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Bridge of Mercy

During this Jubilee Year of Mercy, Pope Francis has encouraged us to practice the corporal and spiritual works of mercy. To be “the bridge that connects God to humanity, open our hearts to hope of being loved forever despite our sinfulness.”

Our Home has created our own “Bridge of Mercy.” We asked the Residents, staff and volunteers to paint portraits of their favorite Saints that they felt lived the life of mercy and did merciful acts. These paintings are along the walls between the administration wing and the Residents’ building.

It’s perfect that we have portraits of our foundress Saint Jeanne Jugan and Saint Mother Teresa of Calcutta; both of these saints practiced mercy, serving meals and giving drinks to the elderly and the poor, bathing and dressing those who need assistance, comforting those who are sad or lonely and keeping vigil with the elderly and the poorest of poor who are dying and accompanying them all the way to their death. They both practiced the spiritual works of mercy by their humility and long-

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Left: Pat Deacon painted Saint Padre Pio of Petrelcina. Padre Pio was the servant of mercy through his ministry of confession. He was “an embrace of the living Father, who heals the wounds of sin and refreshes the heart of peace.” He never tired of welcoming and listening to the people who came to him. He spent his time spreading “the essence of the forgiveness of the Lord.” He was continuously quenched by Jesus Crucified, and so became a channel of mercy.



Above: Tom Laz painted Saint John Vianney who was best known as a confessor. He had a supernatural gift of knowing exactly what to say. His efforts saved souls. He assured all of God’s welcome, love and mercy.

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Help us Meet the Challenge!

We have a very generous benefactor willing to donate

Dollar for Dollar

up to \$130,000.00 to assist our Home with necessary plumbing repairs.

*Will you help us meet the challenge and **DONATE?***

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suffering which were truly heroic. They both found consolation and courage in the merciful heart of Jesus, gentle and humble of heart. Out of their love for Jesus they personified his merciful love of the poor. They also bore their share of crosses joyfully until death.



Verla painted Saint Elizabeth of Hungary who manifested such great love for the poor and suffering that she became the patroness of Catholic Charities and the Secular Franciscan Order

Angels of Mercy

The Auxiliary of the Little Sisters of the Poor held their 19th annual gala event on Saturday, September 24, 2016 at the Palos Verdes Golf Club. The theme for the event was *Angels of Mercy* which was interwoven with much meaning.

First is the Year of Mercy. Pope Francis has invited us, in part, to grasp the Gospel message of God's special mercy for the poor. Pope Francis has said that mercy "must not remain beautiful words, but must be realized in daily life." And, in a real way, the Auxiliary members deeply admire the Little Sisters of the Poor as they live their daily lives providing for our elderly brothers and sisters in need.

Angels were also part of the event theme. The recognizable Auxiliary logo of the three Little Sisters gliding along side by side was changed for the event. Wings and halos were added creating three little angels. And, as in the Guardian Angel Prayer, the Little Sisters are always "at our sides to light, to guard, to rule and guide." Their example inspires the Auxiliary.

During the event four founding members of the Auxiliary were honored: Josephine Nizetich, Libby Cigliano, Regina Leimbach and Carole La Caze.

In her presentation, Rita Swartz, Auxiliary Treasurer, said, "We also count our four honorees as Angels of Mercy. Each has contributed so much to the success of the Auxiliary through consistent leadership, hard work and encouragement over these past decades. And each is also a valued member of the Advisory Board working on key projects to assist the Little Sisters."

"Our honorees embody the same remarkable traits. First is their **faith**. You can



Founding members Josephine Nizetich, Libby Cigliano, Regina Leimbach and Carole La Caze were honored at the gala event.

sense their deep love of God and the Little Sisters as you get to know them. It shows in their actions and in their words. Second is **family**. They have been involved with their parents, siblings, children and even with grandchildren as they contribute to the work of the Little Sisters. Third is **friendship**. Not only are they friends together, but they have reached out as friends welcoming new members to the Auxiliary. And fourth is **fun**. They have instilled a sense of fun in our work. Trust me, there is far more laughter in an Auxiliary meeting than the sound of any gavel."

