

# Little Sisters of the Poor

# May

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# "Look after the old people well, for it is Jesus himself whom

you care for in them."

Jeanne Jugan

Ten Little Sisters live here at Jeanne Jugan

In 1839 in Saint Servan, France, a woman named of Jeanne Jugan performed a random act of hospitality. She carried a blind, homeless, elderly woman into her home and gave up her own bed for the woman's comfort. Soon, another old woman needed help and then a third. By 1843 there were forty needy elderly for Jeanne Jugan and three associates to care for.

Today, over twenty-nine hundred Little Sisters in 31 countries throughout the world offer hospitality to the elderly poor. Our 205 Homes each provides a continuum of care through facilities for independent living, assisted living, and skilled nursing care. And it is our vow of hospitality that each Little Sister takes – in addition to our vows of chastity, poverty, and obedience—that sustains our missions.

"Here in San Pedro we are blessed by our 100 Residents," said Mother Marguerite, Administrator of the Home. "The joy and peace reflected in their beautiful faces makes each day a pleasure. It is indeed a privilege to be able to give them the comfort, safety, and care they so richly deserve in their later years."

Residence and are available to the Residents twenty-four hours a day, seven days a week. Lay staff member, volunteers of all ages, and business professionals such as doctors and lawyers, assist the Sisters in their mission of Hospitality. Jeanne Jugan often said, "Making the elderly happy, that is everything." Little did she know that her random act of hospitality

would become her legacy. In October of 1982, Jeanne Jugan was beatified by Pope John Paul II.





1. Sister Isabel with Mary Dunne. 2. Marie Mead who

is 100 years old with Sister Clotilde.

3. Sr. Genevieve with Volunteer Jan Borelli.



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# **Top Hats for St. Pat's Day**

While millions of revelers in the United States, Ireland and across the world celebrated St. Patrick's Day, our Residents did the same. Colorful festivities and traditional merrymaking included the wearing of the green, especially top hats, shamrock wreaths, and t-shirts with fun Irish declarations.

BJ the DJ was on hand to provide the strains of drums and bagpipes for all those who had the urge to march to the music. And for the melancholy, there were plenty of Irish ballads to sing along with. It was a beautiful day and we thank everyone who made it so enjoyable.



# 10th Anniversary Auxiliary Event -- Coming June 23, 2007 -- Don't Miss It

The Auxiliary's exciting 10<sup>th</sup> fundraiser will be held on Saturday, June 23 at the newly remodeled Palos Verdes Country Club. Carol LaCaze, with her enthusiasm and know-how, is the Chair. She and her great



committee plan to provide an evening of elegance and enjoyment. Watch for your invitation and plan to attend!

A special Gift Giving Party was held April 20<sup>th</sup> and brought in many wonderful auction items. Here is a sample of live auction items.

- Goodyear Blimp ride for two
- Hot Air Balloon ride for four
- Trip for 2 to a NFL, NHL, NBA, or MLB game
- 7 Day Carnival Cruise for 2
- 4 day New York City trip for 2
- 4 day Disney Cruise for 4 to the Bahamas
- 4 day Sonoma Wine tour and spa stay
- 7 day London trip for 2

# **Easter Alleluia Exclaimed with Joy**

Sundown on Holy Thursday marked the beginning of three sacred days of prayer at Jeanne Jugan Residence. Our liturgies included special reflection on the Last Supper, the passion of Christ and his death on the cross. These beautiful moments helped to prepared each of us for the great joy of Easter — the Resurrection of Jesus and the promise of new life. We thank our generous benefactors who provided gifts of food, flowers, and more to bring happiness to our Residents. We wish you and your families continued Easter joy.



#### PHOTO CAPTIONS

#### 1. St. Patrick's Day

**Front:** Father Patrick McPolin, Ann Nichols, Rosie Livernois, and Mary Dixon. **Back:** Sr. Michael, John Barton, Fr. John Winnenberg, Lurline Waldrep, Sr. Maureen, and Brother Rudy Bertagnolli.

#### 2. Auxiliary Event

Mother Marguerite, Timmy Kelly (Auxiliary Chair) and Carole LaCaze (Event Chair).

#### 3. Easter Celebrations

**Front:** Alice Gonzales, Ralph Patalano, Volunteer Mary Jo Niger, Genevieve Hanks, Sr. Catherine, Chadwick student Milo **Back:** Pat Burich, Sr. Clare, Mary Esposito, Chadwick Student Jordan, and Conchita Hernandez.

**4. Resident Clara Abreu** (seated) entered the Catholic Church during the Easter Vigil. She is pictured with Fr. John Shevlin, Fr. John Waldrep, Jerry DiLeva (Godfather), Gloria Gilbuena (Godmother), and Sr. Isabel.



### **Capital Campaign Status \$3.9 M**

We continue to pray for your generous help to complete the funding of the Medical Suite and Convent Projects.

\$3.7M

There has been a \$300,000 increase in the budget because of unforseen issues in the remodel for the Convent space. Abatement, seismic upgrades, and fire wall issues are the primary causes.

We are most grateful to those who have supported this effort. You and your intentions are remembered daily in our prayers.

SAVE THE DATE

Saturday,

October 27, 2007

Holiday Boutique

# Our Benefactors are Instruments of God's Providence

Thank you to all the foundations, corporations and individual donors who generously enable us to continue our mission of bringing Christ's love to the elderly. The costs of caring for the elderly in a manner respectful of their dignity far exceeds the income received from the Resident's pensions, Social Security, Medicaid and other government funding. To cover the constant deficit, we rely on the generosity of the community. Monetary contributions and gifts in kind are much appreciated and are used according to the intentions of the donor.

Please remember the Little Sisters of the Poor of Los Angeles in your Estate Plan.

# **Volunteers Needed for Monthly Sale**

Everyone in the area knows about the Little Sisters' monthly rummage sale. It is held on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Friday of each month from 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. For over fifteen years, volunteers have organized this sale. There are volunteers who come for regular weekday morning shifts to sort and organize the new goods. Kitchenware is washed, electrical appliances are tested, and clothing is examined. Items not suitable for sale are set aside. On the day of the sale, others come to work a morning or afternoon shift.

"Over time, the sale has gotten much bigger with more goods and more customers," explains Rhoda Larquier. "We really need to expand our ranks with new volunteers so we can keep this going."

"There is great dedication in our group," states Beverley Costely.
"I know anyone who is considering joining us will find it both rewarding and fun. Plus, it's wonderful to make a contribution to the Sisters after each sale."

If you have a few hours to give each week or each month, please come to the Volunteer Office and sign up. Your help is very much needed and will be a wonderful way to help the Little Sisters with their ministry to the elderly.



The Little Sisters of the Poor extend their sincere gratitude to all the Volunteers who organize the monthly rummage sale.

- 1. Don DeKay shows off the clothing racks he made.
- 2. Rhoda Larquier and Beverley Costley provide the leadership for the monthly sale.
- 3. Kevin Niger and Mary Lindorfer help setup for the sale.







4. Jerry Conger, Lillie Nuno, Paul Larquier, and Lucille Flores are among the regular Volunteers.