



# LITTLE SISTERS OF THE POOR

## St. Joseph's Home for the Elderly

*Serving the elderly poor in Palatine since 1965*

### Mission Statement

*Continuing the work of Saint Jeanne Jugan, our mission is to offer the neediest elderly of every race and religion a home where they will be welcomed as Christ, cared for as family and accompanied with dignity until God calls them to himself.*



Sr. Pauline looks on as Paula Kelly gives Fr. Tim Fairman, a Lenten Mission Box filled with her bingo winnings. St. Theresa Parishioners collected donations for St. Joseph's Home during their Lenten almsgiving.

## The Begging Basket

### St. Theresa Parish Answers Our Call

To provide for the aged poor, St. Jeanne Jugan, begging basket in hand, walked the streets of France asking for donations. We continue that tradition by asking for food at the wholesale markets in Chicago and appealing for financial support at parishes.

This past Lenten season, Fr. Tim Fairman, pastor at St. Theresa Parish in Palatine, invited his parishioners "to focus your praying, fasting and giving alms on the work and ministry of the Little Sisters of the Poor, who do so much for the elderly and infirmed in our community and the world."

Each Sunday in their bulletin, a reflection was written suggesting ways to accomplish this. The people were encouraged to pray for us. During their fasting, the parishioners were asked to try to identify with our Residents, who have had to give up many of the things that were important to them. The parishioners were also given an opportunity to remember the needy elderly by receiving

an almsgiving box to support our ministry.

Fr. Tim spoke to the students, at St. Theresa School and in the Religious Education program, about the ministry of Little Sisters and offered an almsgiving box to them. In response, the students also sponsored a food collection for us.

One of our Residents, Paula, is an avid bingo player and lady luck has shined upon her many, many times. She filled a jar with her winnings of quarters. Always thinking of others, Paula took an almsgiving box and filled it with her winnings. Giving it to Fr. Tim, she said, "I don't have much to give, but I want to help."

A benefactor once asked St. Jeanne Jugan why she burdened herself with all those old people. She replied, "We share them. You will provide for them, while I will care for their needs." Thank you St. Theresa Parish for providing for us, so that we can care for the needs of our elderly Residents.

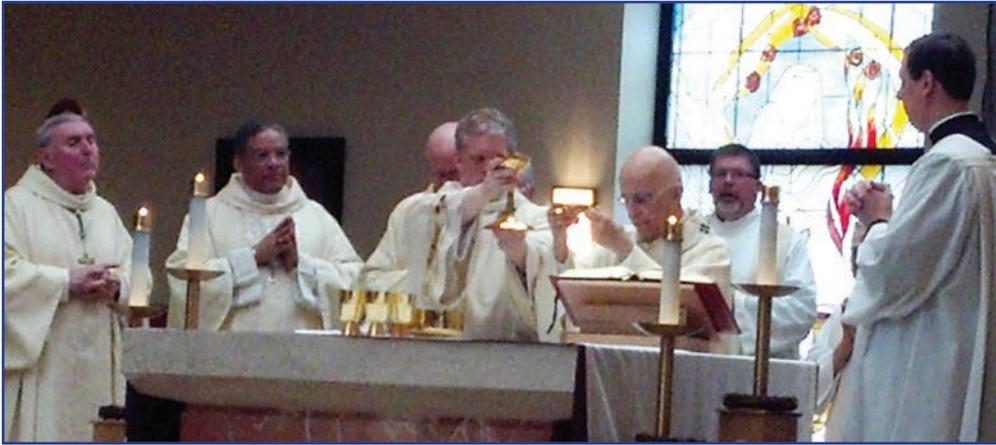
### Save the Dates:

- September 29, 2014  
***Swing and a Prayer Golf Outing***
- November 6, 2014  
***St. Joseph's Home for the Holidays Wine Tasting***
- April 19, 2015  
***Amazing Grace Gala (Mr. George Weigel-Guest Speaker)***

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His Eminence Francis Cardinal George presided over the Mass of Christian Burial at St. Theresa's Church in Palatine on Friday, April 5, 2014 for Bishop Andrew Joseph McDonald : October 24, 1923 - April 1, 2014

## O Lord, Let Your Servant Go In Peace

### Your Word has Been Fulfilled

The following are excerpts from the Homily preached by Msgr. J. Gaston Hebert, at the Cathedral of St. Andrew in Little Rock, AR on Tuesday, April 8, 2014 at the Mass of Christian Burial for Bishop Andrew J. McDonald.

"It was 1972 when Andrew J. McDonald was named bishop of Little Rock, AR. The Spirit called him to leave the security and comfort of Savannah, GA, to become a bishop where he was unknown. He entered an ecclesiastical war zone, where those who expected too little and those who expected too much from Vatican II were squared off against each other. Here was a priest sent by the Holy Spirit to breathe new life into the Diocese, to implement changes and the vision

of Vatican II in a diocese known for its conservative approach. The design of the Spirit becomes more obvious in sending a strong, intelligent, hard headed, stubborn Irishman, capable of holding his ground and standing up for what he knew in his heart was the will of God.

