

A Simple Note

By: Mother Margaret



Dear Friends,

Let me begin by expressing our sincere gratitude to Archbishop Gomez for joining us to celebrate Mass on St. Jeanne Jugan's Feast Day. His presence made a special day even more meaningful. We hope he will accept our hospitality and return again.

Our St. Jeanne Jugan Exhibit competition drew many participants who clearly put a lot of thought into their displays. I was particularly touched by a tiny statue of St. Anne that was included by one Resident as a reminder of our first Home in Boyle Heights. A rosary, a statue of St. Joseph, a begging basket, a prayer book and sea shells were exhibit elements all dear to St. Jeanne Jugan. Thank you everyone for your creativity and spirit.

Another highlight of St. Jeanne Jugan month was our living rosary recitation. Residents and Little Sisters represented each bead of the rosary as we prayed in different languages. It was a very special way to honor the worldwide presence of the Little Sisters of the Poor.

Soon we will welcome Residents from other Homes for a week long vacation. We look forward to their visit and showing them our sunny California state!

With gratitude,
Mother Margaret LSP

Friends from the Past Make a Visit



His son Greg often joined him during his work and saw first hand the compassion and love that the Little Sisters gave to the sick and the elderly in the Home.

The Jaquez family became very close to the Little Sisters, even naming their daughter Genevieve after Mother Genevieve.

The Little Sisters recently received a surprise visit from a wonderful family of friends. Celso Jaquez, better known as "Sal the Plumber," his wife, son and grandson.

Back in Boyle Heights, Sal had a shop near our first Home. One night there was a plumbing issue at the Little Sisters and they called Sal. It wasn't long and he was fixing every problem and knew every "nook and cranny in the place," according to Sal.

Eventually Sal's mother and his father-in-law became Residents of the Home where they enjoyed their final years.

During their visit, Sal reconnected with Sr. Isabel and Sr. Winefred. There were tears of joy as they embraced and much laughter as they shared old stories. It was a marvelous home coming and we are so glad they stopped to visit.

Upcoming Events

Auxiliary Membership Meeting Wednesday, October 15, 2014

Mass at 11:00 A.M. in the chapel. Lunch at 12:30. A fashion show featuring C.J. Fashions. Reservations are \$20. Send check payable to LSP Auxiliary to the Home. Bring a prospective new member at no charge. 310-548-0625 for more information.

Holiday Boutique Saturday, October 25, 2014

See the attached flier for details

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The Feast of St. Jeanne Jugan

Archbishop José Gomez Celebrates Mass with us

Jeanne Jugan was not canonized because she founded a religious congregation, because her work has spread all over the world, or even because the elderly need a friend today more than ever. She was declared a Saint because she practiced heroic virtue.

Saint Jeanne Jugan was holy because she was a friend of God, because she allowed God to work through her to make the world a better place—to make the elderly happy!

What a joy it was to join together to reflect on her life on her Feast Day, August 30th.

"Having Archbishop Jose Gomez join us at the celebrant of today's Mass is exceptional," said Mother Margaret, Lsp. "Many of us know the Archbishop from his work in Denver. It is heartwarming

to have him visit us in San Pedro and continue our friendship."

"It is a joy for me to celebrate the feast of St. Jeanne Jugan and to give thanks to God for her life and the ministry of the Little Sisters of the Poor in the Archdiocese since 1905," said Archbishop Gomez. "This coming January 18th will be the 110th anniversary of your presence in Los Angeles!"

Reflecting on the Gospel, he said, "The Beatitudes show us the face of Jesus. His face should be like a mirror in which we see ourselves. When Jesus looks at us, he wants to see us living the Beatitudes. That is what St. Jeanne did. That is what we celebrate today."

After Mass, Archbishop Gomez greeted Residents and guests individually, shaking hands and offering blessings. Happiness radiated from every face as they were warmly acknowledged. It was the perfect ending to a very special celebration.

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Resident Fr. Lucian Lomello SDB expresses sincere appreciation for the Archbishops visit and warmth.



Resident Fifi Dianda is thrilled to have a brief exchange in Spanish with the Archbishop.



Eagle Scout Project



Kevin Stutzke completed his Eagle Scout project to install a sound system in one of our dining room



Kevin Stutzke has grown up around the Little Sisters thanks to his grandmother Carol Stutzke, a longtime volunteer at the Home. Now a senior at Mater Dei High School in Santa Ana, Kevin recently asked Sr. Anthony how he could help

the Residents through his Eagle Scout Project.

