

Little Sisters of the Poor



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(Top) Mother Rose Marie plays the role of Jeanne Jugan as she gives up her own bed to her first elderly guest played by Resident Jeanette Urbin.

(Middle) Sister Andrea performs as an early companion of Jeanne Jugan and, in an act of hospitality, offers coffee to Resident Sparky Adams.

(Bottom) Sr. Maria helps Resident Father Lucian Lomello along the "Walk with Jeanne Jugan". Travelers recited the rosary together as they moved from presentation to presentation.

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A Walk with Jeanne Jugan



Jeanne Jugan founded the Little Sisters of the Poor with a very simple, yet dramatic, gesture. One winter's evening in 1839, she opened her heart and her home to an elderly blind woman who suddenly found herself alone. Moved by her great need, Jeanne brought Anne Chavin to her apartment and placed her in her own bed. This act committed her forever. Soon another old woman followed, then a third, The congregation of the Little Sisters of the Poor—with its unique mission of hospitality to the elderly—was born!



To help Residents, employees, volunteers, and guests know and understand the charism of their Foundress, the Little Sisters of the Poor recently staged "A Walk with Jeanne Jugan". The journey began in the lobby with a slide presentation on the life of young Jeanne who grew up surrounded by poverty and suffering following the French Revolution.



The next several steps on the "Walk" included a reenactment of Jeanne's life when she welcomed her first guests, begged from door to door collecting food and alms, and attracted other women to join in the care of the needy elderly.

When Jeanne died in 1879, few Little Sisters knew that she was the Foundress. While she was "robbed" of this role, she spent twenty-seven years assigned to working with the postulants. By doing this, she deeply engraved the imprint of her soul on the religious family she founded.

Today over 3,000 Little Sisters of the Poor serve in 31 countries on 5 continents. Just as in the beginning, they look to their Foundress for guidance, always asking "What would Jeanne Jugan do" to enhance the happiness and comfort of our elderly brothers and sisters.

WWJJD - What Would Jeanne Jugan Do?



The Little Sisters of the Poor believe that a person never loses the capacity for growth and experience, no matter what age. By choosing to offer a nurturing and supportive environment filled with thoughtful attention, meaningful activities and love, there is an alternative to solitude.

Sr. Genevieve gives Resident Henrietta Gomes a gift after the Christmas Tea Party.



A new acronym that you will hear more around the Jeanne Jugan Residence is WWJJD—What would Jeanne Jugan Do? Preserving the original charism of Jeanne Jugan by giving happiness to the poor and elderly has always been of the utmost importance to the Little Sisters. The special challenge is to define the needs of our Residents today – aside from shelter, food, and medical attention. Our top priority is to respect the whole person—the intellect, emotions, spirituality and life experiences—not solely the physical condition.

Chaplain Father John Winnenberg introduces three angels who are part of the Christmas Program: Residents Blanche Tysol, Dora Heck, and Vernie Meagher.



A new Hospitality Committee has been formed for the purpose of enhancing the family spirit at our Home. The objective, most simply, is to convey the ideal of hospitality left to us by Jeanne Jugan and to evaluate and nurture how well we are **“making the elderly happy, that is what counts!”** (Jeanne Jugan)

Residents Ann Coyne, Edna Evans, Jim Lafferty, Jeanette Behringer, and Peggy Lafferty are part of the Christmas choir.

We know that creating a social environment filled with meaningful activities, pastoral care, reminiscing, domestic projects and daily routines, can help direct the later years of life into a period of fulfillment and completion. Although we must deal with regulatory complexities of operating a long term care facility, we feel confident that new and creative inspirations will foster the family-based environment that Residents can readily consider a home.

Through ceaseless prayer, the Little Sisters are able to emulate Jeanne Jugan’s vision of seeing Christ in our Residents. All at the Home can experience how Hospitality can be energizing, since it is a response to God’s love of the poor and elderly.

—Love God very much, so that you can look after the old people well.
... For it is Jesus whom you care for in them.

Blessed Jeanne Jugan
(Sister Mary of the Cross)



The Little Sisters are preparing for one of the Christmas Tea Parties given for each floor of the Home and for the Independent Living Apartments.

Resident Zorka Rengel and Sr. Andrea enjoy the tea, breads and cakes.

Celebrations and Outings Bring Shared Love and Laughter

Ring in the New Year with a big party and dance was great fun! Residents were joined by the Little Sisters and employees in the auditorium which was completely transformed with hundreds of brightly colored balloons and streamers. (Left) Resident Ralph Patalano came dressed as Father Time for 2002. (Right) And, to everyone's surprise, there was even a New Year's Baby played by Resident Jeannette Behringer who has the reputation of being a "character" according to her niece Kathleen Schreiber. Everyone joined in the circle dancing and games. And, everyone smiled!



