

Little Sisters of the Poor



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(Top L.) Bishop Salazar presented Resident Sr. Johanna Leahy, DMJ, with a centennial lapel pin. L.-R. Sr. Isabel, Mother Marguerite, Sr. Patricia.

(Top R.) Bishop Salazar greeted Sr. Ann, who is also from South America.

(Bottom L.) Fr. Michael Adams and Fr. John Winnenberg, our chaplain, concelebrated Mass with the Bishop. Fr. Michael's father and Fr. John's mother were both Residents in our Home.

(Bottom R.) Sr. Isabel introduced Resident Jodie Dober to the Bishop.

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Centennial Year Begins Dolores Hope is Honorary Chair



On Tuesday, January 18, 2005, the Little Sisters of the Poor began the celebration of their Centennial year. It was on January 18, 1905 that the first Little Sisters arrived by train from Chicago to start a new foundation in Los Angeles. In a matter of weeks, three more Sisters arrived and the community leased a home to accommodate a new family of old people. Since then, the Little Sisters of the Poor have cared for over 6,000 needy elderly.

To commemorate this historic event and to begin the year of celebration, Bishop Alexander Salazar, the new Auxiliary Bishop of the San Pedro Region, offered a Mass of Thanksgiving in the chapel of Jeanne Jugan Residence.

After Mass, the Bishop toured the home and visited with Residents, presenting each with a centennial lapel pin. He received a welcoming round of applause as he entered the Residents' dining room, where he joined them for lunch.

Throughout 2005, the Little Sisters, Residents, volunteers, benefactors, and friends will celebrate other key milestones of the past century.

Mrs. Dolores Hope, Bob Hope's wife, is the chair of the Honorary Centennial Committee and the nine Auxiliary Bishops of the Los Angeles Archdiocese are Honorary Committee Members.

The main event will be a special Mass, to be celebrated by Cardinal Roger Mahony on June 25, 2005 at 2:00pm at Jeanne Jugan Residence. The Auxiliary will host the reception, which will include a "Hall of History" display of the 100 years of the Little Sisters in the Los Angeles area.

Honorary Centennial Committee

Dolores Hope, Honorary Chair

- Most Rev. Juan Arzube
- Most Rev. Edward Wm. Clark
- Most Rev. Thomas J. Curry
- Most Rev. Joseph M. Sartoris
- Most Rev. Alexander Salazar
- Most Rev. Oscar Solis
- Most Rev. John J. Ward
- Most Rev. Gerald Wilkerson
- Most Rev. Gabino Zavala



New Officers for 2005

Front Row Left to Right

- Virginia Brumm Copresident
- Dottie Good President
- Libby Cigliano 2nd Vice President
- Mary Jean Salcido Treasurer

Back Row Left to Right

- Marilyn North 1st Vice President
- Nancy Bush Co 1st Vice President
- Mary DiLeva Co 2nd Vice President
- Dolores Sharp Recording Secretary
- (Not in photo) Marie Felando, Corresponding Sec.

On Wednesday, January 19, 2005, the new officers for the Auxiliary of the Little Sisters of the Poor were installed. Mass and dinner preceded the business meeting, which was attended by nearly 90 members.

This marks the eighth anniversary of the Auxiliary, which was founded in 1997. The group of over 200 members focuses on fund-raising to help the Sisters with their operating costs and special needs. In total, the Auxiliary has raised \$985,000 for Jeanne Jugan Residence.

The Auxiliary meets three times a year on the third Wednesday of January, April and October. New members are welcome. For membership and event information please call 310-548-0625.

(Top L.) Fr. Jim Bevacqua, Associate Pastor at Holy Trinity Mass is greeted by Peggy DiLeva.

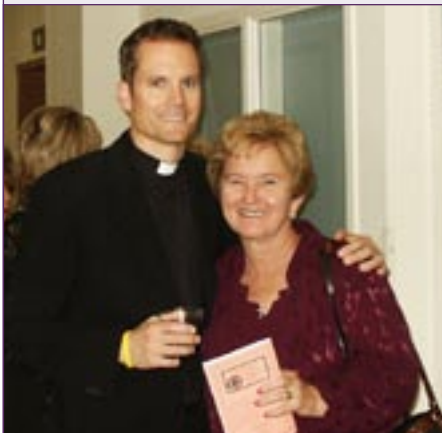
(Bottom L.) Kathy Gordon gets to know Sr. Patricia, who is new to our Home.

