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Little Sisters of the Poor Choose Grace S. Mercado as the New Owner of Jeanne Jugan Residence

San Pedro, CA (May 26, 2021) – It was announced today that Grace S. Mercado will be the new owner of Jeanne Jugan Residence in San Pedro California. The Little Sisters of the Poor, current owner and operator of Jeanne Jugan Residence, have operated a Home for the Aged in Los Angeles since 1905, providing compassionate care to the elderly for over 115 years.

While assuring that current Jeanne Jugan residents receive continuity of quality care, this transfer allows Ms. Mercado to expand her mission to provide resident-centered care for the elderly and others in need. Ms. Mercado is the principal owner and/or operator of three skilled nursing facilities and one home for developmentally disabled children in California. “We are honored to be selected as the next operator of this home” said Grace S. Mercado “and we look forward to many years of providing kind and compassionate care for the elderly of Los Angeles.”

The Residence, situated on a 5-acre campus, is currently licensed for 27 skilled nursing beds, 62 beds for a residential care facility for the elderly and 14 independent living apartment units. In addition, there is a chapel and a residence formerly used by the Oblates of Mary Immaculate who taught at Fermin Lasuen High School before the property was converted to a nursing home in the 1970s. The current residents will continue to reside in the home after the transfer.

“The Little Sisters of the Poor are grateful that Grace Mercado has agreed to continue to operate the Home as a skilled nursing, residential care and independent living facility for seniors,” commented Sister Julie Horseman, I.S.P., Provincial Superior of the Little Sisters of the Poor. “Becoming part of the network of homes that Grace and her colleagues operate should provide both the resources and the



expertise necessary to provide quality care to the elderly for many years to come. And Grace’s own deep faith will allow the Home to attend to the spiritual needs of the residents, which gives us great consolation. While it is always difficult for the Little Sisters to withdraw from any of our Homes, knowing that the residents will continue to receive good care does provide us comfort.”

“In February 2020, the Little Sisters of the Poor announced that they had made the difficult decision to withdraw from Jeanne Jugan Residence in San Pedro. Mother Marguerite, the local superior and the administrator, promised that the sisters would not leave until everything had been fully handed over to a suitable buyer. Today, the sisters have announced that that day has come,” said Archbishop José H. Gomez, Archbishop of the Archdiocese of Los Angeles. “I am thankful to the Little Sisters of the Poor for their many years of loving sacrifice and humble service to the family of God here in the Archdiocese of Los Angeles. We will miss them! I pray for all the sisters as they continue their vital mission to serve the poor and the elderly and to proclaim the sanctity and dignity of every person in the love of Christ.”

The Home is expected to transfer upon the completion of all the regulatory approvals and licensure transfers necessary for Grace Mercado to own and operate the Home.

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