



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:

- August 30, 2019
**150th Anniversary
Mass of Thanksgiving**
- September 9, 2019
**Swing and a Prayer
Golf Outing**
- November 7, 2019
**St. Joseph's Home for
the Holidays Wine
Tasting**
- December 8, 2019
**Christmas
Open House**

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The Apostolic Nuncio, Archbishop Christophe Pierre (center left), along with the Most Rev. Robert Vasa of the Diocese of Santa Rosa, CA (IRL President) celebrated a Mass of Thanksgiving in honor of the Little Sisters.

Pro Fidelitate et Virtute Award

The Daughters of Jeanne Jugan

A record-breaking late spring snowstorm couldn't dampen the spirits of the full house at the Institute of Religious Life (IRL) National Meeting at the University of St. Mary of the Lake in Mundelein. The theme was 'Forming Apostles For Today'.

During the Saturday evening banquet on April 27th, we were humbled to be honored with the Pro Fidelitate et Virtute Award. This IRL award honors those "who manifest a strong love for the Church and a zealous commitment to the consecrated life."

The evening began with Mass celebrated by the Apostolic Nuncio, Archbishop Christophe Pierre. We were especially touched by Archbishop Pierre's love for Jeanne Jugan and his reference to us as his 'Sisters'. He explained that his home region in France (Brittany) is the same as where Jeanne Jugan lived and where our Motherhouse has been for over 160 years.

On behalf of all the Little Sisters, Sr. Constance Veit thanked the IRL for our award. She spoke of our unwavering faith in Divine Providence and how God has not only provided for our needs, but also protected us in difficult and even dangerous times.

Through many months of preparation, Little Sisters, Residents and volunteers made over 300 rosaries to hand out that evening to each guest. Mother Provincial Maria Christine recounted stories of Residents and Little Sisters learning to make rosaries, finding beads and lovingly stringing them together. She asked that when the rosary was recited on these beads that the intention of vocations for the Little Sisters be offered in prayer.

With God's grace and your help, we hope that new generations of Little Sisters will be serving the needy elderly for many, many years to come!

Little Sisters of the Poor



Our guests had the unique opportunity to ride the Eden Palais Carousel that was built in 1890 and lovingly restored by the Sanfilippo family. It has 36 hand-carved horses, four rocking gondolas and a spinning tub.

A Celebration to Remember Amazing Grace Gala

150 years ago, seven Little Sisters arrived in America to care for the needy elderly. We planned a special Amazing Grace Gala (our largest annual fundraiser) for this milestone anniversary at the beautiful Sanfilippo Estate in Barrington Hills. The Estate is home to the world's largest collection of automated musical instruments, most built at the end of the 19th century.

When those first Little Sisters arrived, it was a very different America than we live in today. There were no automobiles, refrigeration or electricity. We hoped that our guests would enjoy the opportunity to relive that early time by touring the collection of music and other antique

machines of the late 1800's to early 1900's at the Estate. Little did we know that when they arrived at the Sanfilippo Estates for our Amazing Grace Gala on June 30th that they would also relive the experience of no electricity as well.

Shortly before our event, a major thunderstorm swept through the area. A tree was up-rooted, laying on its side in the parking area. The pavilion where dinner was to be served and the main Estate that houses over 2,000 music machines, nickelodeons, steam engines, clocks, and arcade machines went dark.

A call for prayers was made to the Little Sisters who were getting ready to leave for the Gala. They put a statue of

St. Joseph in the window facing the storm and began to pray. Sr. Mary Timothy (on her electric scooter) raced to the chapel. The Lord had inspired over 350 guests to attend our sold out Gala, but without power it couldn't be held. Positioned in front of the altar, Sr. Mary Timothy looked up at the crucifix and pleaded "Jesus, won't you please help us?"

At 5:00, just when we were going to cancel the event, the power went back on. As if the choirs of angels had burst forth with answered prayers, music machines began playing their melodies, as cheers rang out among the guests.

Mother Margaret Charles spoke to our guests recounting the journey of the first Little Sisters' arrival in America. She talked of their faith, courage and reliance on the generosity of their friends and benefactors. Sr. Maria Lourdes and Sr. Amy Kristine joined Mother on stage (dressed in the old habits that those first Little Sisters wore) "*As we commemorate the 150th anniversary of the Little Sisters arrival in the US, we can look back and see that we have evolved in many ways, but our work is the same. We still care for the elderly in need, and we still rely heavily on our friends. This anniversary is a time for us to thank you for helping us to keep our work alive and well.*"

What looked like a disaster turned into a lovely celebration. We are very grateful for the patience (no one complained) and generosity of our guests. This will truly be an evening we will remember.



Sr. Amy Kristine, dressed in the old habit, with Resident Janny Malleck.

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!

Send your tickets today. The \$500 weekly drawings will begin on Friday, September 6, 2019. The lucky winner of the \$5,000 Grand Prize will be drawn on Friday, November 8, 2019.

Around Our Home



Santa and his many helpers worked hard to make this a special day for us. Our heartfelt thanks to St. Isaac Jogues' CCW who organized a beautiful 'Christmas in July' celebration.

Christmas in July

Last January when a record cold hit, we didn't let it get us down, we had a 'Polar Vortex' party. With heat indexes reaching over 100 in mid-July, our good friends at St. Isaac Jogues Parish in Hinsdale decided that a little heat shouldn't wilt our spirits either. On July 20th, their Council of Catholic Women (CCW) sponsored a 'Christmas in July' party. With cooler thoughts amidst the record-breaking heat, they arrived with vanloads of gifts, a Christmas Carol singing choir, delicious Christmas cookies and enough good cheer to lift our hearts. We are beyond grateful to the parishioners of St. Isaac Jogues, who generously showered us with their love.