(Top M.) Gerry Marcia and Jean Sorch are sisters who regularly attend Auxiliary meetings.

(Bottom M.) Colleen O'Brien and Rosemary Leake enjoy the meal, which was catered by Raffaello's.

(Top R.) Viginia Brumm thanks Sr. Genevieve for preparing the tables.

(Bottom R.) Sr. Emma congratulates Cynthia Kurt on winning the centerpiece.





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Martin & Janice Burke

Mary Centofante

John & Libby Cigliano

Thomas & Joan Connaghan

George & Gretchen Gibbs

Joseph & Kathleen Hagan

Richard & Elizabeth Hotaling

Edward & Majorie Illig

Norman & Carole LaCaze

George & Mary Ann Leal

Charles & Regina Leimbach

Lawrence & Jane McNeil

Joseph & Teresa Nally

Anthony & Josephine Nizetich

Kenneth & Dorothy Olsen

Leo & Dorothy Poxon

William & Kathleen Regan

John Watkins

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Dear Friends,

The Auxiliary of the Little Sisters and our Honorary Committee ask for your generous support for the Centennial Celebration by joining the **Choir of Angels**.

For this special occasion, the Auxiliary is sponsoring a Keepsake Centennial History book about the Little Sisters of the Poor. It will include many treasured pictures and delightful stories about their Home in Boyle Heights and their necessary relocation to San Pedro.

A portion of the book will be reserved for the Choir of Angels to present personal tributes, toasts or testimonials. Those who attend the Centennial Celebration, as well as Angels, will receive a copy of the history-tribute book.

As you know the Little Sisters are true to their vow of poverty and live donation to donation. We invite you to join the Choir of Angels as a way of assisting their ministry and saying "thank you" for their 100 years of service in the Los Angeles area.

The Auxiliary will not host a dinner/dance/auction this year but instead we ask your support for the history-tribute book. We are counting on you to consider what you might normally contribute for our fundraising event and add it to your donation.

Best regards,

Dottie Good
President

PS: Don't forget to mark your calendars for the Centennial Celebration Saturday, June 25, 2005, Mass at 2:00 PM
Celebrated by Cardinal Roger Mahony
Reception Following with a "Hall of History"
2100 S. Western Ave., San Pedro

Choir of Angels Response Form

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Join the Centennial Choir of Angels

I wish to join the Choir of Angels and send my best regards to the Little Sisters of the Poor on the occasion of their Centennial.

- Seraphim _____ \$25,000
(Outside Back Cover & Title Page Recognition)
- Cherubim _____ \$15,000
(Gold Tribute Page & Title Page Recognition)
- Principalities _____ \$10,000
(Silver Tribute Page & Title Page Recognition)
- Archangel _____ \$5,000
(Full page tribute, 10 1/2" high by 7 1/2" wide)
- Guardian Angel _____ \$2,500
(Half page tribute, 5" high by 7 1/2" wide)
- Special Angel _____ \$1,000
(Quarter page tribute, 5" high by 3 3/4" wide)
- Angel _____ \$250
(Your name will be recognized in a caption on a page in the history section of the history-tribute book.)

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- I will be unable to join the Choir of Angels.
However, I have enclosed a contribution. Please list the following name in the Supporter Honor Role:

- Please accept my anonymous gift.
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To be listed in the invitation, Choir of Angels responses are requested by **March 15, 2005**. Make checks payable to the Auxiliary of the LSP. Your contribution is tax deductible as allowed by law. For further information please call 310-548-0625

Donor Information

Name: _____
(As it will appear in the invitation and Tribute Book.)

