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Winter 1839: Jeanne Jugan is the first elder to take a man into her home.

July 9, 1854: Pontifical approval of the Little Sisters of the Poor.

August 29, 1879: Jeanne is born to eternal life.

October 3, 1982: Beatification of Jeanne Jugan by Pope John Paul II.

October 11, 2009: Jeanne Jugan is declared a Saint by Pope Benedict XVI.







St. Jeanne Jugan
a prophetic witness
of the Gospel
for our time















St. Jerome Tergin
A presbiter witness
of the Gospel



St. Joseph's Day
Celebration of the Solemnity of St. Joseph
at the Shrine of the Immaculate Conception



















Serving the Poor

A more poor old people came, Jeanne's companions joined in their care. Soon they had no more room and purchased a former convent to be their new home in Saint-Servan. They began wearing simple, peasant-like attire and adopted religious names. Jeanne became Sister Mary of the Cross. On May 29, 1842, they named their group Servants of the Poor, electing Jeanne as their Mother Superior.



A small prayer space in the attic.



The dining area in the new home.



A painting of St. John the Baptist and God with the Mother Superior.

They chose as a model the hospital life of the Servites of St. John of God.

Relying on Divine Providence

"Sister Jeanne, go out instead of come for us," the elderly man said. It was not for Jeanne to help. He had no money.



She begs for the poor.



She finds a way to help the poor. She is very poor. She is very poor. She is very poor.

Growing in Number

In 1845, Jeanne set out for Rennes on her begging rounds. Noticing the many elderly poor, she acquired a house in Rennes. Young women of Saint-Servan and Rennes began entering the order. A third house was opened in Dinan; the Congregation was expanding very rapidly. By 1852, there were 15 houses and 500 Sisters who adopted the popular name Little Sisters of the Poor.



Her first house in Rennes.



Sisters' house in Rennes.



A statue of Jeanne.

They go to the hospital. They go to the hospital. They go to the hospital.

Jeanne Jugan Hidden Years: 1855-1879

At the work of the Little Sisters spread, so did Jeanne's renown—until one day she was mysteriously lost to the world. It was a great loss to the congregation. Her long and devoted life was a model for the young. Her love for the poor and her courage in the face of adversity were a source of inspiration. Her work was a testament to the power of faith and the love of God.



The Motherhouse and garden in Rennes.



A statue of St. Joseph in the Motherhouse.



Statue of St. Joseph in the Motherhouse.

Guiding the Nations

When Sister Jeanne died, she left behind a legacy of love and service. Her work was a testament to the power of faith and the love of God. Her life was a model for the young. Her love for the poor and her courage in the face of adversity were a source of inspiration. Her work was a testament to the power of faith and the love of God.



A scene in the Motherhouse.































Année Jugan
Formation Years: 1817-1852

After leaving the hospital, Jeanne did housework and cared for the sick. She lived with friends and together they established a regular life of prayer. In 1839, Jeanne came to a decision. In agreement with her companions, she brought home an elderly blind woman who had no one to care for her. Jeanne carried the woman to her apartment and placed her in her own bed.



Jeanne with the first Recorders.



The start of Jeanne's apartment.



The kitchen and table in the apt.

This was the beginning of the apostolate.

Serving the Poor

A short time after...



Reigning over the Apostolate

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