



Little Sisters of the Poor

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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.



Princess Mathilde greets employees.

A Royal Visit – Her Royal Highness Princess Mathilde of Belgium

A real-life princess paid a visit to our home to promote 'poverty awareness' June 27: Her Royal Highness Princess Mathilde of Belgium. Her trip to Washington, D.C. was concurrent with her husband's – Crown Prince Philippe – economic mission to the United States.

Mother Benedict, our superior, and Mother Provincial Loraine Marie Clare welcomed the Princess and her entourage – and our "little family" of Residents,

Little Sisters, employees, A.J.J. members, and volunteers burst into applause as Her Royal Highness entered our auditorium.

Maria Noronha, a Resident and retired teacher, presented the Princess with a bouquet of flowers, while Leonard Donatelli, who had just celebrated his 90th birthday the day before, gave her a lovely tatted necklace made by a Resident in our home in Indianapolis. Genevieve Murphy, a long-time friend of the home, presented the Princess with gifts for her four children, a hand-knit sweater for each one, made by Residents from our Richmond home – T-shirts with Washington motifs, postcards, etc. Princess Mathilde seemed delighted with the sweaters and said her oldest daughter – "but not her mother" – is learning how to knit.



Genevieve presents the Princess with gifts for her children.

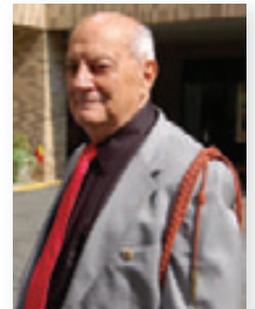
Her Royal Highness greeted each person individually, interacting with each one as if he or she were the only other person in the room: She listened as one Resident told of her experiences under an oppressive political regime and her journey to the United States; She admired an Indian Resident's sari, admitting she is too tall to ever wear one; She spoke Italian with a Resident from Italy and a little Spanish with a friend of the home. She also caught on quickly when one of the men got in line to greet her a second time, generating a room full of laughter.

A choir of Residents, Little Sisters, volunteers and employees sang the "official" hymn for the Canonization of Jeanne Jugan, Sister and Servant of the Poor. Princess Mathilde appeared familiar with Saint Jeanne Jugan and was moved by what we shared about the foundations of our work.

Mother Benedict led the Princess and her entourage on a quick tour of the chapel, physical therapy, the beauty shop and the French café. Before departing, the Princess embraced Sister Marie Mathilde, at 98 years the eldest member of the community.

The Residents and staff gathered outside the front door to wave goodbye to the Princess while singing Be With Us Mary Along the Way, a tradition for Little Sister comings and goings.

For more details and photos, visit our Sisters' Blog at www.littlesistersofthepoorwashingtondc.org.



Leonard wears the medal the Belgian government awarded him for his service in the Army Air Force during World War II.

Welcome Home!

We recently welcomed two new therapeutic aides to our home, and they're having a big impact considering each is small enough to fit in your hands.

The newcomers, Silas and Paul, are two Tea Cup Yorkshire Terriers, furry and frenetic gifts from donor Jerry Watson. You may have met them already as they scurry about the halls and rooms (under adult supervision!) their whole bodies wagging as they visit the Residents.

"Anyone that has had a pet and experienced that unconditional love and acceptance knows the value these puppies will bring to the men and women who live at the Jeanne Jugan Residence and St. Joseph's Villa," Watson said.

The use of therapeutic pets is a valued practice today in long-term care. As far back as World War II, dogs were used as therapeutic partners in convalescent care by the American Red Cross.

When the new "boys" arrived at our home, Residents threw them a Puppy Shower, welcoming them with treats, puppy pads, rubber chew toys and the announcement of their names – the winning entry of a "Name Our Puppies Contest." Miriam Clark submitted the winning entry that was inspired by her daughter's suggestion she said, and the story of Silas and Paul in the Bible.

These little canines raise spirits wherever they go, and they clearly love the social interaction with everyone in our Home.



Mary Calvin visits with Silas during a trip to our Home's beauty parlor.

