betci Clara Mary and Sr. Maria Pushpam were the Councillors.

June, 2012	The Sisters from St. Joseph Nivas community wored as teachers at St. Francis Xavier School, which belongs to the parish.
22 nd July, 2012	We celebrated the Silver Jubilee of our Congregation in India, in Holy Ghost Church, Bangalore. Mother General Sr. Serena and Sr. Guistina Valicenti were present for this celebration.
2 nd Nov,2012	Sr. Victoria William went as a representative to the International meeting in San Pancrazio, Rome, in the view of revising the Directory of DSMP.
19 th Dec,2012	We rented a house in Kumbakonam (No.8,OSJ,Abudin Nagar) and named it as St.Luigi Guanella illam in remembrance of the canonization of our Founder.
10 th Apr,2013	We sent one of our sisters ,Sr.Mariammal for the mission in Afghanistan .It is the school run by the association Pro bambini di Kabul (pbk),Onlus, NGO (an Italian, a non – profit organization).As a Religious community they were three sisters from different Congregation and their responsibilities were divided. In which, Sr.Mariammal was appointed as a vice director of the school for the Mentally Challenged Children.
May, 2013	The Sisters from St. Joseph Nivas community terminated their work as teachers at St. Francis Xavier School, a parish school.
13 th May,2013	First profession of Sr.Francy Maria Nirmala Jude, Sr.Jaculine Mary Sagaya Raj, Sr.Jenifer Villiam and Sr.Sarita in St.Joseph Nivas chapel, Chikkakamanahalli, Bangalore.
6 th Jan,2014	Perpetual Profession of Sr.Mary Sweety Kamaliyas, Sr.S.Arockia Mary Soosai, Sr.Maria Antin Suji Antony, Sr.Rexi Manohari Arockiam and Sr.Sagaya Mary Pathinathan in the Holy Ghost Church, Bangalore, for which Sr.Carla Follini and Sr.Antonietta, the General Councillors from Rome had come.
24 th Jan,2014	St.Joseph Nivas home for the aged was blessed by Most Rev. Dr.Bernard Mores and inaugurated by Sr.Carla Folini, General Councillor DSMP in the presence of Rev.Sr. Antonietta Ripamonti, General Councillor DSMP.
14 th Mar,2014	We started our mission in Kuttalam, Myladuthurai Taluk, Thanjavur district, Tamil Nadu, by renting a house which was named as 'St. Francis de Sales Illam'. The Sisters worked in the parish and went for pastoral work.
13 th May,2014	Sr.Jancy Rani Antony Samy, Sr.Joji Mary Penumunuri, Sr. Madhulatha Domathoti, Sr.Periyanayagammal Jesu Raj, Sr.Punidha Arockia Mary Sagaya Shekar made their First Profession in St.Joseph Nivas Chapel, Bangalore.

June,2014	We stopped rendering our service in the tailoring centre of the Parish, Thirumullaivoyil, Chennai.
3 rd July,2014	We rented a house in Vidhyanagar, Eluru, Andrapradesh ,to give formation to the candidates who were doing there intermediate studies.
Dec, 2014	In Vidhyanagar, Eluru, Andra Pradesh we started restoring and constructing the building which we had purchased in 2011.
Oct 2014	In St. Joseph Nivas, Bangalore, we shifted the hostel from the visitors block to the New building (Aged home building)
13 th May,2015	First profession of Sr.Samala Katru, Sr.Divya, Sr. Kumari Desamala, Sr. Mamatha Mantina and Sr.Stella Rani Chowrimuthu in St. Joseph Nivas Chapel, Chikkakammanahalli, Bangalore.
15 th Aug,2015	Silver Jubilee of the first profession of our first sisters Sr. Victoria William, Sr. Betci Clara Mary Moses and Sr. Scholastica Elias.
7 th Oct,2015	Our Congregation in India was declared as the Delegation and named as 'THE DELEGATION OF MARY MOST HOLY OF THE ASSUMPTION'.
12 th Nov,2015	The First Delegation team was announced. Sr.Victoria William as the Delegate Superior and the Councillors, Sr. Betci Clara Mary Moses, Sr.Mary Chinnappan, Sr.JeyaMalini and Sr.Emelda Selvaraj.
29 th Nov,2015	Sr.Imelda Malovan reached her Eternal abode. (18/02/1924 - 29/11/2015)
6 th Jan,2016	Installation of the First Delegation Team with the Holy Mass in John Armstrong Road (Davis Road), Bangalore.
8 th Apr,2016	Inauguration of St. Mary of Providence Home, Vidhyanagar, Eluru. Blessed by his grace Most Rev.Dr.JayaRoa Polimera, Bishop of Eluru and inaugurated by Rev.Sr.Elizabetta Serena Ciserani, The General Superior, in the presence of Sr.Neli Selete, General councillor and Sr.Victoria William, the Delegate superior
19 th Apr,2016	Perpetual Profession of Sr.Innaciammal Jebamalai, Sr.Janet Dasan, Sr.Jensi John Bosco, Sr.Lourdu Sagayam Savariappan, , Sr.Roseline Shanthi Micheal Nathan and Sr.Vinita Mary Vincent George in Holy Ghost Church, Bangalore. Mother General Sr.Elizabetta Serena Ciserani and Sr.Neli Salete Bordignon , the General Councillor came for the Perpetual Profession.
30 th Apr,2016	Mother General Sr. Elizabetta Serena Ciserani and Sr.Neli came for the Canonical visit. They met all the sisters and also had the meeting with the Delegation team. The visit concluded on 2 nd May, 2016.



