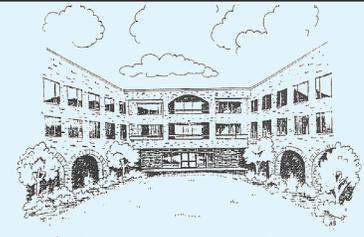




Little Sisters of the Poor Sharing Family News

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As Little Sisters of the Poor we care for the needy elderly in the spirit of humble service that we have received from Jeanne Jugan. We welcome the elderly as we would Jesus Christ himself and serve them with love and respect until death.

Joy and Excitement Aboard At Announcement of Canonization Date

Will you remember where you were on the morning of February 21, 2009? The Little Sisters and the Residents of the Jeanne Jugan Residence in Washington, DC are pretty sure they'll never forget.

Excitement ran high when word came that the canonization date for Jeanne Jugan would be announced on February 21. In homes around the world, Sisters and Residents waited patiently for the call that would set canonization planning in motion. Canonization is something that all of the Sisters have prayed for, but that many never believed they would witness in their lifetime.

"On February 21, the Sisters and Residents were all waiting for the phone to ring. We knew that the announcement would be made early here in the U.S. since Rome is hours ahead of us," said Sr. Alphonse Marie, Administrator of the Washington, DC, home. *"When the announcement was made that Jeanne Jugan would be canonized on October 11, everyone cheered and there was a lot of applause. Our Residents are thrilled — Jeanne Jugan is so special to them."*



Theresa English, Terri Schulz, Sr. Diane, and Mary Nathan pose for a photo in front of our statue of Jeanne Jugan.

It didn't take long for the word to get around. The Sisters made good use of available technology to share the news — an invaluable lesson learned from Pope John Paul II who made good use of media whenever possible to share his message with the world. A video of the special Consistory was delivered by email to the homes and Mother Benedict confesses to watching it so many times that she almost has it memorized, saying "I don't even speak Italian!" Everyone did notice three little grey and white veils in the video — those of Mother General Celine and two other Little Sisters who were blessed to sit in on the Consistory to witness the historic announcement.

On the Monday following the announcement, planning was already underway for events to celebrate the canonization. In Washington, DC, Archbishop Donald Wuerl will celebrate a special Mass at the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception on Sunday, October 25 at 2:00 pm which is Jeanne Jugan's birthday. A play entitled "Little Saint of the Poor" has also been written about the life of Jeanne Jugan and will be performed by *Theater of the Word* at the John Paul II Cultural Center on November 22, 2009 at 1:00 pm. Receptions are being planned following each of the events — details will be released later.

One of the more exciting moments following the announcement was when it was determined who will be traveling to Rome from the Washington home for the canonization. The Sisters drew straws and Sr. Diane was awarded the opportunity to represent them. She will be joined by AJJ Member, Theresa English, and Residents Bill Thomson, Terri Schulz, Maria Naranha and Mary Nathan. Since five people will be canonized on the same day, Rome will be especially full of pilgrims in October and we are in the process of making travel arrangements for everyone.

As events in Washington are planned, we will send out details so that anyone who wishes to join the celebration may do so. Please join us in thanking God and offering your petitions to Him through Jeanne Jugan who has been so good to us over the years.

Of special interest to the Sisters in the Washington, DC, home is that James Cardinal Hickey, who served as Archbishop of Washington from 1980 to 2000 and died in the Jeanne Jugan Residence in 2004, was born on October 11 the date of the canonization. Auxiliary Bishop Barry Knestout commented that perhaps Cardinal Hickey had something to do with the choice of that date from his place in Heaven.



Left: This beautiful statue of Jeanne Jugan graces our upstairs lounge just outside the chapel. It is a replica of a statue that stands in our Mother House at La Tour St. Joseph, France. The Jeanne Jugan Residence in Washington, DC is the only home with this statue. We were chosen to receive it because of our location in the Capital of the United States.