Address: _____

City, State Zip: _____

Phone(s): _____

Tribute, Toast or Testimonial Information

(for Special Angels and above)

- My message to the Little Sisters should read:

- Please compose my tribute _____

If more space is needed, please attach your message. If you have artwork, logo or a photo, it must be mailed with the tribute (non-returnable). Digital images must be on a non-returnable CD (PC compatible), TIF or JPEG (300 or higher resolution). (grayscale)

- My message is prepared. (Please send prepared artwork on a non-returnable CD (PC compatible) in PageMaker 7.0 for Windows with all fonts and images on the CD.) (Grayscale)

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Tribute Information Due by April 15, 2005

Mail to: The Centennial Celebration
Little Sisters of the Poor
2100 S. Western Ave. San Pedro, CA 90732

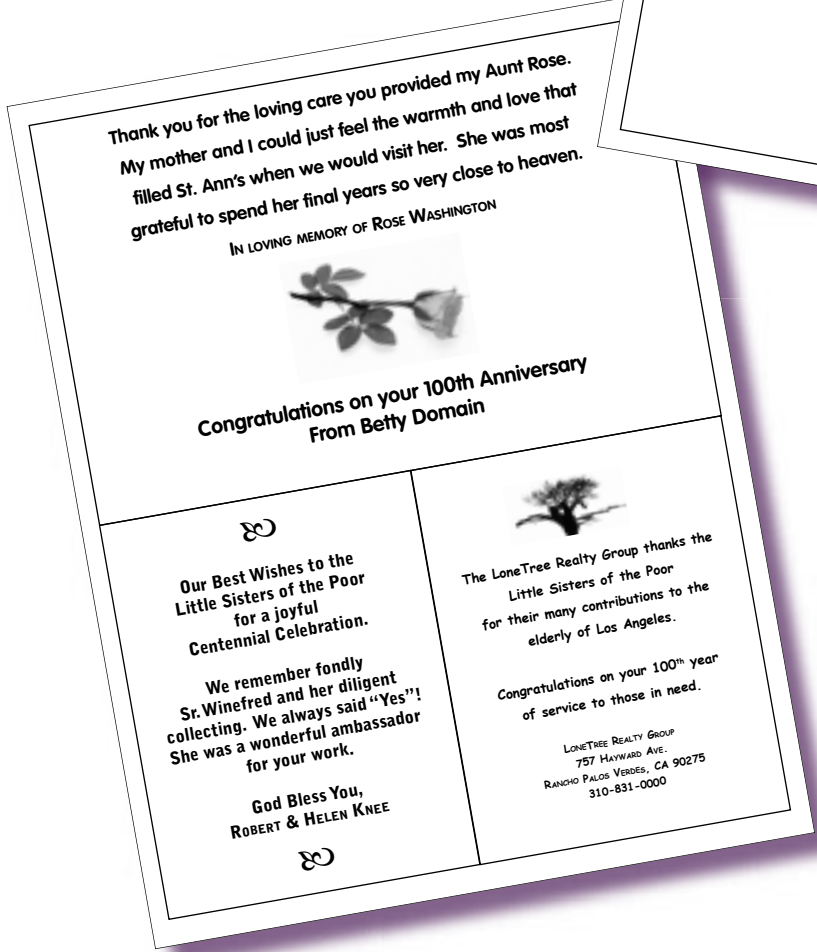
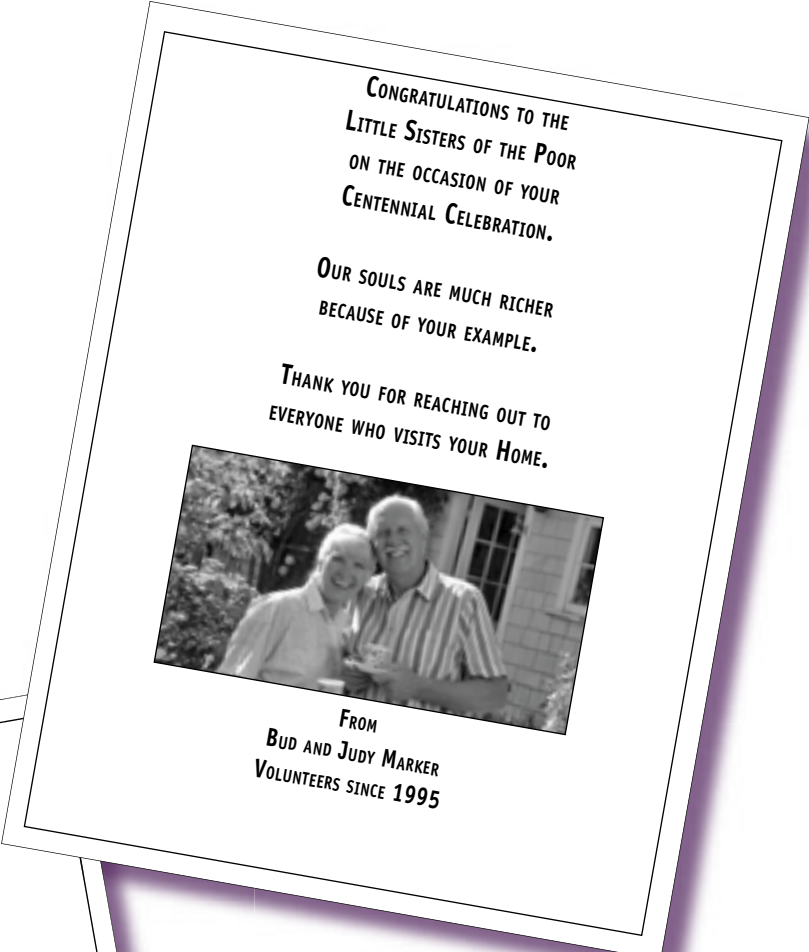
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Join the Choir of Angels