Congratulations to Mother Benedict on Her Golden Jubilee

Sr. Benedict de la Passion celebrated her 50th anniversary of religious profession as a Little Sister of the Poor on June 13. Her brother, Rev. John Armstrong, S.J. offered a Mass of Thanksgiving. Her sisters, other family members and friends joined Mother Benedict as she renewed her vows to serve God and the elderly and celebrated her Golden Jubilee.



In his homily, Father Armstrong recalled Mother Benedict's first experiences with the Little Sisters of the Poor and shared that she was "drawn to the spirit, to the mission of St. Jeanne Jugan and the love of the elderly." Mother Benedict's greatest love has been to work

with the Residents, he said, but her call, her obedience has been to administrative duties, serving (loving) her elderly brothers and sisters through another means. "Today," he said, "we are really celebrating her 50 years of faithfulness to the mission of Jeanne Jugan!"



Mass was followed by a delicious dinner including Jubilee Cake.

After dinner, the Residents, volunteers, Association Jeanne Jugan members, and employees all participated in a show planned and knowing of Mother and her home state, All Things N'AwLiNS (New Orleans.) From a prayer to Our lady of Prompt Succor, the Presentation of the Royal Court in fabulous royal costumes and a visit by the New Orleans Saints to a Mardi Gras Parade complete with Floats, colorful masks, toe-tapping-music and lots of dancing. Even Elvis was spotted! The day was a golden one for all and ended with more dancing, hot coffee and beignets or as we call them in these parts, doughnuts!



Mother Benedict chose to offer her Jubilee for vocations. "Please, keep it simple," she said "what I'd really like is for everyone to pray for vocations."

Vocation Prayer to St. Jeanne Jugan



Lord Jesus, we praise and thank you for the life and vocation of St. Jeanne Jugan. From an early age she knew that you wanted her for yourself, and she allowed herself to be formed in your image, gentle and humble of heart. In the school of St. John Eudes she learned to make her life a continuation of yours in prayer and charity. At the

appointed time you revealed yourself to her in the person of an elderly woman in need. Jeanne responded to your divine invitation and gave herself totally to you in the service of the aged poor. Helped by the Brothers of St. John of God, she adopted the vow of hospitality and the practice of begging on behalf of the poor.

We turn to you, Good Shepherd and Lord of the Harvest: Through the intercession of St. Jeanne Jugan, give to your Church holy priests like St. John Eudes and fervent religious like St. John of God, who will give their lives for your glory and the salvation of souls. Inspire many young women to follow in the footsteps of St. Jeanne Jugan, living the Beatitudes in humility and simplicity of heart, in the joy of hospitality to the elderly.

We make this prayer through the intercession of Mary, your mother and ours, and of St. Joseph, patron of the Universal Church. Amen.

Our Mother Foundress' Feast Day

Although St. Jeanne Jugan lived in poverty and humility, Little Sisters of the Poor around the world celebrated her in a big way on her Feast Day, Aug. 30.

Here in Washington, our "little family" marked the day with a Mass celebrated by Father Philip Simo, OSB, which incorporated prayers, songs and readings that clearly expressed her message: from Isaiah 58:6-11 – Share your bread with the hungry; from John 3:14-18 – We, too ought to give up our lives for our brothers; and from a reading from the Holy Gospel according to St Matthew – Rejoice and be glad, for your reward will be great in heaven.

Father Philip said the life of St. Jeanne Jugan, whom Pope Benedict canonized in 2009, is evidence of "The amazing difference just one person can make in the world." He noted the concern she showed for the dignity of her elderly poor brothers and sisters, recognizing in them the person of Christ himself. Father recalled that one of our Mother Foundress' familiar sayings was "Look upon the poor with compassion, and Jesus will look kindly upon you on your last day."

St. Jeanne Jugan lived according to that principle, serving the elderly with gentleness and humility of heart while peacefully accepting a life of poverty and obscurity until her death in France in 1879 at the age of 86.

"May Saint Jeanne Jugan be for elderly people a living source of hope and for those who generously commit themselves to serving them, a powerful incentive to pursue and develop her work," Father Philip said.

"What Happiness for us to be a Little Sister of the Poor!" — St. Jeanne Jugan

INTRODUCING!