These women participated in starting the Auxiliary's tradition of hosting a fund raising gala each year. Since 1998, the Auxiliary has contributed an astonishing \$3,750,000 to the Little Sisters through 18 events. This is an average of over \$200,000 per event!

The Auxiliary, the Honorees, the Little Sisters and their Residents would like to thank all of our many contributors and benefactors who have ensured the success of the Auxiliary's annual event through their generosity and hard work. You remain in our daily prayers of gratitude.

Water with Blessings



Sr. Maria Guadalupe at Water with Blessings headquarters training on how to install filters

Among our many advantages in this country, we take for granted that we have access to clean water. Many of our brothers and sisters in Christ do not have such access, and suffer daily from the lack of this basic necessity. We decided that during this Jubilee Year of Mercy, there would be no better project than to support the efforts of those working towards greater accessibility of this essential resource.

This inspired Mother Margaret and the Little Sisters staff to come up with various fundraising events that would allow us to involve both our Residents and members of our local community. All of the proceeds will go to "Water with Blessings" for the purchase of filters not only for our Little Sister Homes, but also to assist other brothers and sisters in need of clean water.

We dedicated the summer months to hosting various in-house and public events. The kitchen staff made breakfast burritos, pancake breakfasts, Chinese chicken salads, spaghetti dinners, and chicken wings. The staff all worked together to put on a rummage sale, yard sale and Bingo Night. One of our volunteers, Hamid Ala, and his very talented friends, had a wonderful benefit concert at our Home. We were also very blessed to have Bishop Joseph Brennan, accompanied by Ana Betancourt, share their beautiful voices with us during our Wine and Cheese social in the Garden. The beautiful wine and cheese display

was created by Jackie Ramirez, a member of our activities staff. Finally, with the assistance of our maintenance team we had Movie Night Under the Stars in the garden, showing "The Little Mermaid." This was a great way to have the families and friends of our staff come out and enjoy an evening with their families and watch a movie outdoors in a safe and fun environment. We offered a full concession and more. The kids and their parents all had a great time and look forward to next summer's movie nights under the stars.

Sr. Maureen went out and recruited volunteers in the community to get involved. Some donated funds, while others donated their time and talent to make hundreds of crocheted filter protectors. Thank you to the Holy Trinity Church Chain of Angels and our Tuesday morning volunteer ladies.

This was a wonderful way for many people to work together as a team to raise money for others, while getting the word about the Little Sisters and their mission into the community. It was also a great way for the public to interact with our staff, the Sisters and our Residents.

Mother Provincial Maria
Christine asked Sister Maria

Guadalupe to travel to Louisville, Kentucky to receive training on how to install "Water with Blessings" filters during her family visit to Lima, Peru. Sister Maria willingly agreed. She then traveled with two large filters. One was to be installed in our mission Home in Santiago, Chile, and the other is waiting to be installed in our new foundation Home in Ventamilla Callao, Lima. In our mission Home in Tacna, we installed a smaller filter called "Mother of Water," to see how it will hold up to the minerals in the water that could potentially damage the filter over time. Sister Maria also traveled with additional "Mother of Water" filters and was able to provide them to two worthy organizations: "ASC Casa Hogar del Nino el Buen Samaritano," an orphanage for children, and a congregation of Sisters benefiting poor families in Tacna, which primarily serves single mothers with small children.

All of our Homes strive daily to raise funds to care for our elderly Residents. It is truly a wonderful feeling to know that we have been blessed by so many people willing to help us during this Jubilee Year of Mercy, to help others in need. Remembering that what we do for the least of our brothers we do unto God, we thank you, wonderful benefactors who willingly opened your hearts to help us raise \$11,000 for new water filters for our mission Homes. May God bless you!



These talented volunteers donated crocheted filter protectors.
Top row left to right: Lois Riopelle; Zvona Kuran; Marlene Dockendorf; Mary Ann Sizgorich; Linda McCann; Kathy Jo Dunn.
Bottom row left to right: Pat Stenehjelm; Ruth Torrez; Gilda Whited; Mary Juhasz.
Members not in picture: Jeanne Hansen, Connie Medina, Nancy Pollereno, Sheila Kabirnia, Claudia Marinkovich and Fina Partida.