Send your
Tribute,
Toast, or Testimonial

For the
Centennial
Keepsake History Book



Samples
Smaller than actual size.



Meet Fr. Pat McPolin or “Packey,” as he is referred to by many of his friends and colleagues. A new Resident to our Home, he has a wonderfully gregarious spirit and a terrific sense of humor. He loves to meet and greet each person he encounters and always offers God’s blessing on departing. Needless to say, he is making new friends very quickly.

Fr. Pat is originally from Chicago, where he entered St. Jude’s Seminary for Claretian Missionaries. He stud-

ied at the Dominguez Seminary in Los Angeles county and was ordained on May 8, 1943 before returning to Chicago.

Fr. Pat has had a life long love for St. Jude. This mutual dedication to St. Jude led to an introduction to Danny Thomas, the famous actor. Their friendship lasted for over 50 years.

For 18 years, Fr. Pat was Chaplain of the Chicago Police Department. He even had a special squad car with an emblem of the St. Jude Police League on its side.

In 1965, Fr. Pat bid farewell to his beloved Chicago. He was assigned as the Provincial Superior of the Western Province of the Claretians which brought him back to Southern California.

In 1974 the Dominguez Seminary closed and Fr. Pat took on the process of converting it to a museum. It had originally been built in 1826. Father Pat restored the adobe and retrieved furniture and clothing from the Dominguez descendants to re-create the historic character of the home. He achieved state and national landmark status for the Dominguez Rancho Adobe Museum.

Fr. Pat is one of our six Resident priests, all of whom we are privileged to have as part of our family.



Did You Know?

☛ Our foundress, Jeanne Jugan, was Beatified on October 3, 1982 by Pope John Paul II who placed her before the eyes of the world as the exemplar of caring for the elderly. Beatification is the 2nd of three steps toward canonization to be a saint.

☛ Blessed Jeanne Jugan and her work drew attention from her contemporaries including Charles Dickens. In 1852, he wrote with great admiration in his weekly journal, *Household Words*, about her and his visit to one of the Sisters’ Residences for the indigent aged.

☛ Ever since 1844, every Little Sister has made a vow of hospitality promising God to devote her life entirely to the care of the aged. This vow is in addition to those of chastity, poverty, and obedience.

☛ On October 9, 2004, seven young women began their postulancy program for North America. During these beginning days, of study and involvement in the work and mission of the Little Sisters, they reside at our Home in Queens, NY. At our motherhouse in France, thirty Little Sisters pronounced their final vows in September, including five Americans. They all count on our prayers as they continue to answer the Lord’s call in their new mission.