Francine Fitzgerald Whitley Director of Activities

Francine comes to us with more than 14 years of experience working in the field of therapeutic activity and recreation.

Her involvement with the elderly began in high school where she worked as a Certified Nursing Assistant. Francine believes that people too often forget that senior citizens offer a wealth of knowledge, history, education and culture and can be a vital resource for our communities.



Francine is a native Washingtonian and attended Norfolk State University. She lives in Upper Marlboro with her husband Carlton and two daughters – Maysa (13) and Mariyah (11).

Her interests include singing in the choir, Nurses' Ministry and Youth Adult Ministry of Freedom Way Missionary Baptist Church, Outreach Ministry, working to feed the homeless and traveling. She is a member of the Greater Washington Urban League.

Claudette Duiker-Gibson In-Service Coordinator/Restorative Nurse

Claudette, a native of South Africa, has degrees in both nursing and English. She specialized in Intensive Care Unit Telemetry and has many years experience in Oncology and general medical surgery.

Studying English and working with people with disabilities are her passions, Claudette said. She also volunteers at the Capital Food Bank and in her community.



After traveling the world, Claudette settled in the U.S. in 1997 and currently resides in Clinton, where she raises Koi and tends her water garden.

Dionne Jackson Director of Human Resources

Dionne has 11 years experience in the health care field and eight years experience in human resources. She worked for Manor Care in the Baltimore area as well as Heartland Hospice in Beltsville, Maryland.

Dionne's passion for helping others includes tutoring elementary to high school students in her spare time. She also participates in a family book club.



A native Washingtonian, Dionne lives in Upper Marlboro with two-year-old daughter Sanai.

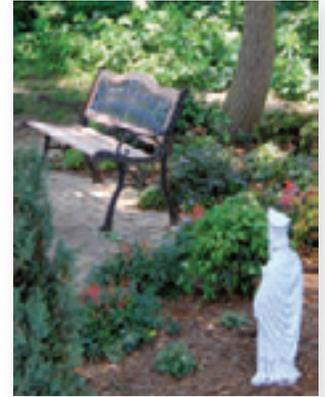
A GARDEN OF THE HART FOR OUR RESIDENTS



Chuck Short, Garden volunteer

Msgr. Kevin Hart, pastor of St Patrick's in Rockville, MD, was a regular visitor to the Jeanne Jugan Residence. He came often to visit with his aging mother, Edith, who lived at the Home. Early this year, Edith Hart went home to God. She is lovingly remembered by her many friends, staff, and volunteers at the Jeanne Jugan Residence.

With gratitude and love for Msgr. Hart, and inspired by his devotion to his mother, the students of St Patrick's Parish School decided to remember Edith by creating a beautiful garden just outside the front door of the Jeanne Jugan Residence.



Msgr. Hart and St Patrick's have been generous in support of the Life Connection Mission, a local mission that works in Montrouis, Haiti. The mission operates a school for five hundred poor Haitian children and helps support them and their families with food, clothing and health care. An active member of the mission, Christie Anne Short, is also the second grade teacher at St Patrick's. Christie Anne linked the wishes of the children of St Patrick's to remember Edith Hart with similar wishes of several grateful mission volunteers.

On a rainy Saturday, mission volunteers with the donated help of Moyers Lawn and Landscaping Company and donations from the children of St Patrick's, spent the day clearing, digging and planting the new Edith Hart Garden providing a living and inspiring memory of Edith for all the Residents, Little Sisters of the Poor, visitors and especially Msgr. Hart to enjoy for years to come. All are grateful for the blessing of Edith Hart's life and the beautiful garden.

"A Bountiful Harvest"

Residents rolled-up their sleeves to take part in an Activity and Volunteer Program gardening project at our home this summer. They planted everything from exotic plants on the terrace, to flowers and herbs in raised beds, and lavender and mint in pots.

While results vary – lots of peppers, herbs and flowers and a few tomatoes and strawberries – the seeds sown continue to reap a bountiful harvest of happiness.

"Trying to live out the vision of St. Jeanne Jugan, which has at heart to make the elderly happy," says Sr. Camille Rose "requires us to be creative and attentive to the memories and aspirations of our Residents."



