



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.



Juleana (in back row) joins the other Hospitality Interns, Katelyn, (left), and Marie (right), to wish Eva a very happy 104th birthday!

Seeing Christ In the Elderly

The Endowment of the Aged

By JULEANA BEUTLER, Hospitality Intern

Amen, I say to you, whatever you did for one of these least brothers of mine, you did for me. (Matt 25:40) These simple words are a testimony to the work the Little Sisters of the Poor and their faithful employees do each day. This beautiful mission began with St. Jeanne Jugan's example, when she first took in the infirm Anne Chauvin, on a cold winter's night in 1839. Jeanne could no doubt see the Lord's face in Anne, as Jeanne carried her up the steps of her home, placing Anne in her own bed. That very love of the desolate elderly soon became contagious; spreading with the Little Sisters throughout the world.

In our trying world today, filled with horrors such as euthanasia and assisted suicide, the Little Sisters help us to see the beauty in our aged children of God.

The elderly have so much to give but, we must be willing to reciprocate their gifts with our own kindness and patience. When caring for them, we should thank God for such a blessing. Truly, there is nothing more valuable than our Lord allowing us to care for Him. Certainly this is not easy, we are all human, and prone to frustration, impatience, and anger, but we must strive to see Jesus' face in each of the infirm. Only then may we begin to appreciate this priceless blessing God has given us.

Jeanne Jugan mirrors this belief as she said, "Be kind, especially with the infirm. Love them well ... It is a great grace God is giving you. In serving the aged, it is he himself whom you are serving." Truly our elderly are legacies of Heaven that our world is lamentably trying to erase.

Save the Dates:

- August 27, 2016
*50th Anniversary
Mass of Thanksgiving*
- 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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Bishop Gerald Kicanas and the Little Sisters join Eva in celebrating her life long dream of getting a college degree come true.

At 104 Years Old A Life Long Dream Came True

What do you get a 104 year old for her birthday? Eva Kicanas' family hit the jackpot with their gift. Eva has always wished that she would have had the opportunity to go to college and graduate. She completed high school, however her father would not allow her to continue on to higher education. Due to the times, her brothers were offered the opportunity, but not her. Even when her brothers decided not to go on to college, she still was not permitted to go. When asked what was the one thing that she regretted in her life, her answer was always "I was not allowed to go to college." She loved school and when children come to visit her, she always encourages them to get as much schooling

as possible. She is a real advocate for higher education.

Eva's son, Bishop Gerald F. Kicanas (Diocese of Tucson, AZ), came up with an idea to make Eva's dream of graduating college a reality. Barbara, Eva's daughter, got to work to make it happen. Barbara called Loyola University and spoke to Reverend Thomas J. Regan, S.J., Ph.D., Dean of Arts and Sciences. Fr. Regan was touched by Eva's story and impressed by her promotion of higher education. Fr. Regan sent her a beautiful letter of recognition for being a prolific supporter of higher education. To make it official, Eva's grandson, Steve, created a diploma from the family.

The celebration began with Bishop Kicanas officiating at a Mass of Thanksgiving on July 2nd in honor of Eva's 104th Birthday. Sr. Grace of the Cross arranged for Eva, her daughters Cathy and Barbara, and grandson Steve, to present the gifts at mass. As it was Eva's first time doing so, it was even more special for her because she was presenting it to her son.

After Mass there was a birthday celebration in the auditorium. Sr. Judith played "Pomp and Circumstance" on the piano as Eva, dressed in a cap (with a 2016 tassel) and gown, was finally presented with her long awaited degree. Along with Fr. Regan's letter, Eva received a framed diploma from the "University of Appreciation, with a Honorary Doctorate in Motherhood." Eva was just thrilled and never happier.

Afterwards, Eva's family, had a party in celebration of her birthday and her graduation. At 104 years old, its hard to make dreams come true. But this simple act of kindness became one of the most meaningful moments in Eva's life, a moment that she will never forget.



Eva, surrounded by daughters, Cathy (left) and Barbara (right) beams with happiness and pride after receiving her long awaited diploma.

ENTER THE TEN WEEK CLUB AND WIN \$5,000

It's time again for the Ten Week Club and your chance to win \$500 or \$5,000.

We will be giving away \$500 each week for nine weeks and a Grand Prize of \$5,000 on the tenth week.

Fill out your contact information on the enclosed Ten Week Club tickets

and return them to us for your chance to win! Your ticket(s) will remain in all ten drawings. This will give you a total of TEN OPPORTUNITIES TO WIN!

The \$500 weekly drawings will begin on Friday, September 2, 2016. The lucky winner of the \$5,000 Grand Prize will be drawn on Friday, November 4, 2016.

Around Our Home



Helen, Monnie and Beverly welcome Mother Margaret Charles to Palatine.

Welcome Mother Margaret

Totawa, NJ is halfway across the country and culturally a little different from our Midwest Village of Palatine. But, we hoped to extend our hometown hospitality and welcome to Mother Margaret Charles as she arrived to assume her new role as Mother Superior. After a rousing serenade and a variety show of dance, song and poems, we enjoyed some delicious cookies and pastries. Mother's smile lit up the room as she greeted each of us. She couldn't help but feel at home, surrounded by the love of her new family.