☛ We have a new Home in the Philippines where soon our five Little Sisters will be opening their doors to the elderly in need. We now have over 30 Filipino Little Sisters. Plus, we have a new Home in Bronx, NY under construction.

Top Photo: Father Pat and Betty Gemelli were great clowns at the annual Halloween party.

Bottom Photo: Members of the Christmas Pageant: Father Pat was Angel Gabriel; Sister Isabel joined the cast for the photo; Salvatore Capodanno played St. Joseph; and Helen Igloi was Mary.

Staying in touch with friends, benefactors, and families is part of our hospitality at Jeanne Jugan Residence. We want to share our good news with you and let you know how much your friendship and generous assistance are appreciated.

Our newsletter and mailings are truly a “family” effort. There are those who enjoy taking pictures and those who like to write. We even have in-house desktop publishing talent. But the best part is doing the mailing.

Once our printer has delivered the materials, Residents, volunteers, and family members gather in the library to stuff, seal, and label our up-to-date news.

There is a wonderful sense of teamwork as everyone carefully follows the same collating steps. And, all share in the feeling of accomplishment as the postal trays begin to fill with zip-code ordered mail ready for delivery to the bulk mail center.

We hope you enjoy hearing from us and knowing that our mailings come directly from our own hearts and hands.

Top: Resident Peggy McIntyre enjoyed the camaraderie while helping with the mailing.

Middle Left: Residents Maria Jazvic, Penny Polleys, and Angele Gagnon discussed the collating instructions.

Middle Right: Volunteers Ethel Wright, Marge McManus, and June Howlett are faithful members of the mailing crew.

Bottom Left: Father James Delaney, CSSp took the time to help during a recent visit.

Bottom Middle: Greer Robison, granddaughter of Volunteer Natalie Gamache brought a lot of sparkle to the group effort.

Bottom Right: Resident Ramon Grijalva never misses a mailing.



Remember the aged poor in your estate plan.

We thank Image Realm of LA, our printer, for their generous and professional contributions.

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Local Parishes Offer Valuable Support

In recent years, the Little Sisters have begun making weekend visits to local parishes in order to make our work known among the elderly who may need assistance, to introduce young women to our vocation and to seek financial support.

We would like to thank the following parishes in the Los Angeles Archdiocese who have welcomed us the past two years.

St. Andrew – El Segundo
 Mary Star of the Sea – San Pedro
 St. Dominic Savio – Bellflower
 Our Lady of the Rosary – Paramount
 Holy Family – South Pasadena
 St. Bridget – Los Angeles
 St. Cornelius – Long Beach
 St. John Fisher – Palos Verdes
 St. Brendan – Los Angeles
 St. Margaret Mary – Lomita
 St. Malachy – Los Angeles
 Holy Trinity – San Pedro
 St. Peters – San Pedro
 St. James – Redondo Beach
 American Martyr – Manhattan Beach
 St. Joseph – Hawthorne
 St. Lawrence Martyr – Redondo Beach

If you would like the Little Sisters of the Poor to visit your parish, please call Sr. Patricia at 310-548-0625.



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Make a Pledge to the Medical Suite & Convent Project



\$2.5 M

**68%
\$1.7 M**

We have been in the process of upgrading our Home, particularly the old administrative building. Our Centennial Year project is to relocate and modernize our medical suite and to absorb the vacated space into a convent.

Our previous aging convent space was remodeled for Independent Living Apartments in the late 1990s. Before we can reestablish community space that is near to the Residents, we must first address the need for a handicap accessible medical suite to accommodate the community doctors who provide care for the Residents. Currently doctors include 5 pri-

mary physicians, 1 dermatologist, 1 psychiatrist, 2 podiatrists, 3 dentists, 2 eye doctors, and 1 audiologist

We are soliciting pledges toward this project with hopes that we will begin construction in our Centennial year.

We draw our strength from the words of our Foundress Blessed Jeanne Jugan, "If God is with us, it will be accomplished."

Please call Mother Marguerite or Sister Patricia to discuss making a commitment to this important project.

Thank you to our benefactors who have brought us to 68% of our goal.

If you are receiving more than one copy of our newsletter, please let our Development Office know. Thank You.

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