



A Saint for Old Age and Every Age

August 30 is an important day for us. It's the feast day of Saint Jeanne Jugan, the first Little Sister of the Poor. Always humble, St. Jeanne accomplished many great things in her life by doing little things with love. She had an absolute love for God, and that, along with her solidarity with the poor and elderly, her kindness, and her willingness to abandon everything to follow God, made her an exceptional person.

Mother Margaret

"Her complete trust in Divine Providence to provide for the needs of the elderly Residents is something I greatly admire. She would say, 'If God fills the house, he will not abandon it.' That says it all."

Sr. Francis John

"Just one thing? It's hard to pick! I think it would be her ability to see Christ in the Residents, especially the first Resident, Anne Chauvin. St. Jeanne often said, 'The poor are our Lord,' and she treated them as such."

Sr. Agnes

"I admire her courage and confidence in going out into the world and approaching powerful businessmen and leaders to make the needs of the elderly known. That was unusual for women at that time (the mid-1800's). She was ahead of her time."

Sr. Paul Colette

"Her simplicity and littleness."

Sr. Rose

"I admire her strength of character. She knew her place before God, which gave her courage to be

As Little Sisters, today we model our Homes for the elderly after her example. Individually, we try to emulate our Mother Foundress's qualities and live by her wisdom. In honor of her feast day, we would like to share some things about her that we think are special. When asked one thing that we admire about St. Jeanne, here is what some of our Little Sisters had to say:



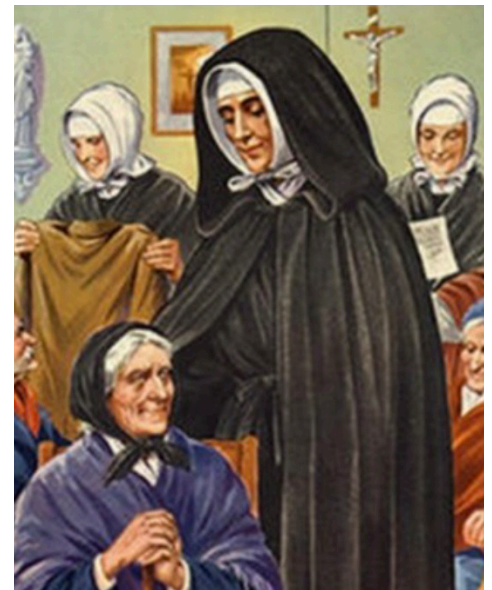
humble, but also strong."

Sr. Louise

"Her self-giving. She gave to others without thinking of herself. She gave her whole self to God."

We hope some of these traits inspire you as they have us. No matter the vocation, we believe St. Jeanne's life can touch everyone.

To learn more about St. Jeanne Jugan, visit our national website at www.littlesistersofthepoor.org.



*Celebrate Saint
Jeanne Jugan's
Feast Day
Friday, August 30*



Walking in the Footsteps of St. Jeanne Jugan

During Jeanne Jugan's time, many of the elderly Residents she took in were found begging on the streets. As their "little sister," she said, "I will go out and beg in their place." She believed in involving others in her mission. She once told a businessman whom she was asking for a donation, "We will share the elderly, you will provide for them and I will care for their needs." As such, she allowed no endowment or guaranteed income for the order. She and the other Little Sisters would rely on God and their friends in the community to provide everything they needed.

Many years later, we Little Sisters still follow these guidelines. Just like Jeanne Jugan did, today two sisters go out daily and ask area businesses for donations of money and items we need for our Home. They return with bountiful supplies of fresh produce, bread, eggs, and meat, which all go to the kitchen to be worked into the

week's menu. Along with these necessities, there is also the occasional load of fresh flowers for the chapel, poinsettias to decorate for Christmas, party supplies—all things that make our Residents' quality of life better.

It's a beautiful sight to see the outpouring of generosity from so many of our friends who help support our elderly. It's been said that it takes a village to raise a child. We, like St. Jeanne Jugan, believe the same is true of caring for the elderly. Society as a whole is so much better when we honor and care for those who came before us.

Thanks to all of our wonderful friends who are part of our extended family. Whether you donate a case of broccoli, give a gift of \$10 a month, or remember the Little Sisters in your will, you are contributing to a legacy of love and impacting lives in a way that won't be forgotten. You are in our grateful prayers!