Kevin and his team assembled and installed a sound system in our dining room on the second floor. They also hand built a table to house the speaker system and equipment. This has given our Residents the benefit of being able to hear their prayers, music and announcements more easily.

“We give thanks for all the blessings that we receive from every volunteer,” said Sr. Anthony. “And, especially when the volunteer is young and enthusiastic. Kevin and his team were amazing to watch and attended to every detail for us.”

The Residents' Carnival: A Winning Tradition

Once a year we honor our Residents in a special way as we celebrate the Feast day of Sts. Joachim and Anne, the parents of Mary, the Mother of God. As a team, the staff, volunteers, AJJ members and the Little Sisters bring the fun, excitement and magic of an old fashioned outdoor carnival alive for the Residents.

Our garden is transformed for the day into a place of games, prizes, food, music and dancing. “The carnival brings back the Residents’ memories of when they were young and attended carnivals with their families,” said Bing Vargas, Activities Director. “The smell of the



Sr. Paul helps Resident Margaret O'Leary pick out her prizes as she redeems her winning tickets.

corn dogs, the cold lemonade, the joy at winning a prize. Everyone, young and old, loves a carnival! And it's a lot of fun for the staff too.”



Resident Flora Peralta who is 102 surprises herself and others when she makes a perfect ring toss.

First Profession of Vows



On Saturday, July 19, three young women made their first profession of vows at St. Ann's Novitiate in Queens Village, NY. Profession of the vows of chastity, poverty, obedience and hospitality for two years is preceded by a two-year novitiate. This in turn is capped off by an eight day silent retreat.

Bishop David Zubik of Pittsburgh was the main celebrant and homilist.

Following is a brief introduction to our

new Little Sisters, including their first assignments:

Sr. Amy Catherine Joseph (Hagedorn) is a native of Indiana and met the Little Sisters while a nursing student in Evansville. Sister Amy received her first obedience for our Home in Philadelphia.

Sr. Elisabeth de l'Eucharistie (Dugré)

is from Québec, Canada and met the Little Sisters while working as a baker in Montréal. In addition to her culinary skills, Sister Elisabeth is an accomplished flutist. Her sister played the cello for the Profession ceremony, and her mom sang a beautiful meditation hymn in French! Sister Elisabeth has been assigned to our Home in Dinan, France, the third home of the Congregation and the site where Saint Jeanne Jugan worked with the Brothers of St. John of God

to draft the original Constitutions of our congregation.

Sr. Maria Carmen Therese (Ozuna) was born in Mexico but then migrated to the United States, settling in the Philadelphia area. Sister Maria Carmen worked as a child care provider before entering our congregation in Philadelphia. Her sister performed a beautiful meditation hymn in Spanish during the ceremony. Sister Maria Carmen Therese is headed to Jeanne Jugan Residence in Bronx New York.

The day before Profession Megan Spelic, who had begun the postulancy program last October, was received into the novitiate, taking the religious name Sister Bernadette Rose.

“What happiness for us, to be a Little Sister of the Poor! Making the poor happy is everything ...”

St. Jeanne Jugan

Exhibit Contest about St. Jeanne Jugan

It is the tradition for our Homes worldwide to dedicate the month of August to St. Jeanne Jugan. By setting time aside to reflect on her life, Residents, staff and volunteers become more familiar with her guiding principles and counsels to her early Little Sisters and how today Jeanne's founding charism continues.

At our Home, Mother Margaret asked us to work together in teams to create exhibits or shrines to St. Jeanne Jugan. A winner would be selected at the end of the month.

Everyone has joined in. Residents from different floors have teamed with departments to express their creativity and understanding of St. Jeanne Jugan.

Everyone put in a lot of thought, love and hard work. It truly has been a wonderful way for us to learn more about St. Jeanne Jugan from each other.

Fantastic job, everyone! You are all winners.



The "Most Original" exhibit with a painting of an early Little Sisters' home and a begging basket is enjoyed by Residents Elizabeth Dean and Marie Vitco.



Mary Castro explains to Mother Margaret the meaning of each item in her exhibit which was awarded the "Most Decorative" honor.

Around our Home



During the first two weeks of August, seventeen Little Sisters of the Poor from around the United States came to our San Pedro Home for their annual retreat. Our recently revitalized meeting center is proving to be an ideal setting of peace and prayer. What a joy to catch a glimpse of a Little Sister (or several) walking in the garden while saying a rosary. We are blessed to have the spiritual presence of retreatants periodically throughout the year.