



LITTLE SISTERS OF THE POOR *Time & Life*

Jeanne Jugan Residence, San Pedro, CA

MARCH
2011

THE FATIMA MESSAGE IS PROCLAIMED



On February 7, 2011 we welcomed the National Pilgrim Statue of Our Lady of Fatima. Residents, employees, and volunteers gathered early in the lobby in anticipation of the arrival of the Statue.

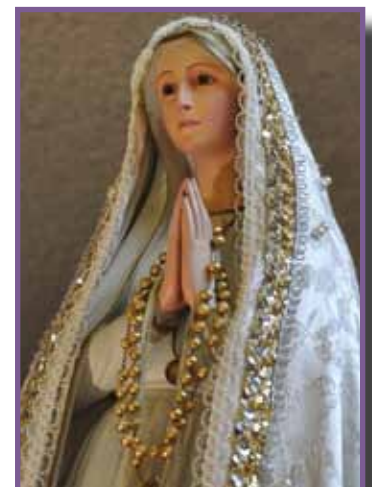
Bill Sockey of the World Apostolate of Fatima presented the Pilgrim Statue and ceremoniously prepared her for display. In his opening remarks he briefly explained the miracle in Fatima and the message of our Lady – to pray and bear our sufferings for the conversion of sinners.

He directly recognized the suffering of the elderly and the grace they achieve by offering up their burdens. By doing so, they join with the sufferings of Christ and assist in the salvation of others. This affirmation of the difficulties and value of aging touched everyone present and was an encouraging beginning to the visit of the Pilgrim Statue.

Mother Paul welcomed everyone and began the Rosary and the Statue was carried in procession throughout our Home en route to the chapel where daily Mass was celebrated. A time of prayer followed as visitors venerated the image and submitted written petitions at the feet of the statue.

A Holy Hour
with exposition
of the Blessed

Sacrament and Benediction
marked the conclusion of this
most holy day which helped
us all to understand the
message of Fatima and Mary's
call for prayer and sacrifice
for all.



AUXILIARY NEWS



New Officers for 2011

Seated (Left to Right)

President Maria Smith

Recording Co-Sec.. Ina Pearl Hilkey

..... Kathy Hagan

1st Co-Vice Pres.... Nellie Benedetti

..... Betty Zuliani

Standing (Left to Right)

Correspd. Sec. Irene Almeida

Treasurer Mary Jean Salcido

2nd Co-Vice Pres. Dawn Sliskovich

..... Rita Swartz

President-elect Timmy Kelly



On January 19, 2011, the Auxiliary of the Little Sisters of the Poor held their annual officers' installation dinner and meeting.

“We have a very talented group of officers,” said Maria Smith, president. “I look forward to their creative ideas as we move forward with plans for our 14th annual fund raising event.”

“Our benefit for the Little Sisters will be held on Saturday, June 25 at the historic Virginia Country Club located in the Bixby Knolls area of Long Beach.”

The venue's latest design and décor beautifully echo its early California roots. The Auxiliary plans an evening of exceptional hospitality celebrating the good works of the Little Sisters.

AUCTION ITEMS NEEDED!

Items for the Live & Silent Auction are needed. Call 310-548-0625 to help.

- Vacations & Condos
- Weekend Getaways
- Spa Days
- Air & Water Rides
- Restaurants, Wine & Gourmet Food
- Theater, Movies & Concerts
- Sports & Theme Parks
- Art, Jewelry, Sports Memorabilia

AROUND OUR HOME

“We are delighted to have the opportunity to welcome our Novice Sr. Ana Malia Benedict,” states Mother Paul. “We look forward to having her work beside us for the next six weeks in service to our Residents.”



Sr. Ana enjoyed a visit with her uncle Semisi Pomee who lives in California and her grandmother Asinate Pomee who was visiting from Tonga.

During our annual Valentines Day dinner and dance, Residents Eleanor and Pat Bilello happily accepted their reign as King and Queen. A festive evening full of love and fun was enjoyed by all the Residents and their guests.



Queen Eleanor and King Pat Bilello at the Valentine Ball.

THE JOY OF ART



Front: Ina Pearl Hilkey, Catherine Oakes
Back: Ethel Roskam, Jerry Conger, Mary Castro

Pat Deacon's passion for painting on rocks started on a whim. Working from a holy card, she decided to paint a picture of St. 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!" Since then Pat has completed many "portraits on stone" of friends' pets based on photographs they supplied. Adding to her portfolio, she has begun creating portraits of saints and other holy people for all to enjoy.



"I am constantly amazed by the variety of artistic talents of our Residents," said Bing Vargas, activities coordinator. "Not only do the creators of the art enjoy their work, but everyone else has the pleasure of receiving it. It's truly a win-win treasure for all of us."

Beautiful landscape oil paintings are being created during Jerry Conger's art class. Jerry has faithfully volunteered to teach painting every Wednesday for nearly twelve years. Some Residents have no prior experience and some have manual handicaps, yet their results are truly prize worthy. "I provide the supplies and the projects 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."

Ralph Patalono was not allowed to play rough as a child because of a serious ear condition, so he just hung over the fence and watched the florist who had a shop next door. Soon he was coming into the store and picking up dropped flowers, ribbons, and wires to make his own designs. Thus began his life-long career as a florist and shop owner.



Ralph was an entertainer at heart. To add a little spice for his customers, he often dressed in seasonal costumes and sang festive songs while he worked

on his arrangements. It led to many lifelong friendships with customers who appreciated his talents and enthusiasm.

Through the years, the floral business became very competitive and Ralph downsized and eventually he had to sell his last store. His brother Father Anthony Patalono O.P. was concerned about Ralph's future and encouraged him to apply to the Little Sisters of the Poor. He moved in just prior to 9/11.

Ralph's considerable artistic and musical talents have added to the spirit of our Home. For every party he goes all out with an appropriate costume and sings a special song or two for everyone. On feast days and special occasions, he decorates a nook on his floor with flowers and fabric and anything beautiful he finds to add.

LOURDES DAY AT JEANNE JUGAN RESIDENCE



1



2



3



4

In each of the past 34 years, the Knights and Dames of the Order of Malta have traveled from California as pilgrims to the Shrine of Our Lady of Lourdes in France. They take with them travelers with serious illnesses who come for healing, support and fellowship. Since not everyone seeking healing can journey the great distance, the local members of the Order bring the experience of Lourdes to Southern California by hosting Lourdes Day at Jeanne Jugan Residence.

Residents, employees, volunteers, Little Sisters and guests look forward to this deeply spiritual and uplifting day. The Knights and Dames organize the program which is held in the chapel garden and begins with special prayers and the anointing of the hands of caregivers. 1

The Stations of the Cross are recited as all process along the pathway to the grotto of Our Lady of Lourdes for a time of reflection and prayer. 2 3

Immediately following is the celebration of Mass including the Rite of the Anointing of the Sick. 4

All during this prayerful time, a small group of Knights and Dames are busy in the kitchen preparing a delicious barbeque lunch that is shared together in the Residents' dining room.

"We are most grateful to members of the Order of Malta," states Mother Paul. "Our Residents are blessed by their prayers and enriched by their love. May Our Lady of Lourdes continue to guide and reward their good works on behalf of so many in need."

DEVELOPMENT UPDATE

Please 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.

Social Security, pensions and government aid pay only part of the cost of caring for our

Residents. Each year the we must raise over 60% of our operating costs from gifts, bequests and donated commodities.

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

Visit www.littlesistersofthepoorsanpedro.org

