

L.A. Police Chief Bratton pinch-hits for his wife

The Los Angeles police chief spoke to more than 120 people at the Oct. 19 meeting of the Auxiliary of the Little Sisters of the Poor.

Chief William Bratton — the 54th chief of the LAPD — was formerly the police commissioner in New York City and Boston. His presentation included the department's accomplishments in reengineering the LAPD and the subsequent 26.4-percent decrease in Part I crime. Bratton addressed the significant challenges still remaining in crime prevention especially the force's role in counter-terrorism.

The Auxiliary was founded in 1997. Its focus is specifically on fund-raising to help the Little

Sisters meet operational costs and special needs. From the order's initial cluster of 22 founding women, there now are 200 members in the order.

Since the Auxiliary's first fund-raiser in 1998, its members have raised more than \$1,500,000 for the Jeanne Jugan Residence. This makes the Auxiliary the single largest donor to the Residence. That number does not include individual legacies.

Jeanne Jugan founded the congregation of the Little Sisters of the Poor in France in 1839. The order now operates homes for the needed elderly in 31 countries. They have served in Southern California since 1905.

—Frank Brown



Law and Order Surrounding Los Angeles Police Chief William Bratton in a protective huddle are six nuns, members of the order of Little Sisters of the Poor. Standing are Srs. Michael and Clotilde and Mother Marguerite. The man in black holding sunflowers is Bratton. Next to him is Sister Isabel. Seated are Srs. Robert and Maureen.