Apr, 2016	Our Sisters from Bethany Home, Kumbakonam, terminated their work in Little Flower Matriculation School.
2 nd May,2016	Sr. Mary Victoria Arul was sent for mission to Africa from our Delegation. She is one of the pioneers along with two other sisters to start the mission in Africa from our Congregation.
13 th May,2016	First profession of Sr. Mary Stella Adaikala Samy, Sr. Boorugu Pushpamma Bala Raju, Sr.Dasari Joshna Ramba Vasantha Rao, Sr.Viyakula Sengol Jenifer Santhiaku, Sr.Reena and Sr.Roja Mani, in St.Joseph Nivas Chapel,Bangalore.
21 st June,2016	We terminated our mission in Kuttalam (St.Francis de Sales Illam).
22 nd Aug,2016	1 st Delegation assembly was held in St.Joseph Nivas (22 nd -27 th Aug 2016). Sr. Betci Clara Mary Moses, Sr.Jeya Malini and Sr. Maria Pushpam were elected to go to the General Chapter. And Sr.Victoria William went to the Chapter by right.
21 st Sep,2016	We started our Service for the elderly in St. Joseph Nivas aged Home, Bangalore.
24 th Oct,2016	We started to construct the first floor in Sacred Heart Illam, Chennai.
7 th Jan,2017	Perpetual Profession of Sr.Arockia Mary Madhalaimuthu, Sr. Jancy Rani Pushparaj, Sr. Arockia Mary Periyanayagam, Sr. Maria Claudia Jude, Sr.Joseph Jeya Julie PaulRaj ,Sr. Micheal Rani Soosai and Sr.Madhalai Mary Chinnappan in Sacred Heart Church, Como, Italy.
5 th Mar,2017	We started Guanellian Lay Movement in Blessed Clare Nivas, Bangalore.
13 th May,2017	First profession of Sr.Sukanya Alaga and Sr.Sneha Desamala in St.Joseph Nivas Chapel, Bangalore.
June, 2017	Our Sisters, Sr.Victoria William and Sr.Jeyamalini, went to Vietnam to study the place and the situation in order to determine whether a mission could be started there.
15 th Aug,2017	Silver Jubilee of the first profession of Sr.Maria Pushpam and Sr.Lawrence Mary.
17 th Aug,2017	Sr. Scholastica returned back to India from Romania .
1 st Oct,2017	Inauguration of the first floor in Sacred Heart Illam, Chennai.

