



LITTLE SISTERS OF THE POOR

St. Joseph's Home for the Elderly

Serving the elderly poor in Palatine since 1966

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.

Save the Dates:

- September 19, 2016
Swing and a Prayer Golf Outing
- October 13, 2016
Relevant Radio Christ Brings Hope Award Dinner
- November 3, 2016
St. Joseph's Home for the Holidays Wine Tasting

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Archbishop Blase Cupich accepts a medallion of St. Jeanne Jugan, as a token of our appreciation, for speaking at this special Amazing Grace Gala celebration.

2016 Amazing Grace Gala

50 Years of Loving Care

A record breaking crowd of over 400 joined us on Sunday, April 24th at the Stonegate Banquet Centre in Hoffman Estates for the 2016 Amazing Grace Gala. It was truly a special evening as we commemorated '**50 Years of Loving Care at St. Joseph's Home**' in Palatine, and 140 years since the Little Sisters traveled from France to care for the needy elderly of Chicagoland.

We were honored to have Archbishop Blase Cupich join us as our guest speaker. His understanding and support of our ministry is truly a gift to us. We were touched by his kind comments. He spoke in depth about Pope Benedict XVI's words at Jeanne Jugan's canonization in 2009: "In the Beatitudes, Jeanne Jugan found the source of the spirit of hospitality and fraternal love, founded on unlimited trust

in Providence, which illuminated her whole life." You can view his talk on our blog, LittleSistersofthePoorPalatine.org/blog.

As a token of our appreciation, Mother Marguerite presented Archbishop Cupich with a medallion of St. Jeanne Jugan.

A video, created for our 50th anniversary was premiered at the Gala. This video illustrates life at St. Joseph's Home as seen through the eyes of some of our Residents and Little Sisters. You can also view this video on the Home Page of our website.

Many thanks to all of our dear friends who supported our Amazing Grace Gala through attending our Gala, underwriting the expenses of the event, or making a donation. Your support will help us to continue our ministry of hospitality to the needy elderly at St. Joseph's Home.

Little Sisters of the Poor



Residents Jeanne, Joyce and Judy, with Sr. Mary Matthew and Sr. Laurentia, gather the 200 crocheted socks that they, and many others, have worked hard to provide to the Water with Blessings Program.

Water with Blessings Sending Prayers and Socks

A good friend of ours offered to pick up a Little Sister from the airport, who was visiting from Africa. During the drive, our friend happened to ask if there was clean water at her Home in Africa. The Little Sister replied, that there was not. Bottled water had to be purchased for all of the Residents. Our friend discovered that our Homes in India, Sri Lanka and the Philippines were in the same situation. Our friend was determined to help!

It is easy to take for granted the safe drinking water that comes out of our faucets. Yet, around the world, people fall ill and die because of contaminated water. Unfortunately, many people in

developing countries don't have clean water available, including many of our Homes in Africa and Asia.

Water with Blessings is an international program that provides a way to clean water. With a small filter and a simple bucket, water is cleaned from impurities, making it safe to drink. Our friend knew of this program and introduced it to us.

Anxious to help, we have been crocheting little socks that cover the filters. Each sock is designed to prevent cracks if the filter is dropped, and also provides a personal touch to the filter. Our Little Sisters, several Residents, Resident family members, staff and

volunteers have crocheted over 200 socks.

One of our volunteers, Rem Reyes, will take the socks to our Homes in the Philippines. Our generous friend purchased large water filters for each of our Homes. The socks will be packed around the filters for cushioning during the trip.

In the Philippines, the socks and a filter will be given to the Water Women. The Water with Blessings program has enlisted the help of Water Women (local mothers) to distribute and share the filters with other families in their communities. The Water Women have promised to pray every day at 1:00 PM. As a sign of unity, we pray each Friday at 1:30 PM for the Water with Blessings program.

We hope that our prayers and lovingly crocheted socks, will bring both physical and spiritual good health to families across the world.



