



Little Sisters of the Poor Time & Life

Jeanne Jugan Residence, San Pedro, CA

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With Grateful Hearts We begin Our New Year



1. Mike Barron, maintenance supervisor, welcomes Mother Marguerite and gives her a new box of tools, knowing that her first big task is to complete the convent project. Mother Marguerite is the new Superior of our Home having arrived in September 2006.

Jeanne Jugan Residence is a very active place! Many contribute to the wonderful spirit that radiates from every corner: the staff, volunteers, Auxiliary members, and our many benefactors.

As we begin our New Year, we offer tribute to all who share in our mission and thank you for collaboration in our work with the elderly.

Thank you for the many “big” events of the past few months: the Auxiliary’s dinner with guest speaker Police Chief William Bratton, a very successful Holiday Boutique, the beautiful Lourdes Day of Prayer, and a Christmas season filled with celebrations. Thank you also for the many “small” acts of kindness that you extend to encourage our work and brings happiness to our Residents.

We look forward to all we will share in 2007. Be assured of our continued remembrance of your intentions in our daily prayers.

2. Faithful Volunteers “man” the Holiday Boutique food stations. Don DeKay, Lee Boliver, Don Lords, Jerry Conger, Bill Costley, & Donald Atmur.



3. The Knights of Malta host a Lourdes Day of prayer for the Residents, Little Sisters and guests.



4. Volunteer Josephine Valdez visits Resident Father Miguel Amengual.



5. “Six Nuns Gang Up on One Cop” was the caption in the Palos Verdes Peninsula News for this photo. Los Angeles Police Chief William Bratton was the guest speaker for the Oct. meeting of the LSP Auxiliary.



Auxiliary Installs New Officers



New Officers for 2007

- Front:** Carole LaCaze2nd Vice President
 Timmy KellyPresident
 Dolores SharpPresident Elect
 Mary Jean SalcidoTreasurer
- Back:** Maria Smith Corresponding Sec.
 Rozanne HemnesRecording Secretary
 Marilyn KuptzCo-1st Vice President
 Marie TreacyCo-1st Vice President

Holding a pitchfork as a prop and dressed in her gardening coveralls, Alanna Kennedy called the January 17th Auxiliary meeting to order. “Here’s the Pitch!” she began as she thumped her pitchfork on the floor trying to quell the laughter and create some order. Continuing with her officers’ installation skit, Kennedy called the incoming officers to the stage and had them don green aprons and gardening gloves. “You are cultivators!” she declared. “Each of you has an essential job to cultivate and grow the Auxiliary so that it blooms and flourishes. This is the garden of hope for the coming year.”

One by one, Kennedy introduced the new officers and presented each with a special garden staple to reflect their job assignment. For example, the Treasurer, Mary Jean Salcido, received prunes and was encouraged to “prune out all the waste in the budget and keep the group in the green.” Carole LaCaze, who heads this year’s fundraising event, was given a rake and shovel with hopes that she will “rake in fun and dig up excitement”. Timmy Kelly, the new President, got a bucket of compost and was informed “You are the compost to stimulate growth and help the Auxiliary flourish.”

Thank you, Alanna, for such a great beginning for this year and happy cultivating to the new officers.



Sr. Clotilde discusses the upcoming Auxiliary’s Day of Recollection with Betty Marinkovich and Gerry Kucura. Bishop Joe Sartoris will lead the February 28th day starting at 9:00 am with coffee.

SAVE THE DATE
Saturday, June 23, 2007
10th Annual Auxiliary Event
New Palos Verdes Country Club

Pet Rocks by Pat



Pet Rocks by Resident Pat Deacon were the hottest items at this year’s Holiday Boutique.

Her passion for painting on rocks started on a whim. Working from a holy card, she decided to paint a picture of Blessed Jeanne Jugan on a rock.

“I found it really interesting to paint on the curved surface,” explains Deacon. “Then someone gave me a book with examples of animals painted on rocks. The light bulb just went off!”

Adding to her portfolio, Pat has just com-



plete a “portrait on stone” of a friend’s pet based on a recent photograph.

Thank you Pat, for delighting us with your creativity and skill.

Art Classes Bring Joy and Satisfaction

“It is absolutely amazing what the Residents are creating during art class,” said Sr. Catherine, activities coordinator. “Some have no prior experience and some have manual handicaps, yet their results are truly prize worthy.”