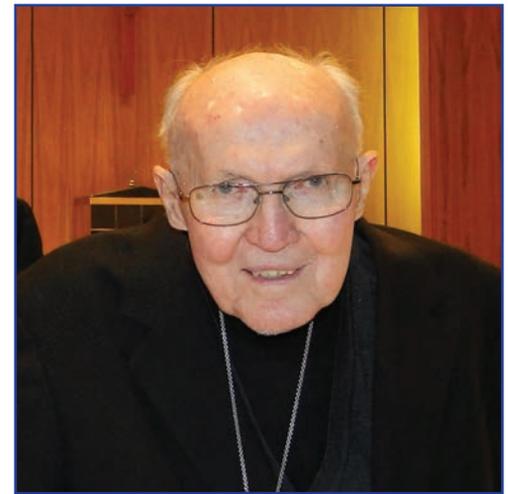
It is remarkable how the Spirit uses the experiences of our lives in forming us to be instruments of salvation for others. Being one of 12 children taught Bishop Andrew that the good of the whole can only be accomplished through the efforts of the many. He enlisted the aid of clergy, religious and laity to address the needs of the diocese. He instituted a program for the formation of permanent deacons, who have since served with humility and dedication.

The religious education of the laity saw enormous growth as Catholics were encouraged to open their bibles and to read study and pray. The Cursillo movement, Marriage Encounter, Pre-Cana, Retrouvaille, Renew, Call to Action and the Charismatic movement became just a part of the programs offered to help the laity know, love, and serve God.

Having four sisters who were nuns, the welfare of religious women was always a top priority. Bishop McDonald invited Blessed Mother Teresa to bring her Missionaries of Charity to Abba House, a place where unwed mothers and women in need find a home.

Nostalgically we remember Bishop McDonald for his Irish wit, his little sheepish smile, his horrid jokes and puns, the half wave accompanied by mischievous grin as he processed down

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*"With God's help, and the guidance of the Holy Spirit, I will live and, if necessary, I will die to prove that I care; to prove that I love."* Promised Bishop Andrew J. McDonald, upon arrival to his assignment as Bishop of the Diocese of Little Rock.



## AMAZING GRACE GALA

Nearly 300 of our friends gathered on Sunday, April 6th to celebrate and raise money for St. Joseph's Home, at the 20th anniversary of the Amazing Grace Gala. Our guests were transported to "An Evening in Paris" at Stonegate Banquet Centre in Hoffman Estates.

We were honored to recognize and present the St. Jeanne Jugan Award to one of the original Amazing Grace Gala organizers, our dear friend and benefactor, Mr. Andy Webber.

Our speaker, Fr. John Wauck, gave a wonderful talk about his experiences in Rome and how one person can make a difference.

Our guests in attendance generously donated enough money for a new double oven for our kitchen.

We are very grateful to all those who supported our Gala. *You truly did make a difference.* Through your help, we raised \$186,000

# Around Our Home



Jean Pritts (center) enjoys the Mother's Day Tea with her granddaughter, Kasey Tasch (left) and her daughter, Tina Tasch (right).

## Mother's Day Tea

May is the month dedicated to Our Lady. How appropriate that we honor our "ladies" with a Mother's Day Tea. Grandmothers, mothers, daughters, aunts, nieces and friends gather to pay tribute to those beautiful women who have touched their lives. Each table is carefully set with china and an eclectic collection of teapots and dainty tea cups. Delicious treats and an assortment of teas are served. The unpredictable April weather can't dampen the mood as our dining room is decorated with bright and cheery spring flowers.

## An Estate Gift

Bequests have been one of the most meaningful sources of funds for our ministry. Through the foresight and generosity of others, we have been able to continue our work with the aged.

As you look ahead, won't you please consider a bequest to us? Estate gifts can be made through a variety of vehicles: Wills, Living Trusts, Charitable Remainder Trusts, Life Insurance Policies or Retirement Plan Beneficiaries.

The simplest way to designate a gift is by stating, "I give to the Little Sisters of the Poor, located at 80 West Northwest Highway, Palatine, IL to be used at their discretion, the following gift..."

Some examples:

- The sum of \$ (amount in dollars).
- % (amount in percent) of my estate.
- The residual of my estate (after other gifts).
- Specific stock, property, policy or asset.

There may be tax benefits that come from your gift, such as a deduction of income tax, avoidance of capital gain tax, and avoidance of estate tax. Please consult your tax advisor for details. Planning ahead can benefit you as well as the work of the Little Sisters.

If you plan a gift to us, we welcome you to confidentially notify us so we might express our gratitude in your lifetime.



St. Joseph's Home for the Elderly was named for St. Joseph the Worker, whose feast day we celebrate on May 1st.