Your Gift Makes a Difference

When an elderly person nearing death looks into our eyes, he or she asks, "Does my life still have meaning? Is it worth living?" Through our caring gestures and our prayer, we wish to respond to each person with a committed "yes." Our tradition of maintaining a constant vigil beside the dying has always been considered the highest expression of our vocation.

An elderly gentleman named Charles had been in one of our Homes a short time when the health of one of his new friends began to deteriorate. The Little Sisters and staff, as well as the man's family,

surrounded him with competent care and attention, providing every possible comfort until the end. Charles watched in silence as his friend died peacefully, the Little Sisters and his family praying beside him. Later, Charles pulled one of the Sisters aside and asked her, "When my time comes, will you do the same for me?" "Of course!" she replied. "Then everything will be alright," he said. "I'm not afraid anymore."

It is only through your prayers and financial support that we are able to continue our ministry. Together we can make a difference and validate the lives of the needy elderly. Won't you please give a donation today?



Juleana (far left) and Marie (right) help bring a little bit of Hawaii to Palatine at a Luau that was held on our patio.

A Summer of Hospitality

BY JULEANA BEUTLER, KATELYN PAYNE, MARIE GARRO, HOSPITALITY INTERNS

"What is A Hospitality Intern?" Since arriving here at the end of May, we have been asked this question multiple times. To answer, we must first explain that the program was intended to give college aged, young women a glimpse at what it's like to be a Little Sister of the Poor. We have not committed to become religious sisters, but we are open to the possibility. Instead of a weekend retreat, which can only offer and show so much, this six week program allows us to live the life of a Little Sister.

Upon arriving, we were welcomed with open arms. After an orientation, we were assigned a schedule of tasks, allowing us to experience every aspect of the Home. Our days are full and fly by before we know it. We assist Resident meals and activities (crafts, bingo, etc.). We help in the laundry, kitchen, physical therapy, and development. Most enjoyable were the trips we have taken with the Residents-riding in the 4th of July Parade, floating down the Chicago River on an Architectural Tour and perusing through a Classic Car Show. We have cherished being with the Residents at the Hawaiian Luau, the Father's Day Cookout and 4th of July Picnic.

Our six weeks have flown by! Through all of our tasks, no matter how menial they may seem, by witnessing the charity of the Sisters, comforting the elderly, and carrying out God's work; we've found ourselves drawn closer to God. These weeks have given us the opportunity to shut out the world for a time, and open our hearts to the Lord's plan for our future.

A Moment With Mother



Mother Margaret Charles

I can't thank everyone enough for the warm welcome. This is certainly an exciting time to come back to Palatine. When I was here in the late 1980's, we were just preparing for the 25th Anniversary of St. Joseph's Home. As I walk down the hallways, the fond memories and familiar faces are coming back amidst the familiar surroundings. I am so happy to be back to celebrate our 50th Anniversary.

Summer is a great time for us to take advantage of the outdoors and participate in a wide range of activities. We enjoyed the South Pacific by way of our patio with

a Hawaiian Luau. We waved to the crowds from our decorated bus in the Palatine 4th of July Parade. Hot dogs and Hamburgers always taste better at a picnic; they were delicious at our 4th of July picnic. We were honored to sing the national anthem at the Joliet Slammers minor league baseball game. One of our favorite adventures was when we waded and picnicked at Crystal Lake.

I hope you will be able to join us as we celebrate a Mass of Thanksgiving for "50 Years of Loving Care" on Saturday, August 27th at 4:30PM. Our dear friend Bishop Gerald Kicanas will be the main celebrant.



Fr. Andrew blesses our new handicap van!

Our Swing and a Prayer Golf Outing is coming up and I have been told that one of my responsibilities is to manage the rubber duck hole! I'll be learning all there is to know about rubber ducks but, I'm really looking forward to meeting the golfers. I'm told it's a delightful day and we really depend on the money raised to help us with our operating expenses. Won't you please consider attending?

Finally, I would like to thank you for your generosity! It never ceases to amaze me how God works through our friends to provide for us. In the last newsletter, we asked for your help in raising money to buy a handicap van. Well, I am delighted to tell you that we were able to buy the van! Now it is easier for our wheelchair bound Residents to go out. God bless you for all that you do for us!

A MASS OF THANKSGIVING

The Residents and Little Sisters of the Poor invite you to share in our celebration of

**50 Years of Loving Care at
St. Joseph's Home for the Elderly**

*A Mass of Thanksgiving will be
celebrated on*

**Saturday, August 27, 2016
4:30 PM**

**Chapel of St. Joseph's Home
80 W. Northwest Highway
Palatine, IL**

Reception immediately following

*Kindly RSVP to
dvpalatine@littlesistersofthepoor.org
or 847-358-5700 x136*

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 of North Barrington. His expertise helped to create a championship golf course that is recognized among the "top one hundred" golf courses in the U.S.

St. Joseph always provides us with 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 rounds 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.



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