



# Little Sisters of the Poor

## Time & Life

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An Historic Moment...

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### Pope Benedict Approves Sainthood for Blessed Jeanne Jugan!

On Saturday December 6, 2008, his Holiness Pope Benedict XVI signed a decree recognizing the validity of a second miracle attributed to our Mother Foundress, Blessed Jeanne Jugan...and approving her for canonization as a saint of the Roman Catholic Church.

This long-awaited moment was one of great joy for Little Sisters of the Poor throughout the world. We look forward to the announcement of a date for the canonization ceremony, which we hope will take place in 2009.

Jeanne Jugan, known in her religious community as Sister Mary of the Cross, will be recognized as a saint for the heroic virtues that she displayed throughout her life and in her many years of service to the aged poor. Born in Brittany, France in 1792, Jeanne knew from her youth that God was calling her to serve the poor. "God is keeping me for a work not yet begun," she said.

Jeanne began the Congregation of the Little Sisters of the Poor on a cold winter night in 1839, when she was inspired to pick up an elderly, blind, lame woman who was living in a hovel on the street, carry her home and place her in her own bed. Today the impact of this simple act of kindness is felt throughout the world, touching the lives of thousands of elderly people of very limited means in 32 countries on 5 continents.



Jeanne Jugan was beatified on October 3, 1982. At that time Pope John Paul II said, "The entire Church and society itself cannot but admire and applaud the marvelous growth of the tiny evangelical seed cast on Breton soil by this very humble Cancalaise woman, so poor in goods, but so rich in faith!..." We give thanks that one day soon she will be venerated by the Church as a saint.

Above: Mother General Celine de la Visitation greets Pope Benedict XVI in St. Peter's Square.

Below: Jeanne Jugan was born in the town of Cancale in Brittany, France. She began the work of the Little Sisters of the Poor in nearby Saint Servan in 1839. The Congregation's Motherhouse, La Tour St. Joseph, is located in Saint-Pern.

# 2009 Auxiliary Officers Announce Terranea Resort Event



## New Officers for 2009

- Front:** Maria Smith .....Co 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President  
 Lynn Andries.....Co 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President  
 Marie Treacy .....President  
 Peggy DiLeva .....President Elect
- Back:** Mary Jean Salcido .....Treasurer  
 Irene Almeida.....Corresponding Secretary  
 Betty Zuliani.....Recording Secretary  
 Alberta Gill .....Co 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President  
 Patricia DiLeva.....Co 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President

On January 14<sup>th</sup> the outgoing Auxiliary officers from 2008 held a training meeting for the incoming 2009 officers.

“We have a very talented group of officers,” said Marie Treacy, the incoming president. “I look forward to their creative ideas and energy. Everyone is so thrilled about working on our major fundraising event.”

“We have secured one of the earliest available dates at the new Terranea Resort in Rancho Palos Verdes,” explains Maria Smith, event chair. “Having a premier event at a world class venue

will be an attractive opportunity for our supporters. We look forward to a successful event that will help the Little Sisters with their many needs.”



**TERRANEA**  
 PALOS VERDES RESORT CALIFORNIA

**SAVE THE DATE**  
*Saturday, September 19, 2009*

## Little Sisters: A Growing Family

“We are delighted to have the opportunity to welcome our Novice Sr. Mary Raymond into 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 Mary Raymond entered our Novitiate in N.Y. in July 2007. At this time she received her religious name and white veil. As a novice she is completing a two-year period of prayer and study, culminating in temporary profession of the vows of chastity, poverty, obedience and hospitality.



Two Little Sisters, Sr. Genevieve and Novice Sr. Mary Raymond, visit with Residents Florita Peralta and Lina Pascual who are sisters.

In July 2008, four young women entered the Novitiate for a total of eight Novices. During the same celebration, six others made their first temporary profession of vows. (pictured below)

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 Sister of the Poor.

*For information of vocation discernment contact Sr. Michael Anthony, lsp at 310/413-2128 or [ucsanpedro@LittleSistersofthePoor.org](mailto:ucsanpedro@LittleSistersofthePoor.org).*





## Celebrating Our Legacy

The Little Sisters of the Poor inherited a rich legacy of care and compassion for the elderly that dates back to 1839. Our foundress Blessed Jeanne Jugan welcomed the poor elderly into her home. She sought support for their care by begging throughout the town so that they could enjoy security and flourish in their old age.