LITTLE SISTERS OF THE POOR ONLINE: Sisters' Blog, news and events, volunteer and employment opportunities and other information available at the Little Sisters of the Poor, www.littlesistersofthepoorwashingtondc.org. To receive news and other communication about our Home by e-mail, visit our web site and register.

WISH LIST OF ITEMS FOR OUR RESIDENTS

Denture tablets
Dental Floss
Mouthwash
Toothbrushes
Toothpaste
Body Wash (for men and women)
Dove or Caress Soap
Deodorant
Lotion (Lubiderm and Eucerin are favorites)
Tissues (Kleenex)

Funds, Gift Cards or Tickets for Residents to:

- Shop - CVS, Giant, Target, Wal Mart, Department Stores
- Dine Out - Local Restaurants like Olive Garden and McDonalds
- Attend Events - Theater, Musicals, Concerts, Ball Games

Special Needs...



A Used Truck

The LSP maintenance team - consisting of our beloved George, Paul and Ali - needs a pick-up truck with enough life left in it to haul heavy equipment, yard refuse and other large items.

A Gently Used Loveseat

Are you redecorating, or doing some fall cleaning? If so, and if you have a gently used loveseat please consider donating it to our second floor Residents for use in their TV/family room. Currently there are wooden chairs with cushioned seats. A nice little couch would make visits with family and TV viewing more "comfy and pleasant" for our Residents and their guests.

If you would like to donate either of these items to the Little Sisters of the Poor please contact:

Heather Cave at 202-269-1831, ext. 2286 or
devwashington@littlesistersofthepoor.org

Thank you for helping us help others!

Spring 2011 Sweepstakes Winners

1st Prize - \$2,500.00 - Joseph P. Leary
2nd Prize - \$1,000.00 - Dr. and Mrs. Lorenzo Marcolin, M.D.
3rd Prize - \$500.00 - Mr. and Mrs. Donald Van Leuven
4th Prize - \$250.00 - Mr. and Mrs. Duane W. Trinkley

Click of the Mouse

Did you know that with one simple click of the mouse at www.littlesistersofthepoorwashingtondc.org you can donate now to help the Little Sisters of the Poor make repairs to our aging building in order to sustain a safe and comfortable home for our 100 Residents? For more information on contributions, bequests, memorials and in-kind donations, please call our Director of Development, Heather Cave, at 202-269-1831, or email devwashington@littlesistersofthepoor.org.

SAVE THE DATE FOR OUR FALL BAZAAR DONATE SALEABLE GOODS NOW

The Association Jeanne Jugan (AJJ) is now accepting donations of saleable items for our annual Fall Bazaar. Last year, our "little family" of Little Sisters, Residents, AJJ members, employees and volunteers helped raised more than \$10,000. With your help, we hope we can beat that goal.

You can participate by donating saleable goods now and by saving the date and then attending on Saturday, November 19 from 9:00 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. The day also includes a Bake Sale, Basket Raffles, Food and Refreshment, and at 3:00 p.m. the "\$5.00 Bag Sale."

Donations of saleable items being accepted now until November 17 include:

- spa items - soap, lotion, cologne, bath oil, body wash, body scrub, etc.
- kitchen and house wares - inc. small electronics, glassware, silverware and server sets
- home decor items - frames, vases, collectible figurines, baskets, curtains, table runners, tablecloths and napkins, and napkin rings
- greeting cards, gift cards, boxes, gift wrap and ribbons
- jewelry (costume or real)
- accessories - wallets, ties, belts, scarves and gloves
- display structures for jewelry, scarves and other accessories

Donations of baked goods will be accepted

November 19 at 9 a.m.

All funds raised will support The Little Sisters of the Poor mission among this city's poorest elderly and help to make our Residents happy and comfortable in their final years.

For more information about this event or to donate goods for the Bazaar, contact AJJ Coordinator, Carol Monaco at 301-654-0553, csmtapper@starpower.net.

Combined Federal Campaign

If you are a federal employee, you can now donate to the Little Sisters of the Poor through the CFC. Our designation number is 53116.