10 th Feb,2018	Perpetual profession of Sr.Antoniammal Irudayasamy, Sr.Arockia mary Lazar, Sr.Gnana Siron Mani Jesudass, Sr.Helan Sobitha Lenadimai Sr.Jaya Rani Sadhanantham, Sr.Johncy Loyola Shanthi Muddiapan, Sr. Jayaseeli AntonySamy, Sr.Jenitha Jesie Chinnappan, Sr.Kulandai Therese Irudhaya Raj, Sr.Michael Rani Asir, and Sr.Usha Rani Gadidesi in Sacred Heart Church, Como, Italy.
16 th May,2018	We purchased a House in kumbakonam, in OSJ Abudin Nagar, in the same street were stayed in the rented house.
6 th June,2018	We started our mission in Vedapatti, to assist the children in St.Antony Children Home, belonging to the House of Dindigul. And one of the Sisters went to work in the Social Service Centre of the Diocese.
15 th Aug,2018	Silver Jubilee of First Religious profession of of Sr.Maria Delphine Jebastian, Sr. Sagaya Vanmathy Antony and Sr.Lourdu Mary Manica Soosai.
30 th Oct,2018	The Houses at 4/1, 4/1 A, John Armstrong road, Bangalore, which were registered in the Arch Diocese of Bangalore were transferred (re-registered) in the name of our Society "Daughters of St. Mary of Providence"
29 th Nov,2018	We terminated our mission in Kabul in the association Pro bambini di Kabul. Sr. Mariammal returned back to India.
5 th Feb,2019	Canonical Visit by our Vicar General Sr. Neuza and the General Councillor Sr. Esther Leruox. They finished the Canonical visit on 10 th March, 2019 and returned back to Rome.
25 th Mar,2019	We laid the Foundation stone to build the Special School in Blessed Clare Nivas, Geddalahhali, Bangalore, by Rev. Fr. Gnanaraj, SdC.
12 th Sep,2019	Silver Jubilee of First Religious profession of Sr.Christina Santiago, Sr.Saleth Mary Antony Samy, Sr. Cecil Dimel Rajarathinam and Sr.Antoniammal Micheal.
25 th Aug,2019	Sr.Maria Delphine Jebastine reached the Eternal Abode (10.09.1961-25.08.2019)
12 th Dec,2019	Sr.Betci went as a representative from India to Rome for the 'Concilio di Istituto'.(12 th -19 th Dec,2019)
4 th Jan,2020	We shifted St.Luigi Guanella Community from the rented house to the new house [No.1306/A] which we bought in the same street.
5 th Jan,2020	Our Mother General Sr.Elizabetta Serena Ciserani reached the Eternal Abode. (26.06.1947-05.01.2020)

7 th Feb,2020	St.Luigi Guanella illam in Kumbakonam, was blessed by His Grace Most Rev. Dr. Antony Samy.
22 nd Feb,2020	Perpetual profession of Sr.Arockia Rani Thanislaus, Sr.Francy Maria Nirmala Jude and Sr.Lilly Flora Ambrose in Sacred Heart Church, Como, Italy.
22 nd Feb,2020	2 nd Delegation Assembly in St. Joseph Nivas, Bangalore. The assembly concluded on 24 th Feb, 2020. Sr.Betci Clara Mary Moses, Sr.Scholastica Elias, Sr.Mary Sweety Kamiliyas were elected to go for the Chapter. Sr.Victoria William will go by right.
2 nd Mar,2020	Our Sisters with our Guanellian Fathers went to Srilanka for an analysis of the situation and to see if we could establish a mission there.
8 th Sept,2020	Silver Jubilee of First Religious Profession of Sr.Josephine Boniface Sebastian, Sr.Mary Victoria Arul Samy, Sr.Shanthi Mary Soosai, Sr.Savariammal Devasagayam, Sr.Arockia Mary.K.M and Sr.Amalorpava Mary Arockia samy
10 th Jan,2021	Perpetual Profession of Sr.Jaculine Mary SagaRaj in Sacred Heart Church, Como, Italy.
10 th Aug,2021	Our Sisters started to work in the office of St.Joseph's Dental Collage, Duggirala, belonging to the Diocese of Eluru.
8 th Sept,2021	Silver Jubilee of the First Profession of Sr.Annammal Irudaya Samy, Sr.Arpudha Mary Maria Doss, Sr.Arockia Mary Chinnappan, Sr.Kulandhaiammal Arockiam, Sr.Mary Chinnappan, Sr.Vasantha Thangaraj and Sr.Pauline Yacob.
23 rd Oct,2021	We celebrated the 10 th year Anniversary of the Canonization of St.Luigi Guanella.
	Perpetual profession of Sr.Jancy Rani Antony Samy, Sr.Jenifer Villiam, Sr.Mamatha Mantina, Sr.Samala Katru in Sacred Heart Church, Como, Italy.
	The First Profession of Sr.Divya Deepam John Peter, Sr.Jaya Madhalaimuthu in St.Joseph Nivas chapel, Bangalore.
28.02.2022	Mother Elena Salarici reached her eternal abode. (28.03.1934 - 28.02. 2022)

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Grateful to our Superior Generals who guided our Congregation in India since 1987

Rev. Sr. Elena Salarici 1986 - 1998



Rev. Sr. Giustina Valicenti 1998 - 2010



Rev. Sr. Elizabetta Serena Ciserani 2010 - 2020

In March 2012, Sr.Victoria was nominated as Delegata ad Personum and Sr.Betci Clara Moses and Sr.Maria Pushpam as the Councillors.