## Joseph was her man

by Sr. Constance Veit

Saint Joseph, that is, Saint Jeanne Jugan's devotion to him was so great that she chose him as patron of our Congregation and carried a tiny image of him in her pocket at all times. A giant statue of Saint Joseph sits atop the steeple of our motherhouse in France, over fifty yards high.

With great confidence Saint Jeanne Jugan turned to Joseph, head and provider of the Holy Family, to provide for the elderly poor who were seeking refuge in her home in ever-increasing numbers. She saw him as a father, in the likeness of our heavenly Father, whose Providence watches over the Little ones. St. Joseph was, and still is, the mediator of God's loving Providence in our lives. But he us more than that. Our Constitutions tell us that Joseph offers us the example of his greatness: that of having made of his life a service rendered to Christ through love, a sacrifice to the mystery of the Incarnation and to the redemptive mission linked to it. Saint Jeanne Jugan was drawn by the just, humble and silent soul of Joseph and so are we. Like her we take him as our model of union with God in faith.

Aside from the major feasts in the liturgical year commemorating the life of Jesus and his mother, Saint Joseph's Feast Days are some of the most important days of the year for us. You will be a part of the celebration through our grateful prayers.

*St. Joseph the Worker, pray for us.*

# A Moment With Mother



Mother Marguerite, Volunteer Colleen Scheitz and Resident Betty Harte (seated).

Spring is definitely a time of change and what a welcome change it is after this long and snowy winter. Even as I write this, I'm gazing out my window watching the snow falling on the bloomed daffodils, in winter's (hopefully last) attempt to stick around. Despite this setback, we are confident winter will come to an end and blades of green grass will triumph on our lawn. The trees are beginning to bud and the tulips and hyacinths are ready to bloom, joining the daffodils in defying the late season snow. The squawking sounds of Canadian Geese are gradually softened by newly arrived songbirds.

Spring also brings us a fresh array of activities. Traditionally, we honor Our Blessed Mother in a very special way during the month of May. Catholics all over the world participate in the May Crowning celebration each year and St. Joseph's home is no exception. We will crown Mary in our Chapel. Thanks to the generosity of our friends and benefactors, we are happy that our newly renovated Chapel, with new paint and an upgraded fire sprinkler system, is now open.

The Mother's Day Tea is one of our favorite traditions. High tea at the Ritz Carlton couldn't be any more special. Our ladies enjoy lovingly prepared special treats and an assortment of teas with their daughter, granddaughters, nieces and or friends.

We commemorate Memorial Day with a prayer service, flag raising ceremony and a special luncheon for all of our veterans. Just before we welcome summer, we honor our gentlemen with a Father's Day BBQ on our patio. Please check our website to keep you up to date on all that is happening in St. Joseph's Home and see how your generosity and support is making a difference in the lives of our elderly Residents!.

*St. Marguerite*



## Bishop McDonald

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the aisle, his compassion for the suffering (particularly his brother priests), the reverence he had for his deceased parents, the love he had for his siblings and their families and his sorrow as all eleven proceeded him in death, his adequate golf game, the manner in which he multiplied his homilies on a given occasion (often as many as three), and above all that wonderful horse laugh.

He became loved and respected by laity, religious, and clergy because he kept his promise to show by his service that he loved us and cared about us.

Regardless of his accomplishments as our bishop, nothing so became Bishop Andrew J. McDonald like leaving his miter and crozier behind to humbly serve the sick and dying with the Little Sisters of the Poor at St. Joseph's Home. The responsibilities and crosses of the episcopacy had served to form a good, simple, humble, joyful, loving priest of God, who still desired to live and die in such a manner as to prove that he loved and cared. Lent is over for Bishop Andrew J. McDonald, and an eternal Easter has begun."

## Swing and A Prayer

**The Ninth Annual Swing and a Prayer Golf Outing will be held at the beautiful Ivanhoe Country Club. Plan on golfing with us and our special guests scheduled to join us, Chicago Bear Robbie Gould.**

**Don't miss an opportunity to golf at this exclusive, nationally recognized country club located in the center of Lake County, Illinois. The club sits atop a spectacular 380 acre property with 27 holes and is recognized as one of the Top 25 Championship Golf Courses in Illinois.**

**As always, we trust that St. Joseph will provide a beautiful day as our golfers take to the links. This fun-filled day includes a four-person scramble, delicious buffet lunch, cocktail hour with hors d'oeuvres, a four**



Mark your calendar for Monday, September 29th, at Ivanhoe Country Club. Registration begins at 10:30, with a shot-gun start at noon.

**station dinner, and an awards reception.**

**Your support will help us to provide a loving home and care for our elderly Residents. For more information on registration, sponsorship or advertisement, visit us at our website [LittleSistersofthePoorPalatine.org](http://LittleSistersofthePoorPalatine.org) or call Diana Olson at 847-358-5700.**