Sr. Mary Matthew thanks Jan Johnson, a member of St. Edna's Women's Club, for crocheting socks.



50 YEARS OF LOVING CARE

In 1874, after the great Chicago Fire, Bishop Thomas Foley invited the Little Sisters to Chicago. In 1876, six Little Sisters arrived from France and opened Sacred Heart Home at 335 N. Halsted, to begin caring for the elderly poor of the Chicago area.

In 1880, Sacred Heart Home moved to 1255 Harrison. A second home, St. Augustine, opened in 1882 at 414 W. Chicago Ave. and in 1886, moved to Sheffield and Fullerton Ave. In 1891, St. Joseph's Home at 5148 S. Prairie Ave. became the third Little Sister's Home.

By the 1960's, reform of national health-care standards paved the way for these three homes to close and two new facilities to open. Sacred Heart Home was closed in 1959 and many of the Residents were moved to St. Augustine's. The original St. Joseph's Home on Prairie Avenue closed in May of 1966 when St. Joseph's Home in Palatine was completed.

Through your support, we are able to celebrate our 50th Anniversary in Palatine. With your continued help, we look forward to the next 50 years.

Around Our Home



Sending our love, gratitude and prayers, with Mother Marguerite as she leaves for her new assignment at Jeanne Jugan Residence in Kansas City, MO.

Au Revoir Mother

On Tuesday, April 26th, we said au revoir to Mother Marguerite. It's hard to believe that 6 ½ years have passed since her smiling face lit up the lobby, as she introduced herself to us. Our good friends Fr. William De Salvo, Resident, Fr. Frank Kiley, Fr. Tim Fairman, Fr. Tom Rzepiela, Fr. Joji Thanugundla and Fr. Andrew Plishka celebrated a Mass of Thanksgiving for Mother Marguerite. After Mass was a reception where we had an opportunity to share our memories and thank Mother for all that she has done for us.

Please Help Us Buy a Van

We celebrate life daily through a full range of activities. From Sr. Grace's kitchen, where 90 year olds, Monnie, Helen, and Catherine, are busy peeling potatoes for the day's meals, to the physical therapy room where 103 year old Eva exercises 90 minutes on the NuStep machine. Age is no obstacle to living life to the fullest when possibilities allow each one to do what he or she wishes. Enriching and enhancing the lives of our Residents' spiritually, emotionally and socially is our passion.

Even while our Home is abuzz with activities, our Residents really look forward to going out and about the community; shopping, visiting the library, sporting and entertainment events, pilgrimages and much more. Memories are made and

become part of the heart and soul of each individual.

Many of our Residents are in wheelchairs. They enjoy, and are able to go on many of these trips, but are in need of a handicap van for transportation. This van will also assist us in transporting Residents to doctor appointments. We have raised \$20,000 towards the total cost of \$45,000 for the purchase of a handicap van.

Will you consider a donation to help us raise the remaining \$25,000 for the purchase of a new handicap van!



Through the help of their donors, the Little Sister's Home in Denver was able to buy a handicap van.



Teresita sits as an honor guard by the relic of Mother Teresa.

The Poor Are Our Lord

Mother Teresa will be canonized a saint on September 4th. We had the privilege of hosting the Traveling Missionary Display, along with a first class relic, of Mother Teresa. Posters of photos and writings of her life were on exhibit outside our chapel. Even though the display came to us without much prior notice, word of mouth brought scores of visitors to venerate the relic and view the display. Many Residents volunteered to be honor guards, watching over the relic so it could be on display for our visitors to venerate.

In 1948, before starting the Missionaries of Charity, Mother Teresa spent time with the Little Sisters of the Poor in Calcutta to learn about caring for the poor. There are many similarities between her and Jeanne Jugan. Both humble women resisted, then reluctantly, received awards (hoping to bring awareness to the poor) for their work; Jeanne Jugan – Awards for Merit from the French Academy and Mother Teresa- the Nobel Peace Prize.