Please visit our beautiful newly designed website at www.littlesistersofthepoor.org to find updated information about the canonization as well as photos and historical information about Jeanne Jugan and the Little Sisters of the Poor.

PEOPLE MAKE ALL THE DIFFERENCE



Above: Mother Benedict greets everyone with a smile and a prayer.

We strive to always be good stewards of everything we have. The Little Sisters, Residents and Staff of the Jeanne Jugan Residence appreciate everything our friends and supporters do for us. We want you to know that your gifts are truly considered blessings and we will never take your support lightly.

At the Jeanne Jugan Residence in Washington, DC, we care for 100 elderly men and women. There are nine Little Sisters who run the home but there's a lot of work to go around, so we are blessed to have a full staff of men and women who help us to carry out the daily duties. Whether it's the housekeepers who keep our home spic and span, or the kitchen staff who prepare the tasty home cooked meals, we think that we have the best people here in the Jeanne Jugan Residence!

At our Staff Appreciation Dinner in January, awards were given to employees who had worked in the Residence for at least five years. The employee who has been here the longest is Patricia Kelly, LPN and AJJ member who has been with the Little Sisters for 26 years! Overall, we had 48 employees who have worked here for five years or more, showing that it isn't just the Residents who like being at the Jeanne Jugan Residence.

The Little Sisters have always stressed the importance of order and cleanliness in their homes because they believe this reflects on the respect they have for their Residents.

We also understand that many hard earned donations, both financial and material, have provided the building we occupy and everything in it that we need to care for our Residents.



Above: The Staff Appreciation Party was great fun. There was plenty of good food, served by the Postulants and the Sisters, and small gifts for everyone. It was nice having the opportunity to take a break, relax and enjoy the afternoon.

Happy 100th Birthday!



Rebecca Rowe (Becky)

Nothing is more fun than a birthday party. Just ask Becky Rowe — she's had 100 of them!

Becky is the second Resident to have a 100th birthday party in the last six months. Her friend and fellow Resident, Elizabeth Fitzpatrick, celebrated her 100th birthday party in December of last year.

(*Note to self: find out what they're eating upstairs and begin following that diet right away!)

At the Jeanne Jugan Residence we love parties, so every birthday is celebrated with a beautiful cake from Clement's Bakery and a lot of love.

The Little Sisters always seem to have quite a few 100 year old Residents. We like to think that people live longer in our homes because they are loved and cared for.



This is what 100 beautiful years looks like. Becky is on the right, Elizabeth is on the left. That's the Birthday Bear in the picture, sitting on the table between them.

Our mission is not just to feed and house the elderly, but to give them a real home where they can spend their last years in happiness and comfort, not having to worry about how they will take care of themselves. With YOUR support, we have been able to accomplish this mission for the past 138 years in Washington, DC. We thank you for everything you do to help the Little Sisters of the Poor!



Our Combined Federal Campaign Number is 53116.

Please remember the Little Sisters of the Poor and the Residents of the Jeanne Jugan Residence

CELEBRATING THE RISEN LORD



From left to right: Msgr. Bazan, Fatmata Koker, her sponsor, Helen Tung and sister, Tung.

Easter is a very special time around the Jeanne Jugan Residence. As we celebrate our Lord's Resurrection and victory over death, we also witness signs of new life around our property with flowers and trees beginning to blossom again.

Board Member, Chuck Short, comes to our Residence nearly every Wednesday to work in our gardens and ensure that they always look their best. He's been busy cleaning and planting and mulching so that our gardens were already looking great by the time Easter arrived.

Our Easter celebration began on Saturday at the Vigil Mass in our chapel where we welcomed Fatmata Koker, a CNA in our home, into the Catholic Church. Msgr. Joaquin Bazan, Chaplain, celebrated the Mass which was attended by the Sisters and Residents, as well as some family members of

Residents. Helen Tung, our Dietician and an AJJ Member, was Fatmata's sponsor.

The chapel was beautifully decorated with Easter lilies, hydrangeas and other flowers donated from Behnke's, Johnson's Flowers, Greenworks and York Flowers. Sr. Pauline arranged them around the altar for the special liturgies of Holy Week.

