



# Little Sisters of the Poor

Jeanne Jugan Residence

Summer 2020



## We Thank You!!!!

You have brought so much hope and joy to us! Thank You for All the Wonderful Donations you have personally dropped off or hand delivered during COVID – 19.

It is because of you and your generosity, we have been able to remain inside safe and well through it all!!!! Thank you for all the much-needed items foods, meals, food containers, medical supplies, personal protective equipment, puzzles, coloring books, etc.

You all touched our lives in such a positive way! Thank you, San Pedro, and beyond!!! You are all in our prayers with gratitude!!!!  
We are blessed! God Bless You All!!!!





# Our Home and Our Residents

On February 17, 2020, the Little Sisters met with our Residents, their families, staff and benefactors to announce that the Congregation will be withdrawing from our Home in San Pedro. This decision was not an easy one for the Little Sisters to make. They love the Home in San Pedro and this local community. However, with the size of the Home and the decreasing number of Little Sisters, the Congregation has made the decision to withdraw from a number of Homes in order to preserve the Little Sisters' spirit and the quality of their religious life.

What this announcement means is that the Little Sisters are going to place Jeanne Jugan Residence up for sale with the hope that a mission-based organization will purchase the Home, continue to care for our elderly Residents in need and keep the current excellent staff. So, until the Little Sisters find the right organization to purchase the Home and they are comfortable knowing that the Residents will be in good hands, it is "business as usual." The Sisters are still caring for the Residents and are very much involved in the day to day operations of the Home as they have been for the last 115 years in Los Angeles.



In the midst of this pandemic our focus has moved from the sale of the Home to keeping our Residents safe, well and in good spirits.

In following the guidelines of the California Department of Public Health and the CDC, the Mayor of Los Angeles and the Governor of California, we restricted all visitors effective March 10, 2020 and continue to do so until we are



given permission to reopen. We cancelled all group activities and community dining; and we implemented active screening of all Residents and staff for fever and all COVID - 19 symptoms.

Our focus has been making our Residents feel safe and well and on keeping their spirits high, all while of keeping them isolated and practicing social distancing. Like everyone else, they find it hard not to be able to see families and to be told they have to stay 6 feet away from their friends. Our Activities Department has done a fantastic job of keeping our Residents occupied with Bingo, sing - alongs, socially-distanced dancing in the halls with BJ the DJ, one of our Residents. We reached out to the community for puzzles, coloring books, word search, and other mind puzzle books, all to keep their minds working and give them things to do. Thank God we have beautiful grounds where the Residents are able to walk around; they must wear masks but at least they can go outside and get some fresh air.

We have encouraged family members to call via skype, facetime or just good old fashion telephone calls. Some of our families have been creative and have come to sing happy birthday out in the parking lots while the Residents watched from the window. For Mother's Day families sent video messages to their Moms. During

nursing home week, the staff and Residents all dressed in various themes (tacky tourist, favorites sports team, polka dots and stripes, work out gear and denim day) to boost everyone's morale and keep life in the Home fun!

Mass has been celebrated every day and our Residents are able to watch it on TV in their rooms; Communion is brought to them. Our chaplain, Fr. Patrick has been a blessing to our Residents, taking time to visit with them. He and the Little Sisters organized a Eucharistic procession through the hallways and around the grounds to ask for a cure to the COVID -19 and bless all the Residents, staff and community. Sr. Clotilde gets on the P.A. system every morning to offer prayers for the cure of COVID and God's blessing on everyone!

The Little Sisters have needed to reach out to the community for help as our Collecting



Sister has not been able to go out to stores as she usually does to ask for food and other items for our Residents. We made our needs known on Facebook and from there Channel 7 News, Channel 4 News, The Daily Breeze and the Angelus all assisted in getting the word out there for our needs.

The outpouring of love and support from the local community has been overwhelming! The Little Sisters, Residents and staff have been so grateful for all those who heard our call for help and came through for us during this time. You are all forever in our prayers. You have given us HOPE during this time and for that we are so very grateful!



# JEANNE JUGAN RESIDENCE

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Inez ~ 97-Year-Old Resident



Dolores ~ 105-Year-Old Resident  
in a suit she sewed herself



Carmen ~ 100-Year-Old Resident



Flora ~ 109-Year-Old Resident



The Inez Family ~ Family Social  
Distancing Celebration



Ann ~ Keeping Minds Active  
During Isolation



Fern ~ Exercise Is Important  
During Quarantine



Verla ~ Having Fun Posing  
for Pictures

## Thank You!

Thank you to the over 300 people from our community and beyond who assisted us during the COVID pandemic. We are so grateful to Angie Crouch from Channel 4 News and Elaine Hoag from Channel 7 News who assisted us in getting the word out to the public about our needs. Thank you to the many organizations, groups, families, schools and individuals who all rallied around the Little Sisters of the Poor and our Residents, it is because of all of you that we have no COVID cases and we have been able to keep our residents safe and well. We continue to pray that God will protect all of you and your loved ones during this time.