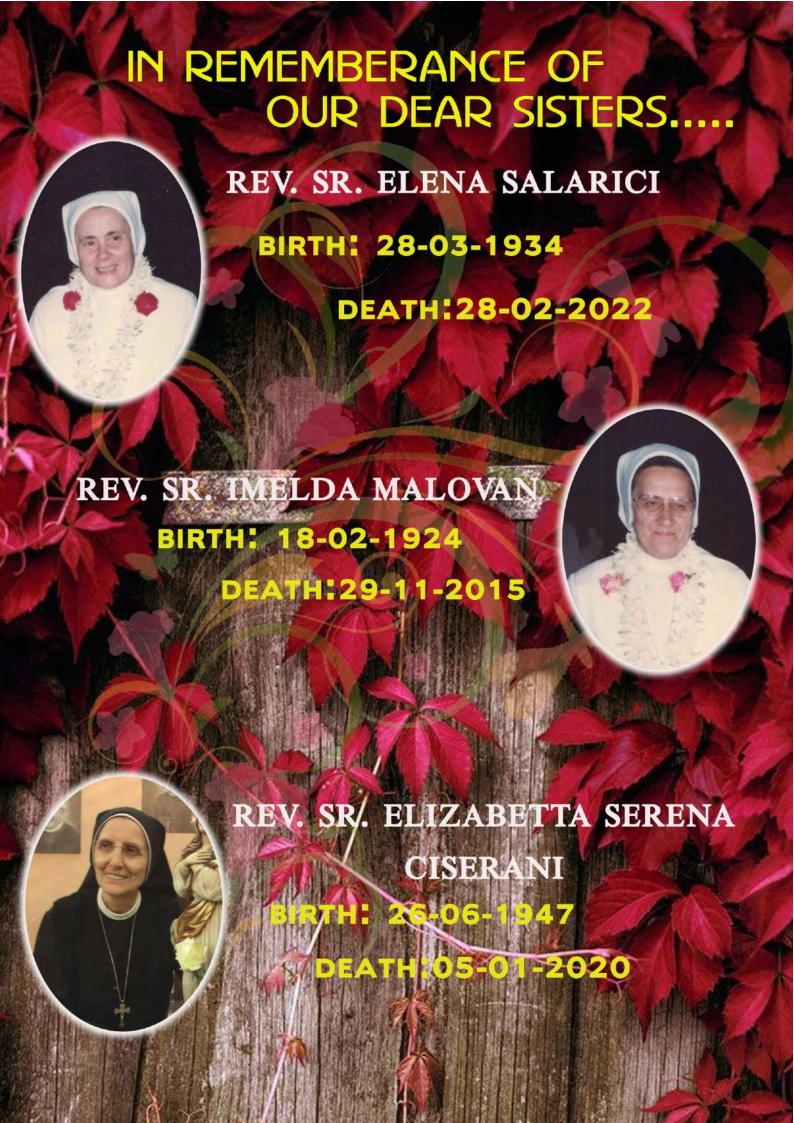
Sr.Betci



Sr. Victoria



Sr.Pushpa



WE MISS YOU DEAR SISTERS





BIRTH: 30-03-1946

DEATH: 16-09-2009



REV. SR. MARIA DELPHINE

BIRTH: 10-09-1961

DEATH: 25-08-2019



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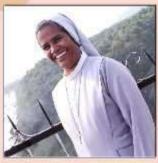
Our Sincere Gratitude and Appreciation for the Former Delegation Team..



Sr.Betci Clara Mary



Sr.Victoria William Former Delegate Superior



Sr.Mary Chinnappan



Sr.Jeya Malini Arullappan



Sr.Rexy Manohari (Econome)



Sr.Emelda Selvaraj

The simplest yet greatest thing that we can do for you is showing our gratitude.

Thank you dear Sisters