On Easter Sunday, a beautiful meal was served which included hams that were donated by Whole Foods Grocery, Honey Baked Hams, and another generous donor who wishes to remain anonymous. Local Safeway, Giant and Harris Teeter grocery stores also donated gift cards or food items that helped to round out our meal. Dessert was provided by Clement's Bakery. The students of St. Mary's School in Rockville also collected personal care items and donated them to our home in celebration of Easter.

We thank everyone who sent special Easter donations to the Jeanne Jugan Residence. You helped to make the day very special for our Residents, the Sisters and family members who celebrated with us.



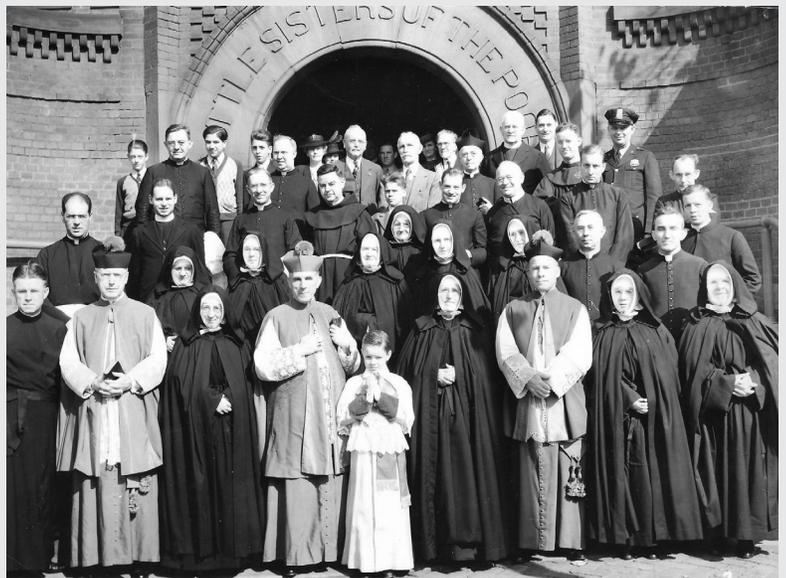
Sr. Julie chats with Resident, Marion Fielding as she enjoys a cup of coffee in our upstairs lounge after Easter Dinner.

DO YOU REMEMBER?

One thing we really enjoy when opening the mail is reading the stories that people relate to us about their childhood memories of the Little Sisters of the Poor. Even though our home is located in Washington, DC, we often hear people tell us that they grew up "down the road" from the Little Sisters or "just in back of" one of the homes in another state. We even recall hearing stories of people who have grown up in other countries near our homes overseas! These stories illustrate just how much a part of the community our homes have always been.

In honor of Jeanne Jugan's canonization, we would love it if you would share with us your childhood memories of growing up around the Little Sisters. If you send us a letter, please mark it to the attention of Kimberly Walhout and let us know if we have your permission to publish it. If we hear from enough people, we are considering publishing a book containing the stories. Please also share any photos you might have as part of these memories.

We thank everyone for sharing their stories with us over the years. They are part of our shared family history and we cherish them very much.



A photo taken at the St. Joseph's Celebration in 1941 in front of the previous location of the Little Sisters of the Poor on H Street. We have operated a home here in Washington, DC since 1871!



Left: Resident, Eva Howse, stands next to a basket filled with Easter goodies that was raffled off to help raise funds to send Sr. Diane, our four Residents and AJJ member Teresa English to Rome to witness the canonization in October. (Eva's daughter will be flying to Rome independent of our group) The basket netted over \$100 toward the cause! A variety of other baskets will be offered through October — if you're stopping by the Residence we welcome you to come in and take a chance on future baskets.

Airfare and lodging for the trip, plus the cost of travel to and from each event in Rome, will be more than \$3,000 per person. If you wish to make a special donation toward this expense, which is outside of our normal budget, please indicate your request on the enclosed reply form and return it to us as soon as possible.