Thank you to all for making the event so memorable and fun!.

Alice Dooley enjoys a New Year's dance with her son.

Clara Ann Hawkes (AJJ) and Resident Penny Polleys (AJJ) are surprised by Woody at the Universal Studios outing.



Carmen Bosnak, Blanche Tysol, Margaret Gordon, and Bosa Marinov get a laugh when Beetle Juice joins them and other Residents for their Universal Studio Tour.



Along with other Residents, Father Christopher Soupos and Matteo Lomonaco enjoy the boat ride to Catalina.

Sr. Anne, Blanche Tysol, Mary Ewell, and Sr. Vincent relax on their way back to San Pedro from the day in Catalina.



Old age is the crown of the steps of life.

It gathers in the harvest,

The harvest from what you have learned and experienced,

The harvest from what you have done and achieved,

The harvest from what you have suffered and undergone.

As in the finale of a great symphony,

All the great themes of life combine to a mighty harmony.

Pope John Paul II, Address to the Elderly in Munich, 1980



A Cooking Adventure Brings Great Reminiscing



(Left) Resident Chef Jackie Shannon (L), Ida Milanese and Sr. Genevieve (R) were among those who enjoyed the pig's feet feast.



(Right) Others who enjoyed the feast were Blanche Tysol, Mary Monteiro, Marie Olsen, Father John Winnenberg, and Mickey Buniel.

"Let's have some good old fashion food, like the way mom used to make it! Not the simple stuff but the unusual," said Ida Milanese. "How about pig's feet as a starter!"

That was all the encouragement Jackie Shannon needed. She was quickly off researching recipes and planning a full

menu. The word went out to Residents, employees and any one lucky enough to hear about the planned feast. And what a feast it was! Baked pig's feet, garlic and onion seasoned vegetables, boiled potatoes and fresh bread.

The meal was a time of great laughter and story telling—of growing up in different ethnic traditions, of the good old days, of remembering when... *Thank you, Jackie, for your cooking talent and hospitality. What's cooking next?*

Birthday Joy

Monthly on the 2nd Wed., dedicated Auxiliary members host a Residents' birthday party. This has become an *anticipated* event that nourishes both body and spirit. This celebration brings joy each and every time.

God Bless you, Auxiliary members!



(Left) May Vilicich presents Resident Helen Igloi with a birthday hug before they have lunch together.

(Middle) Kathy DiBernardo and Phyllis Trujillo give Resident Jean McKeever special birthday attention.

(Right) Pat Trutanich and Mary Joe Jackson celebrate with Resident Ethna Brinkerhoff at the January birthday luncheon.



Youth Volunteers Enrich and Are Enriched

Ryan Gannon, Loyola High School, serves lunch to Resident Helen Sullivan as part of the many tasks he completed during his senior service project.

Hanns Behrens, also a Loyola High senior, serves Penny Polleys (AJJ) at lunch time.

We are fortunate to experience the generosity of young volunteers. The breadth and diversity of their efforts are impressive. We would like to particularly thank those who come on a regular basis: the National Charity League Ticktockers, who sponsor monthly Bingo and an "Adopt a Grandparent Program"; the Willenburg Special Education Center, who clean and prepare the dining room for lunch; and Los Hermanos, who also sponsor a monthly Bingo party. The spirit of these young people brings great joy to our dear Residents and are a wonderful example for others to follow.

We also appreciate the special music and dance programs that brighten up a day such as those recently presented by Mary Star of the Sea, Chadwick and Carson high school students. For more information call Sr. Genevieve at 310-548-0625.



Place your intelligence, your talents, your enthusiasm, your compassion and your fortitude at the service of life...see to it that life flourishes in every person, in so far as you can, give back the smile and joy of living to those entrusted to your care.

Pope John Paul II, World Youth Day, Denver, 1993

(Left) Sparky Adams enjoys meeting a student from the Peck Park After-School Program.

(Right) (Back) Maria De la Rosa (Supervisor), Jesus Escobar. (Front) Juan Gonzalez, Richard Directo, Enrique Maldonado, and Hernan Cortes come weekdays from the Willenburg Special Education Center to clear the breakfast tables and set for lunch.



(Left) Resident Anna Clare enjoys visiting with a young student from Peck Park After-School Program.

(Right) The students from Peck Park After-School Program perform at Christmas for the Residents.



