



A Very Special Visit

This spring we were honored to welcome Mother General María and Mother Assistant Joseph Christine to our Home.

They travelled with Mother Provincial Julie and her assistant, Sister Christian Maria, and arrived in the middle of a serious round of thunderstorms and tornadoes! It wasn't the warm welcome we would have chosen, but they made it here safe and sound and we were very happy to have them here.

For those who may be wondering, "What's a Mother General?" She is the spiritual leader of all the Little Sisters of the Poor worldwide. She resides in the motherhouse in France, where the congregation was founded 187 years ago by Saint Jeanne Jugan.

Since Jeanne Jugan's time, the community has expanded and there are now Homes in 31 countries!

A Mother General is elected after much prayer and discernment by an international gathering of Little Sisters every six years.

It has been over 50 years since a Mother General visited our Kansas City Home, so we wanted to make her visit special.

Excitement filled the Home for weeks before her arrival as volunteers made welcome signs, Residents practiced songs, and many even learned some Spanish so they could welcome her in her native language. (Mother is from Spain.)

Her visit did not disappoint. Mother María and Mother Joseph Christine entered to hugs and cheers of Bienvenidas! (Welcome!) from Residents who had filled the mall area waiting on their arrival.

She spent time with the Little Sisters of our Home that evening, and the next two days were a whirlwind of activity.

Day Two started with Mother María greeting each Resident and giving them a small gift. She also graciously greeted each employee and Association Jeanne Jugan member.

Later that day, the Residents



entertained everyone with a puppet show, a play, a poetry reading, and a sing-along (see page 2 for pictures).

Day Three was marked by a special Mass celebrated by Bishop James V. Johnston, Jr.

Then before we knew it, it was time for her to go. She was on her way to visit another Home.

It was a beautiful visit, and very edifying for all of us to spend time with someone who embodies all the qualities of a "Mother," yet is also a wonderful example of a "Little Sister."

The Celebration Continues



Volunteer Xime and Residents Marie and Toni act out a scene in the play.



Resident Frances and Mother Assistant Joseph Christine.



Sr. Christian and Activities Director Gaby with a specially-made Little Sister puppet.



All eyes are on the stage as the puppets and volunteer Colette perform.

Gone Fishin'

Residents, staff, and volunteers make the most of a nice summer morning and go fishing in our pond. We are blessed to have access to nature right in our own backyard!





Wheels Wash

Volunteers help us with our mission and bring so much joy to our Residents.

We are grateful for them all! One group that never fails to bring smiles is the young adult group from St. Mark's parish. They come here often to help out and interact with the

Residents. They throw parties, put on performances, and go above and beyond to make everything they do special.

Recently, they had our Residents looking spiffy after cleaning their wheelchairs in a fun carwash-themed party.

After riding through the "carwash," Residents and their freshly cleaned wheels joined the other volunteers inside, where they enjoyed popcorn and some friendly chats.

We love the group's creativity! They turned a routine task into a great time for all.

Speaking of Wheels...



Many, many thanks to everyone who contributed to our bus fund.

We have reached our goal and will soon have a new, accessible bus to take our Residents on outings. We are grateful!

MOTHER'S MESSAGE



Greetings! I hope you have had a nice summer. It has been a hive of activity here at our Home. As you read in this newsletter, we had a lovely visit with Mother General this spring.

Spring brought many other fun celebrations too, like St. Joseph's Day, St. Patrick's Day and Cinco de Mayo. It also brought some changes.

Sister Gonzague was transferred to our Chicago Home, and Sister Erin is now at our Home in St. Paul. We wish them both well in their new endeavors and are grateful for all their good work here in Kansas City.

Sister Raymond Elizabeth is our newest addition. She recently arrived from our Indianapolis Home. We are very happy to have her here and look forward to working with her.

We are also very happy to announce that we have reached our fundraising goal and can now purchase a new accessible bus to take our Residents on outings. The response to our plea for help was immediate and so very generous! We are grateful to everyone who contributed! Our Residents are already looking forward to going out to see the autumn leaves.

Thank you for sharing in our mission of caring for the elderly. Whether it's through a monetary donation, sharing your time by volunteering, or remembering us in prayer, you enable us to give our Residents a good life, and we couldn't do what we do without you. You will be remembered in our prayers.

God bless you,
Mother Mary Thomas

Spaghetti Dinner

Mark your calendars for our annual Spaghetti Dinner



*Saturday, November 7
11 a.m. – 4 p.m.*

The meal will include homemade spaghetti and meatballs, fresh baked garlic bread, salad, and desert. Eat here or take it to go.

While you're here, check out our bake sale, craft sale, and silent auction.

Are you the creative type? We need donations of themed baskets to auction off. Contact our development department for ideas.

*Arise, my beloved,
and come!*

A lectio divina-based
discernment retreat

for single women 18-35

October 9-11, 2026

starts Friday 6:00 pm

ends Sunday 2:00 pm

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