Discerning Hearts

As a young woman St. Jeanne Jugan realized that God had a plan for her life, and yet for many years she had no idea where he was leading her. Years went by before Jeanne saw the unfolding of God's plan.

Sr. Maria Lourdes is guiding three young women who are discerning if God's Will is leading them to live their life as a Little Sister of the Poor. This Pre-Postulancy stage of formation will last six months and help to facilitate a mutual knowledge between the young women candidates and our Congregation, which is so very important in the discernment of a vocation.

While they are here, Catherine, Laura and Elise will live, work

and pray side by side with us.

Under the direction of Sr. Maria Lourdes, they will further their understanding of our life, our spirituality and our deep commitment to hospitality. They will be participating in classes at the University of St. Mary of the Lake in Mundelein, as well as sessions here, which will enable them to grow in their faith and in their knowledge of Religious Life.



(Back l to r) Catherine, Laura, Elise, and Sr. Maria Lourdes enjoy a summer day with Betty (front l to r), Shirley, Sr. Agnes and Vivian.



Our Jubilarians: (l to r) Sr. Grace, Sr. Vincent and Sr. Josephine

150 Years of Service

This year we are honored to celebrate the Jubilees of three Little Sisters of the Poor. Sr. Josephine Marie Elisabeth (25 years), Sr. Grace Mary of St. Paul (50 years) and Sr. Vincent de la Providence (75 years).

Their paths that brought them here are very different, but together as Little Sisters of the Poor they come together as daughters of Jeanne Jugan to bring the love of Christ to the elderly that they serve. Sr. Josephine was born in Kenya and spent many years in Africa before arriving here. Sr. Grace hails from just across the border in Milwaukee. And, Sr. Vincent was born in the 'city of brotherly love' - Philadelphia.

We are very happy to have the opportunity to acknowledge their love and dedication as they renew their vows:

"In the presence of the Blessed Trinity and of Mary Immaculate, I renew with all my heart my profession of the Evangelical Counsels, and promise God to observe faithfully the vows of Chastity, Poverty, Obedience and Hospitality which I have made forever in the Congregation of the Little Sisters of the Poor."

Over their combined 150 years, they have touched many hearts, held many hands and comforted so, so many elderly.

May God continue to bless them and all of the Little Sisters of the Poor!

A Moment With Mother



Dear friends,

In one way or another, we all desire to live with open hands and hearts. Life is much nicer when we do! Corrie ten Boom (+1983) once said, "Hold everything in your hands lightly; otherwise it hurts when God pries your fingers open."

As Little Sisters of the Poor we have the constant uplifting example of the openness of our Residents who have had to let go of so much in their lifetime, and do so with peace and dignity. We also witness on a daily basis the generosity of so many good people who open their hands and hearts to help us.

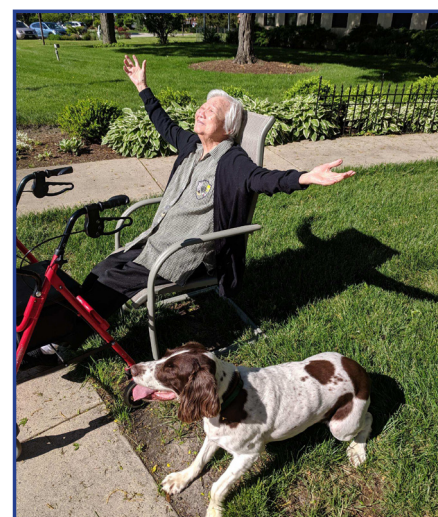
In this issue we've highlighted Awards, Jubilees, a truly *'Amazing'* Gala, and special moments with wonderful friends. The three Jubilarians, each in their own way have opened their hearts and hands to God and to the elderly whom they have served for these many years; and our three candidates: Catherine, Elise and Laura desire to do the same as they begin their vocational journey.

Just glance at these pictures to your right, (they weren't posed!) and know that life is good at St. Joseph's Home. There is joy in reveling in the simple pleasures of life, even for some at 90+ years of age.

We're coming to the close of our 150th anniversary year; and I think of those seven founding European Sisters who arrived in North America with empty hands and willing hearts, so open to God's grace. The arms of many good people welcomed them and the work begun in France by St. Jeanne Jugan blossomed in our Country. And I also think about you, our faithful friends who open your hearts to help us continue that work.

At daily Mass we pray: "Lift up your hearts! We lift them up to the Lord!" God doesn't have to pry our hearts or hands open; we lift them willingly in prayer for you many times each day. Thank you so very much!

A Margaret Charles



Mass of Thanksgiving, Friday, August 30th

Join us as we close out the Jubilee Year celebrating our 150th anniversary of arriving in the U.S. On August 30th (the Feast of St. Jeanne Jugan) our Auxiliary Bishop, The Most Reverend Alberto Rojas, will celebrate a Mass of Thanksgiving at 11:00 am in our Chapel. All are welcome to join us.

A SWING AND A PRAYER GOLF OUTING



Monday, September 9th is our annual Swing and a Prayer Golf Outing at The Club at Wynstone in N. Barrington, IL.

Golf legend Jack Nicklaus designed this beautiful and challenging 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. 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 awards reception rounds out the day.

Your support for this event will help us to provide a loving home and quality care for our elderly Residents.

Find more information on registrations, sponsorships and/or advertisements, on our website. Or, call 847-358-5700 or email dvpalatine@littlesistersofthepoor.org.

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