The Auxiliary Meets for Mass, Dinner, Business and Entertainment



Over 200 members of the Auxiliary of the Little Sisters of the Poor collaborate in the ministry of the Little Sisters by raising much needed funds to help with the operations and repairs of the Home. Just as Jeanne Jugan considered her supporters an extension of her religious family, so do the Little Sisters today.

The Little Sisters are most grateful to this extremely dedicated and talented group. A special thank you is extended to the officers who so capably served last year and to those who have generously accepted positions as officers for the coming year.

The new executive committee was installed at the general membership meeting on January 15th.

(Back Row L-R)

President Phyllis Trujillo
Co-Pres Jan Werneid
2nd Vice Pres Colleen O'Brien
2nd Vice Pres. Alanna Kennedy
Rec. Sec. Patty Laney

(Front Row L-R)

1st Vice Pres Diane Dizard
1st Vice Pres Dolores Sharp
Treasurer Mary Jean Salcido
Correspnd. Sec. Pat Brajevich

For more information call Jan Werneid at 310-548-0625. The next general meeting will be April 16th with Mass, dinner and meeting.



(Middle Left) Sr. Andrea welcomes Carmen Weber who serves as secretary to the San Pedro Regional Bishop.

(Middle Right) Natalie Sutlovich and Dottie Good show a centerpiece donated & designed by Timmy Kelly.



(Bottom Left) Timmy Kelly, Carole Beecher, and Celine Summer catch up during the social time.

(Bottom Right) Mother Rose Marie, Carole Stutzke, and Sr. Genevieve are thrilled to see so many new faces.

LSP Adventure 2003: Saturday, June 21, 2003

Exciting plans are in the works for the sixth annual fund-raising event of the Little Sisters' Auxiliary. Mark your calendar for June 21st and plan to attend. LSP Adventure 2003 will be held at *the Cathedral of Our Lady of the Angels*. Underwriters and auction items are being solicited. Please call Jan Werneid at 310-548-0625 with questions and to make donation.



(Top) Students from Connelly, Rosary, and Servite High Schools receive great applause for their Sentimental Journey of swing music and patriotic medleys.



(Left) Sr. Vincent gets a hug from Shirley Lenihan, chair for the Day of Recollection to be held 3/19 with Msgr. Lloyd Torgenson presiding.



(Bottom Left) Jean Sorich and Ethel Wright are among the enthusiastic attendees.

(Right) Sr. Christine Kuptz thanks Marilyn Kuptz for bidding on so many items in the silent auction.



(Bottom Middle) Nancy Bush and Marilyn North are regular supports of the Little Sisters from Long Beach.

(Bottom Right) Betty Marinkovich, Jean Rados, Marie Karmalich, and Ann Vlaic distribute new membership books.



"Let us pray hard for their intentions"

Jeanne Jugan knew she was an insolvent debtor towards those who gave contributions for her poor in God's name. The blessings received filled her heart with such deep gratitude that she felt the need to express it as sincerely as she was able. She always spoke of "our dear benefactors" to the novices who noticed her "enthusiastic admiration" for these special members of her religious family. "She told me to thank our benefactors warmly, and that she had not forgotten all that they had done for our dear poor," related one young professed.

Jeanne Jugan's gratitude was grounded in her view of faith. *"Keep a spirit of faith... towards the benefactors who support our Homes... What gratitude we owe them! What could we do without them for our dear old people? Let us pray very hard for their intentions."*

The imprint of Jeanne Jugan's faith and gratitude is carried deeply in the heart of every Little Sister who follows her example and encouragement. *"My little ones, we must not merely promise to pray for our benefactors, we must truly pray for them afterwards."*

According to state construction and environmental codes, we must replace our outdated underground fuel tank with a double walled system.



With Grateful Hearts

Thank you to the individual donors, businesses, and foundations who generously enable us to continue our mission of bringing Christ's love to the elderly. The cost of caring for the elderly in a manner respectful of their dignity far exceeds the income received from the Residents' pensions, Social Security and Medicaid. To cover the constant deficit and to make necessary facility repairs, we rely on your generosity.

We welcome with grateful hearts financial gifts and gifts in kind, large or small, which assist us in our mission of caring for the elderly poor. Without your generous collaboration and sharing, we would not be able to meet the costs of operating our Home.

We thank you for enabling us to bring care and giving love to the Residents entrusted to us. Please know that you are in our daily prayers. May God bless you.



Remember the aged poor in your will through a bequest to the Little Sisters of the Poor.

With Open Hearts

The Little Sisters of the Poor do not discriminate on the basis of race, national origin, religion, age or gender.



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Foundress Blessed Jeanne Jugan, set the example of complete and total confidence in God's Divine Providence. *She would say, "How good it is to be poor, to have nothing, to depend on God for everything – everything!"*

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