

# LITTLE SISTERS OF THE POOR

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**“The family that  
prays together stays  
together.”**

*Fr. Patrick Peyton, C.S.C.*

Known as “The Rosary Priest” Fr. Peyton staged massive rosary rallies in key cities of the world. A very good friend of the Little Sisters, he frequently stayed in our Home. On June 3, 1992, he died peacefully in our Home holding his Rosary.

## “The Hail Mary Will Take Us to Heaven”

*St. Jeanne Jugan*

These words of St. Jeanne Jugan illustrate her deep devotion to Mary. The rosary was her great method of prayer. St. Jeanne trusted that Mary knew all her needs and as a true Mother, Mary saw to it that all was provided for the happiness of her elderly poor.

St. Jeanne Jugan was nearly blind in her final years. She needed assistance wherever she went. She was unable to read or do much by herself. But, she always held her rosary clasped tightly in her hand. She would often say, “Let us say a Hail Mary together” as a gesture of thanksgiving.

On August 29, 1879 as she lay dying, in a faint voice she whispered, “O Mary, my dear

mother, come to me. You know I love you and how I long to see you!” Then she quietly passed away. She was 86 years old.

Great devotion to our Blessed Mother continues here in our Home today. Especially during the month of May, we confide our intentions, as well as the needs of our Home to Mary. In good times and in more difficult times, we are comforted to know that she is with us every moment. Through her motherly intercession, she carries all our intentions to her son, Jesus.

The rosary is prayed daily in our chapel before our 11:00 a.m. Mass. Residents, Little Sisters and staff welcome you to join us.



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Sr. Caroline and Rita Swartz D.M. (right) presented the 30 yr. award to Carol Stutzke (left) and the 25 yr. award to Mary Lindorfer.



Ten year awardees included (front) Barbara West, Marilyn North, Bernard Johnson and (back) Harry North. Libby Morelli received the 15 yr. award.

## Volunteer Recognition

Each spring during National Volunteer Week, the Little Sisters host a volunteer luncheon. The Order of Malta assists in organizing the award recognition program and join in celebrating the Mass preceding the luncheon.

“The dedication of the volunteers is inspiring,” states Mary Winzen, D.M. who supervises the volunteer office and tracks hours. “In recent years, we have recognized a total of 7 volunteers with thirty years of service and 13 volunteers for twenty five years.”

There are currently over 125 active volunteers in our Home helping where needed in crafts, activities, ceramics, laundry, the dining room, the volunteer office, music, visiting, feeding, sewing and, of course, the popular yearly holiday boutique. The service contributed in 2012 totaled an impressive 23,935 hours.

The volunteer program in our Home has a long and interesting history. It dates back to the mid-1970’s. At a meeting of the Order of Malta, held at our Home in Boyle Heights, members discussed creating auxiliaries that would offer personal service to the sick and the poor. Our Home was chosen for the first formalized auxiliary.

To be inducted, a volunteer was required to complete 300 hours and three years of service and plan to continue their work of 100 hours of service each year. This standard remains in place today.

In 1979 as the move to San Pedro became eminent, Grace Byrnes, a Dame of Malta, enlisted other members to transport Residents to the new Home on moving day. Thus our relationship with the Order of Malta and its new auxiliary

for volunteers was transferred to Jeanne Jugan Residents.

In San Pedro, other Knights and Dames continued to assist with the volunteer group known as the Jeanne Jugan Auxiliary of the Order of Malta.

*We are most grateful to our volunteers and the amazing service they provide to our Residents. We also thank the Order of Malta for generously guiding and supporting this auxiliary.*

## Thank You for 29 Years of Service!

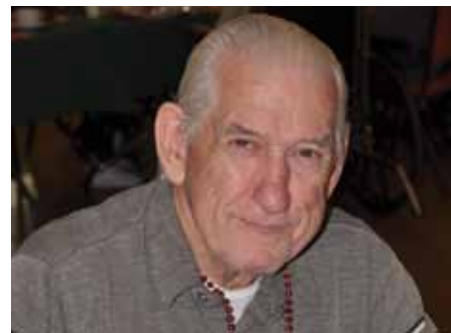
“A friend of mine told me to apply for work at the Little Sisters. I didn’t know much about them,” explains George King. “In 1984 I joined the maintenance crew.”

Over the years George worked in maintenance, housekeeping, the kitchen, as a driver for collections and finally in security. For 21 years, he was our night security guard.

“I liked walking around checking that everybody and everything was safe. The walking kept me in shape,” added George. “But my favorite time was at the end of my shift. I loved visiting with the Residents in the early morning. Sometimes I even delivered the newspaper to the rooms.”

George claims his wife was anxious for him to retire. And, now they both volunteer to call Bingo every Tuesday afternoon!

*Thanks you, George, for your years of service and friendship. We’re so happy you are still with us.*







Resident Lina Pascual shares her Angelus card with LAHC student Ruth Topacio.



LAHC student Daniel Yoo assists Resident Stella Nicholas to her room after lunch.

## Students Learn and Contribute

Los Angeles Harbor College Students studying for their associate degree in Registered Nursing are a welcome site in the halls of our Home. Student groups regularly come during the fall and spring semesters under the supervision of a LAHC faculty member.

