



## Little Sisters of the Poor

Caring for the Elderly Poor throughout the World

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Rev. Msgr. Thomas Duffy 60<sup>th</sup>  
Anniversary of Priestly Ordination  
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Dear Friend,

This December marks the 60<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Monsignor Duffy's Priestly Ordination. Our families all were well served for 23 years by Fr. Duffy as our Pastor at Blessed Sacrament. He taught us by example to see the face of Christ in all.

Since fall 2012, Msgr. Duffy has been a resident of the Jeanne Jugan Residence on Harewood Road in Washington, DC. Msgr. Duffy has graciously agreed to use his special anniversary as a way to increase awareness of the needs of the Little Sisters and the elderly poor whom they serve.

For over 142 years, the Little Sisters of the Poor have provided loving care to the most vulnerable elderly poor of the city. In 1982, the Sisters moved from H Street in Washington to their present location. The Sisters and their staff care for up to 100 residents; providing various levels of care. Over 52 percent of the annual budget must be raised from philanthropic support, which includes "collecting" at various parishes in the Archdiocese of Washington, direct mail support, and grants from foundations and bequests.

Currently, the Jeanne Jugan Residence is in need of major repair including leaking windows, outdated and inefficient heating and cooling systems, plumbing and electric. Other work to be included in the renovation is the updating of bedrooms and bathrooms for the Sisters, as well as the Chapel for the Sisters and the Residents. The total cost of repairs and improvements to their home is \$10 million.

I would like to take this opportunity to ask you to join me and our committee in honoring Msgr. Duffy and helping the Little Sisters by making a generous gift to this effort. Please know that your gift can be paid over a period of five years. Whatever you are able to do will be gratefully received by the Little Sisters, and used in the most efficient manner possible to help the elderly poor whom they serve.

Please mark your calendar to attend the special celebratory Mass for Msgr. Duffy's 60<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Priestly Ordination on Sunday, December 8<sup>th</sup> at 12:30pm at the Shrine of the Most Blessed Sacrament; followed by a donor reception (details on response card) at the Columbia Country Club. Thank-you for your consideration.

Sincerely yours,

W. Michael Gretschel  
Chair, Msgr. Duffy Anniversary Committee

P.S. A "Memory Book" is being compiled as a gift to be presented to Msgr. Duffy. Please participate by sending a page, 8 1/2 x 11, with a special message – be creative! Please send by November 22nd to: Msgr. Duffy Celebration, Little Sisters of the Poor, 4200 Harewood Road NE, Washington, DC 20017