Several accounts describe the busy home-life that she created for her new little family. There was always a joyful bustling of activity in her home. The Residents were involved in a variety of activities, participating in their home life in a way that Jeanne felt was “rejuvenating for the aged” – a hallmark of the Little Sisters’ work even today.

The atmosphere here at Jeanne Jugan Residence is not unlike the description of the early homes. Activity abounds. Residents have every opportunity to participate in their home life, to share their gifts and talents with those around them, to make a difference. Unmistakably, there is joy.

In observing the Residents, one visitor to Jeanne’s first home said, “Did you notice how happy they look?” This simple notion of “making the elderly happy” pervades the care that the Little Sisters provide in their Homes today.

*(1) Varie Davison visits with Mary Dixon. Every day you can find Varie in conversation with other Residents, especially those who might need a little sunshine.*

*(2) John and Rita Barton faithfully sort and deliver the mail each day. Christmas was a hectic time for them and they are pleased things are returning to normal.*

*(3) Jack Holt enjoys sharing his love of coffee by brewing a fresh pot each morning in our Blue Dog Cafe. Many consider him a “lifesaver”.*

*(4) Jessie Cruz has a knack as a handyman. He loves to refinish furniture and paint whatever needs a fresh new look. His added pleasure is being outside in the fresh air.*

*(5) Ina Pearl Hilkey shares her talents in administration by working in the Volunteer Office one morning a week. She also serves as President of the Residents’ Council.*

*This is but a small sample of the many generous acts you see each day from our Residents. They truly are a wonderful inspiration.*



## Thank You For the Music!



## A Journey Through Lent

We, the Little Sisters of the Poor, invite you personally to join us on our annual spiritual journey of renewal and hope:

A JOURNEY THROUGH THE 40 DAYS OF LENT  
TO THE GLORY OF EASTER.

We invite you to observe this Lenten journey with an offering of alms for our ministry to the elderly.

Enclosed is an envelope especially for your donation. **Please be generous. Your donation is of great importance at this time.**

## Welcome Back, Sister Winefrid!

Thank you to the National Charity League of Rolling Hills Estates and the Sandpipers of Hermosa Beach for their generous contributions toward the purchase of our new piano. It arrived just before Christmas which made the accompaniment of our Christmas program and the singing of our carols better than ever.

“This is a *fantastic* piano,” exclaims Ricardo Josafat, our Resident Services Director. Ricardo previously had a career as a professional pianist and the Residents delight in his accompaniment for the many events held in our Home.



(Right) Michael Ramirez, who has been the “begging van” driver since 1968, worked 24 years with Sr. Winefrid (third from left). Today Sr. Michael (left) and Sr. Maureen (right) make the collecting rounds.

Sister Winefrid was assigned to the collection of goods and alms in 1964. For 24 years she regularly made her rounds in Los Angeles seeking food and supplies for the Home accompanied by her driver Michael Ramirez. Over the years, she made many friends who are still generous to the Little Sisters today. In 1987, Sr. Winefrid moved to our Home in Denver and then to St. Louis. Re-

cently she returned to San Pedro where many dear friends are delighted to welcome her back.

“I am enjoying going out collecting with Sr. Michael and Sr. Maureen every chance I get,” said Sr. Winefrid. “It is wonderful to have Michael still with us as our driver and to see old friends again and thank them for their goodness toward or work.”



## IRA Charitable Rollover Extended through 2009!

If you are 70 ½ years of age or older, you can still make direct donations totaling up to \$100,000 from your traditional or Roth IRA to qualifying charities without incurring income tax on the withdrawal. For married couples, each spouse can make a gift from his or her IRA under the same provisions. New legislation extends the deadline for making donations of this kind through December 31, 2009.

When doing your tax planning, please consider supporting the “Little Sisters of the Poor of Los Angeles” with a direct donation from your IRA. It is a unique opportunity to make an important difference...while realizing tax savings. Be sure to speak with your financial or tax advisor if you are considering making a donation of this kind.

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