2009 TEA & TULIPS "FRIEND RAISER"



Genevieve Murphy (top row third from the left) and Members of the Development Committee relax after the 2009 Tea & Tulips Friend Raiser on April 19.

The Jeanne Jugan Residence is blessed to have many good friends who enjoy finding ways to raise money for the good works of the Little Sisters. On April 19, seven of our Sisters and a group of very special ladies (plus more than 160 of their very best friends and daughters) got together at the Columbia Country Club in Chevy Chase, MD for a late afternoon luncheon known as the "Tea & Tulips Friend Raiser".

Guests enjoyed wine, tea, delicious food, and chances to win one of 13 gift baskets which were generously donated in support of the Sisters' work. Guests had the opportunity to purchase raffle tickets for the baskets which were then placed in tea pots in front of each until we drew the names of the winners later in the afternoon. The weather even cooperated and we were blessed with sun until the event ended. (Thank you Jeanne Jugan — we're sure you had something to do with that!) The next day the rain came pouring down!

At the end of the day, over \$14,000 (net) was raised for the work of the Little Sisters. This year's event was so much fun that several of our guests have already promised basket donations for next year's event and are promising to ask a few more friends so that the event will be even larger.

Nothing is nicer than spending a pleasant afternoon with your friends while raising money to support a worthy cause. The Little Sisters wish to thank Event Chair and great friend of the Little Sisters, Genevieve Murphy, along with her good friends on the Development Committee: Jennifer Duffy, Patty Farrell, Susan Gorman, Nancy Itteilag-Donnelly, Alice McDonnell, Mary Beth Donnelly, Maria Limarzi and Cathy Lively who worked hard to make this event extra special.

We also want to thank Aimee Dominick of **A. Dominick Events** whose team of young ladies always goes the extra mile to make our events beautiful and memorable.

Aimee, who helped plan Tea & Tulips while expecting her first child, gave birth to a beautiful baby girl, Evelyn Rose, just three days after the event! Way to go Aimee! Who says you can't do it all??

There Are Many Ways To Help The Little Sisters of the Poor

After the last newsletter was published, several people called to ask if the Little Sisters were in need of emergency food contributions because we indicated that we will accept donations of food and clothing in addition to financial gifts. We want to assure you that there is currently no crisis within the home.

The Little Sisters are very blessed to have many good friends in the community who provide for our ongoing needs. For 138 years, the Little Sisters have operated a home in Washington, DC and the community has always helped to support our work.

The purpose of last quarter's newsletter article was to help identify opportunities where everyone might find a way to share in our mission to care for the elderly poor. It is worth noting that Jeanne Jugan began her mission to take care of the elderly poor during the French Revolution when the majority of the population was poor and could barely feed their own families.

The elderly often came to her wearing rags and she would have welcomed any clothing she could obtain on their behalf. Although few people had money to give to Jeanne, they could often give a little bit of food for the elderly poor in her care. In that way, from the very beginning, our congregation has been able to get a little bit of support from a lot of people so that the home becomes a labor of love for the community. We believe that everyone benefits from their participation in our mission.

Please remember that you can also continue to provide support to the Little Sisters of the Poor even after you have passed on into eternal life. There will always be a need for the Little Sisters of the Poor.

There are many ways to include the Little Sisters in your Estate Planning. One of the most common ways is to simply include us in your will. Please use our legal name "*The Little Sisters of the Poor, Washington, DC, Inc.*" to ensure that your gift will reach us. We also ask that you send us a copy of your will where we are mentioned so that we will know of your wishes.

As always, we suggest that you discuss your options with your Estate Attorney or Financial Advisor so that they can guide you on the most beneficial choice for your circumstances. Over the years, many of our major capital expenses have been met unexpectedly by gifts that were received in this very way.

If you have a question about a donation you would like to make, or a service that you can provide to the Little Sisters of the Poor, please contact our Director of Development, Kimberly Walhout: by phone 202-269-1831 or by email on devwashington@littlesistersofthepoor.org.