Take for example the beautiful landscape oil paintings being created during Jerry Conger’s class. Jerry has been faithfully teaching painting every Wednesday for nearly nine years.

“I provide the supplies and the project to be reproduced. The Residents bring their enthusiasm and skill,” said Conger. “It takes about six classes to complete one painting. Then comes the best part – seeing how proud my students are of their results. That’s my reward.”

Laurie Wallace is also a Volunteer who holds weekly art classes. Residents join her on Thursday mornings in the ceramics room to try their

hands at creating new and interesting pieces – baskets, bowls, wall decorations, and more.

“It’s fantastic to see the Residents enjoying themselves while they make something uniquely their own,” said Wallace.

In the afternoon, she loads up her cart with ceramic supplies and heads for the Skilled Nursing floor where she sets up for another class.

“The beauty of art is that there are no limitations. Everyone is invited to take part regardless of ability,” explains Wallace.

Thank you, Jerry and Laurie, for the happiness your bring to our Residents through your artistic guidance.

(top) Conchita Hernandez and Brother Rudy Bertagnolli enjoy their time creating an oil painting in Jerry Conger’s class.

(Right) Laurie Wallace helps Resident Loretta Walsh with her ceramic project.



Little Sisters: A Growing Family

“We have the good fortune to welcome Sister Maria Cecilia, a novice, to our Home,” states Mother Marguerite. “We look forward to having her work beside us for the next six weeks in service to our Residents.”

Sister Maria Cecilia entered our Novitiate in Queens, N.Y. in July 2005. At this time she received her religious name and white veil. As a novice she is completing an intense, two-year period of prayer and study, culminating in tem-

porary profession of the vows of chastity, poverty, obedience and hospitality.

In July 2006, six young women entered the Novitiate. During the same celebration, three novices made their first temporary profession of vows.

The generosity and enthusiasm of each of these Little Sisters in formation is a source of great joy and encouragement. We invite you to join us in prayer for God’s blessings on each as she continues to experience and grow in the life of a Little Sisters of the Poor.



Sr. Maria Cecilia, Sister Maureen, Marie Tracy, and Sr. Clare.

Six Novices (front) with the newly professed standing with Bishop Andrew McDonald and Mother Mary Richard.



Capital Campaign Status **\$3.6 M**

We continue to pray for your generous help to complete the funding of the Medical Suite and Convent Projects. The balance of the Capital Campaign is \$300,000. The Convent is nearing completion and move-in is expected in about six weeks.

August 2006: The Fritz B. Burns Medical Wing is in use. Construction of the Convent is making progress. The Capital Campaign reaches \$2,800,000 (77% of goal).

August 2005: Construction on the medical wing is underway. The Capital Campaign reaches \$1,900,000 (53% of goal).

August 2004: Capital Campaign for the Medical Suite and Convent Project begins with the announcement of \$1,000,000 in leadership gifts.

\$3.6 M

\$3.3M

92%

\$2.8M

77%

\$1.9M

53%

\$1.0M

28%

The Tradition of Begging



(top) Sr. Michael and Sr. Clare receive commodities from Mr. Eric Kee, the manager of Henry's Farmers Market. (bottom) Michael Ramirez, who has been the "begging van" driver since 1968, helps the Little Sisters load the commodities. (Right) Sr. Michael visits with Zoomer Zamora of Henry's Farmers Market.

Foundress Jeanne Jugan began as a humble beggar, gathering what was needed to care for the elderly poor in her home. This tradition of relying on the charity of those in the community has been maintained by the Little Sisters even today. They beg daily in the markets and places of business for food and commodities to offset operating expenses. They also appeal in Catholic parishes as a way to build friendships and support day to day expenses.



Your Opportunity



As we enter the season of Lent with its emphasis on alms giving, PLEASE consider a gift to the Little Sisters of the Poor. Enclosed is an envelope especially for your donation.

Please be generous.

Your donation is of great importance at this time.

The Pressing Need

With care and medical costs rising and government aid falling, the demand for financial support is great today. The Little Sisters must raise over 60% of their annual operating costs.

(Average 2001 to 2005)

Expenses	\$4,200,000	
Income	<u>\$1,500,000</u>	<u>(36%)</u>
Fundraising	\$2,700,000	(64%)

The Little Sisters rely completely on Divine Providence, having been instructed by Blessed Jeanne Jugan to avoid building an endowment. They often live from donation to donation and rejoice in the generosity and love that flows in support of their work.

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