Sr. Agnes and Sr. Grace leave for a day of collecting.



St. Jeanne Jugan with her begging basket.



Along with volunteer Ian, they unload some donations.



New Begging Van

Many, many thanks to all who donated to our new begging van fund. We have raised all that we need, and will soon be bringing home our new refrigerated van to transport our food donations!

We couldn't be more grateful for your kindness and generosity! The new van will serve our Residents for years to come.

A New Place to Call Home

By Lindsey Barvick, Development Assistant



Just after Bingo, at Social Hour in the mall, I had the pleasure of sitting with two of our newest Residents, Lupe Morales and Virginia McMillin. Both of these remarkable women are new to our Home and are just beginning to find their place here. Virginia has been in the Home for about two months now, and Lupe is celebrating her first month here. As we sat enjoying donuts, coffee, and ice cream, we had a heartwarming conversation about their new lives alongside the Little Sisters.

“There’s always something going on. I’ve always loved painting, but with so many activities and people to meet, I can hardly find the time for it,” Lupe shared with a laugh. She has especially enjoyed getting to know everyone: the staff, other Residents, and especially the Little Sisters. She and Virginia both feel lucky to have so much privacy in their single rooms, while also being able to easily socialize with others. Eating meals together in the dining room, playing Bingo, and solving

puzzles are preferred ways to meet others and make new friends.

The activities are a highlight, but both ladies shared that living as part of the mission of the Little Sisters of the Poor has the biggest impact on their impression of the Home. Lupe shared how her family thought this would be the perfect place for her. They had been looking for quite some time, and were all so happy when a place here finally opened up. She shared that the greatest reward of living here is not just a more vibrant social life, but also feeling a sense of peace and feeling Safe.

With a huge smile Lupe said, “After seeing the place, my kids don’t feel like they have to worry about me anymore.” When her family comes to visit, she has many positive things to share with them.

Both ladies agree the nursing staff is polite and kind and that living with the Little Sisters, who work tirelessly in their mission to keep the Home running well, is such a joy.



Mother Provincial Visit

We were happy to welcome Mother Provincial Julie, along with her traveling companion, Sr. Christian Maria to our Home this summer. Since this year is the 25th anniversary of Mother’s vows as a Little Sister, we didn’t want her visit to pass without celebrating her Silver Jubilee in style. It was a joyful day of celebration for all, and the Residents even put on a delightful play for her, showcasing their many talents!



Mother Provincial Julie (center) with Little Sisters Christian Maria and Francis John, and Residents Judy and Ann.



(l-r) Residents Marie, Barbara, Paula Marie, and Marianna in the play.



MOTHER'S MESSAGE

Dear Friends,

Greetings and happy summer! I hope you are enjoying the warm weather as much as we are. Our Residents love spending time outside this time of year. We have had several sets of new ducklings born this spring and summer, and they are always a hot topic of conversation as we watch them waddle happily after their mothers to explore our grounds.

As you may know, the National Eucharistic Pilgrimage was this summer. The route from California passed through Kansas City on their way to Indianapolis for the Eucharistic Congress. Since our Residents were not able to join the pilgrims for the KC events, we had our own Eucharistic procession here at our Home. It was edifying to see the Residents and staff showing such reverence to our Lord as the Eucharist passed by their rooms. We are grateful to Deacon Robert Falke for coming and making this happen.

Thanks to all of you who support our Home and our mission through your gifts and prayers. You are in our grateful prayers as well.

May God bless you,
Mother Margaret

CALLING ALL VOLUNTEERS

Looking for a place to share your talents and make a difference in someone's life? Then we're the place for you! We have many different volunteer opportunities — there's something for just about everyone.

Our volunteers help with activities, dish ice cream, water flowers, sing songs, fold laundry, peel vegetables, listen to life stories, wrap presents, drive Residents to appointments, and just all-around make life better for our Residents.

After a few years of needing to limit visitors to the home, we are happy to welcome back our volunteers, and have needs in several areas. We are also happy to introduce our new volunteer coordinator, Mitch (seen below with activities staff Xime and Gaby, and volunteer Rebecca).

But even if the jobs above aren't your cup of tea, contact Mitch, and he will find you something that brings you as much joy as we feel having you here. Mitch can be reached at volkansascity@littlesistersofthepoor.org or 816-203-8046.



SPAGHETTI DINNER

Sunday, November 3

More details to follow



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.

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