Two parallel stories illustrate their humility and commitment to the poor. Mother Teresa asked a baker for some bread. Furious at her request, he spit at her. She replied, "That was for me, now what about some bread for my poor children." Jeanne Jugan was slapped in the face by an irritated man who refused to give. She replied, "Thank you. That was for me. Now please give me something for my poor."

God's tender mercy flowed through both women as they saw the face of the Lord in the poor that they served. "My little ones, never forget that the poor are Our Lord." St. Jeanne Jugan. "There is but one love of Jesus, as there is but one person in the poor-Jesus." Mother Teresa.

A Moment With Mother



It is such a delight to see the dull brown landscape transforming. All around our Home, the flowers and trees are awakening and blooming in vibrant colors. The handiwork of our Lord is showing up in beautiful splendor. Taking advantage of the pleasant weather and beautiful scenery, our Residents can be found sitting on a bench overlooking our pond, or quietly praying in front of the statue of St. Jeanne Jugan.

This year marks our 50th Anniversary at St. Joseph's Home in Palatine and 140 years since the Little Sisters arrived to begin caring for the needy elderly in Chicago. The Amazing Grace Gala kicked off our milestone year of celebration. We were delighted Archbishop Blase Cupich was able to join us. When you have a chance, please visit our blog and you can view the talk he gave. On October 13th, we will humbly accept the 2016 Christ Brings Hope Award from Relevant Radio. Make sure to check our website for all news and special events that will be happening this year.

The financial struggles of the State of Illinois are well publicized. The Medicaid reimbursement rate we receive is one of the lowest in the country. We need to raise, through donations, over 50% of the actual cost of caring for each of our Residents in order to meet our expenses. We could not have survived without your support these past 50 years. Through your help, and the dedicated work of our Little Sisters and staff, once again the Centers of Medicaid and Medicare Services has awarded St. Joseph's Home, a Five Star Rating. We hope you will continue to partner with us for our next 50 years. Together we are able to provide a loving Home for our Residents.

A part of being a Little Sister is to go wherever we are needed. It has been an honor and a joy to have had the opportunity to share in the day to day experiences at St. Joseph's Home surrounding the lives of so many wonderful people. Palatine is truly a very special place. I will forever be grateful to all those who have helped me to continue the mission of St. Jeanne Jugan. As I prepare to begin my new assignment in Kansas City, MO, I ask for your prayers and I promise you mine. Mother Margaret Charles will be arriving soon and I know you will give her a warm welcome and the support that you have always given to me.

In opening the year of Mercy Pope Francis said, "Jesus Christ is the face of the Father's mercy. At times we are called to gaze even more attentively on mercy so that we may become a more effective sign of the Father's action in our lives." Thank you for being a hidden source of mercy to the elderly that we serve. God bless you!

Sr. Marquette

SWING AND A PRAYER GOLF OUTING

Mark your calendars for Monday, September 19th for our annual Swing and a Prayer Golf Outing at Wynstone Golf Club in N. Barrington, IL.

Golf legend Jack Nicklaus designed this beautiful and challenging golf course among the rolling hills and wetlands. His vision and respect for the topography generated a championship golf course that was immediately recognized among the "top one hundred" golf courses in the U.S.

We have complete confidence that St. Joseph will help to provide beautiful weather for this fun-filled day that

includes a four-person scramble. Registration begins at 10:30. You will be able to enjoy a fresh-off-the grill-lunch, before the noon, shot gun start. After golf, cocktail hour with hors d'oeuvres will be served on the beautiful patio overlooking the course. A delicious multi-station dinner, and an awards reception round out the day.

Your support for this event will help us to provide a loving home and care for our elderly Residents. For more information on registration, sponsorship or advertisement, visit our website www.LittleSistersofthePoorPalatine.org or call Diana Olson at 847-358-5700.



Swing and a Prayer Golf Outing is Monday, September 19th, at Wynstone Golf Club in North Barrington.