A Simple Note

By: Mother Superior



As summertime comes to an end, we hope that each of you has had a relaxing time full of vacations and children home from school, a wonderful time for rejuvenation. The simple definition of rejuvenation, "to make something new or fresh," applies to all of our lives at one time or another. For us at Little Sisters of the Poor at Jeanne Jugan Residence in San Pedro, renewal takes on many forms. For our Residents, it means engaging in activities that refresh them spiritually, mentally, and physically each day. For our Home, in the last year, it was the beginning and completion of our major installation of the fire alarm/nurse call system projects, intended to enhance the comfort and safety of our Residents. All labors have been made possible through Divine Providence, as manifested through the generosity of our benefactors and extended family.

Thank you to the Auxiliary of the Little Sisters of the Poor for hosting their Nineteenth Annual event the "Angels of Mercy Gala" on Saturday, September 24. It was a wonderful evening honoring these exceptionally special four women who are the founding members of the Auxiliary and who serve as valuable Advisory Board Members: Libby Cigilano, Carole La Caze, Regina Leimbach, and Josephine Nizetich. They are very special friends, volunteers and benefactors, who have devoted a significant part of the last nineteen years to partnering with us in our mission of care and hospitality.

One of St. Jeanne Jugan's favorite sayings was "God has blessed me because I have always greatly thanked his Providence." Each one of these women certainly has been one of those blessings that God has sent to us in his Divine Providence.

On behalf of all of our Little Sisters and Residents at Jeanne Jugan Residence, I thank you for your ongoing support and wish you a wonderful fall season full of special memories.

May God bless you,

Mother Margaret Lep

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Save the date

Little Sister of the Poor Holiday Boutique Saturday, November 12, 2016

The Little Sisters of the Poor need your help with their annual Holiday Boutique which will be held Saturday, November 12, 2016. We need the following:

1. **COLLECTIBLES:** China, silver, glassware, decorator items, lamps, vases, sets of dishes and wine glasses (even partial sets) etc.
2. **JEWELRY:** Earrings, necklaces, bracelets, pins, beaded purses, whatever.
3. **BAKED GOODS:** Jams, marmalades, cookies, breads, pies, cakes, cupcakes (please indicate if baked goods have nuts or not). Please deliver to Little Sisters starting Thursday, November 10. All ideas welcome.
4. **VOLUNTEERS:** We need volunteers to assist with painting ceramic items to be sold at the event as well as to assist at the event.

Please call Bing Varias if you have questions (310) 548-0625 ext 227

If you are interested in being a vendor at our Holiday Boutique for a table fee of \$50, please contact the Development Department at (310) 548-0625 ext 212.

Turkey and Ham Drop Saturday, November 12, 2016

Would you consider contributing a turkey or ham during the holiday season? Donations may be dropped off at our front lobby between 8:30 a.m. and 4 p.m.

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You may also join us by saving a stamp and donating online!!
Visit our website: www.littlesistersofthepoorsanpedro.org
Share your email with us by clicking on "Register Here."

Make a quick donation by visiting our WeShare page.

Every donation you make will contribute to our general operating budget, so that we may continue to make the elderly happy as we build a tomorrow of love and hope for the eldest brothers and sisters in our Home. Thank you!

Upcoming Events:

Mark your calendar

Annual Holiday Boutique

Saturday, November 12, 2016
2100 S. Western Ave, San Pedro
8 a.m. – 4 p.m.

LSOP 5K Run/Walk

Saturday, April 22, 2017
22nd Street Park
8 a.m.

Summer Movie Nights
Coming 2017

Development Update

Your privacy is important to us, and that information you share with us remains in our office. The Little Sisters of the Poor have a policy to never sell, rent or give your private information to anyone. Thank you for sharing your lives with us as we count on your generosity. Without your collaboration, we could never continue our mission to the needy elderly.

In addition to regular mail, you can always help us by visiting our website to donate online, to give a gift in remembrance of a deceased loved one, or to honor someone on a special occasion. Matching gifts by employers, and United Way certainly extend your help, and remembering the needs of the Home when planning your annual gift giving and estate planning enables us to do more of what we are here to do.