Mary Star Elementary School



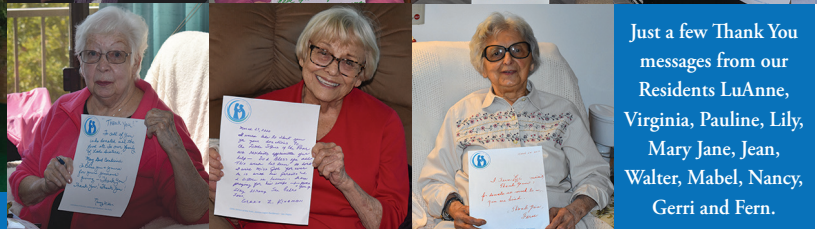
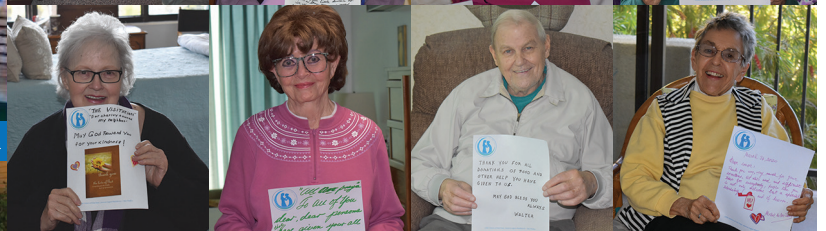
Hawaiian Host



La Brea Bakery



Office of Supervisor Janice Hahn



Just a few Thank You  
messages from our  
Residents LuAnne,  
Virginia, Pauline, Lily,  
Mary Jane, Jean,  
Walter, Mabel, Nancy,  
Gerri and Fern.



World Central Kitchen



Eileen Krock & Friends



## MOTHER'S MESSAGE

As I write this, the world continues to experience difficult times. The Coronavirus pandemic has changed our way of life. Please know that we are praying multiple times throughout the day for an end to this pandemic, and for your safety and the protection of everyone.

As Little Sisters of the Poor, we are exactly where we should be – with our elderly Residents, caring for them and doing the upmost to keep them safe and happy. We have had to strictly limit access to our Home, but as you can see throughout this newsletter, we are striving to maintain an enjoyable atmosphere.

Without our volunteers we are wearing many hats, but nothing compares to the men and women working on the frontlines working tirelessly day and night to keep patients alive. We pray for the whole world; especially the frontline workers.

We have been working side by side with our dedicated staff and inviting them to pray with us each day for our Heavenly Father's protection for our Home, their families and the whole world. As difficult as these days have been, we feel a prayerful unity.

We are so appreciative of the support we have received throughout this coronavirus crisis. The outpouring of love, prayers and donations of much needed items and supplies has been such a blessing in this difficult time. Your kindness and generosity have assisted us to keep our Residents safe and healthy.

Although we are saddened at the thought of us withdrawing from San Pedro, we are not going anywhere yet! As the sale process has been placed on hold, it is business as usual around our Home. Residents still need to eat and receive care. Lights need to be kept on



and payroll for our staff met. As long as the Little Sisters are here in San Pedro, the Residents and this Home are our responsibility, and we continue to cover all expenses. As you know we Little Sisters trust completely in God's Providence, having been directed by our foundress St. Jeanne Jugan not to count on endowments. Our tradition is to live from donation to donation and to beg daily in markets and other places of business to provide for the needs of the aged poor.

We need your help now more than ever to assist us as we move forward. Social Security income, pensions and government aid pay only a part of the cost of caring for the elderly in our care. Each year we must raise over 60% of our operating costs from gifts, bequests and donations. Like, St. Jeanne Jugan, we recognize the importance of our benefactors and how they are our indispensable partners in our mission. As long as we are here we need your help to care for our Residents. We pray daily in gratitude for every kindness!!

I will keep you updated on the status of the sale once we have something to report to all of you. In the meantime, I hope and pray that things are not difficult for you. May God bless our world, and each of you with patience, healing and strength.

*Mother Marguerite*

## CAN YOU HELP?

We are in need of the following supplies:

**Hand Sanitizer**

**Disinfectant Wipes**

**Non-Latex Gloves: S, M, L**

**Face Masks**

We ask you to please call (310) 548-0625 and bring all items to the front door. We would very much like to send you a thank you note so PLEASE make sure to put your name, address and phone number on your delivery. We are so grateful for everything!!!!



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#### Development Update

Your privacy is important to us, and the 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, 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.