For their four week geriatric rotation at the Little Sisters, the students gain clinical experience to augment their theoretical classroom instructions. Each group is well organized and monitored as they follow and learn from our charge nurses. Activities include charting and documentation, condition assessment, feeding and other daily living necessities.

The students appreciate the example of our staff and Little Sisters. They particularly notice the sincere affection for the Residents and the great camaraderie among the staff. From the nursing team to housekeeping to dietary, everyone works together to make the elderly comfortable and happy.

Following this example, the students quickly begin to engage in conversation with the Residents and welcome the opportunity to participate in daily activities. Of course the Residents enjoy the added attention from these vibrant young students who add a new level of energy and enjoyment to their day.

“The students ask very good questions of me as the charge nurse,” explains Christina Son, RN an employee who graduated from the LAHC program. “By conversing and interacting with the Residents the students learn about the needs of older adults and age-related conditions. The Residents are the best teachers!”



Resident Mary Holleman appreciates the time she has with student Charla Garbarini.

Resident Fr. Lucian Lomello SDB and student Valeri Adams have a visit after lunch.



## Our New Mission, Vision and Values

Continuing the work of Saint Jeanne Jugan, our **MISSION** is to offer the neediest elderly of every race and religion a home where they will be welcomed as Christ, cared for as family and accompanied with dignity until God calls them to himself.

Our **VISION** is to contribute to the Culture of Life by nurturing communities where each person is valued, the solidarity of the human family and the wisdom of age are celebrated, and the compassionate love of Christ is shared with all.

Our **VALUES**:

**REVERENCE**: for the sacredness of human life and for the uniqueness of each person, especially those who are poorest and/or weakest. This is reflected in care that is holistic and person-centered.

**FAMILY SPIRIT**: a spirit of joyful hospitality embracing all with open arms, hearts and minds; fostering participation in the life of the home and rejecting all forms of discrimination.

**HUMBLE SERVICE**: the desire to raise others up and to put their needs before our own; an appreciation of simple, everyday tasks and experiences and humble means in accomplishing our work.

**COMPASSION**: empathy for sharing the weaknesses and sufferings of others; eagerness to relieve pain in all its forms and to make the elderly happy.

**STEWARDSHIP**: the recognition that life and all other goods are gifts from God and should therefore be used responsibly for the good of all; trust in God’s Providence and the generosity of others to provide for our needs; just compensation for our collaborators; a spirit of gratitude and sharing.

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## A Simple Note

By: Mother Paul



**Resident Helen Igloi and  
Mother Paul**

Dear Friends,

Our wisteria hangs heavy with beautiful clusters of flowers. Their vines climb over individual arches displaying the fourteen Stations of the Cross. Walking under these fragrant arches is a beautiful reminder that Christ has conquered death and has risen in full glory. All of nature seems to rejoice and announce this good news. "Christ is Risen, Alleluia!"

The Easter season is a time of new life, a wonderful time to start fresh with renewed energy. As we stop to feel the warmth of the sun and smell the sweet scent of the flowers, let us reflect on the many blessings we receive – and recognize God's great love for us. He showers us with gifts throughout the year.

For us, our treasured gifts are our Residents. The joy each one gives us leaves an indelible mark that endears them to us. They are the heart of our mission.

We are immensely grateful for our donors, benefactors, volunteers and staff whose generosity, commitment and service allow us to provide a loving Home where each Resident feels welcomed and appreciated. We assure you of our grateful prayers especially in these closing weeks of Easter season.

Sincerely in Christ,

*Mother Paul, L.S.P.*

## Our Needs

The need currently is for financial support for ongoing plumbing repairs. Because of age and usage, the present plumbing has had numerous problems. The costs in 2012 exceeded \$50,000. This is expected to continue.

The plumbing on campus is used 24/7 and supports approximately 100 Residents, 9 Little Sisters, fulltime and part-time employees, plus numerous volunteers, family and friends.

The administrative building and the Laundry Building were constructed in the late 1960's. The Residence Building was completed in 1979. A large part of the plumbing in all areas is original and subject to surprise problems.

Social Security Income, pensions, and government aid pay only part of the cost of caring for our elderly residents. Each

year we must raise funds for operating costs, repairs and improvements.

*We are grateful to our benefactors, intermediaries of Divine Providence, who help us with our needs. We continue to keep your intentions in our daily prayers.*

### Holiday Boutique

Contributions of collectables and jewelry are accepted year round for our October Holiday Boutique.



### Auction Items

Auction items are needed for our June Gala: vacation & condos, weekend getaways, spa days, restaurants, sports & theme parks, air/water rides and more.



Call 310-548-0625 with questions. Items may be dropped off at the Home.

## Upcoming Events

### The Auxiliary's Event

**Saturday, June 22, 2013**

At Keesal Young and Logan located on the top floor of the Union Bank Building in Long Beach, CA. Silent and live Auction. Elegant dining. Reservations \$175 each. Call 310-548-0625 for an invitation or additional information.

### *A Skyline Gala*



### Feast of St. Jeanne Jugan

**Fri., August 30, 2013**

Join us for Mass at 11:00a.m. in our chapel. Call to verify time.

