



Little Sisters of the Poor Time & Life

Jeanne Jugan Residence, San Pedro, CA

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Each long-time employee was presented with a crystal award etched with the logo of the Little Sisters of the Poor and inscribed with their name and years of service.

1. Felipe Macedo: 34 years.
2. Jose Ramirez: 34 years.
3. Domitila Ortiz: 33 years.
4. Michael Rangel-Ramirez: 40 years.
5. Maria Avarado: 33 years.
6. Ramiro Vega: 36 years.

These dedicated employees represent our maintenance, kitchen, housekeeping, collecting/begging, nursing, and janitorial departments.

Employees Honored with Special Award

The Little Sisters of the Poor recently honored six loyal members of the staff, each of whom has served for over 32 years. They were recognized not only because they represent the finest in continuity and reliability of service but also because they consistently set high standards for job performance.

"It is our greatest pleasure to honor you. You have devoted your work life to helping us care for the elderly," said Mother Marguerite. "You have been an inspiration to many staff members over the years and your allegiance has made a difference in the happiness of countless Residents. Be assured, you have, as well, made the work of the Little Sisters much easier."

A unique element in the story of these six employees is their early experience at St. Ann's Home for the Aged. They, along with four of our Sisters who also served at St. Ann's, help to

provide the continuity of spirit from our Boyle Heights Home to our San Pedro Home as we continue our mission of service to the elderly in Los Angeles.

Over the years, these long-time employees have seen major changes in the daily operations of our Home, for example the shift from dormitory living to private rooms and baths to the addition of independent living apartments and the conversion from paper record keeping to computerization. With each change these loyal staff members have adapted and been role models to their peers. The spirit of Jeanne Jugan is truly active in their lives as they demonstrate enduring respect and love for each individual Resident.

Thank you all for your hard work and commitment. Thank you for mentoring so many new employees in the spirit of Jeanne Jugan. Thank you for being an extension of the Little Sisters of the Poor. May God bless you abundantly.



Auxiliary Installs New Officers



New Officers for 2008

- Front:** Dolores SharpPresident
 Jan BorelliCo 2nd Vice President
 Carol StutzkeCo 2nd Vice President
 Marie Treacy.....President Elect
- Back:** Peggy DiLevaCo 1st Vice President
 Patti LaneyCo 1st Vice President
 Colleen O'BrienRecording Secretary
 Maria SmithCorresponding Secretary
 Mary Jean SalcidoTreasurer



Mother Marguerite joins Timmy Kelly (right), the retiring Auxiliary President, as she passes the gavel to Dolores Sharp, the new in-coming President (left).



Ann Blice & Lois Ogle



Phyllis Trujillo & Kathy Hagan



Irene Almeida, Lynn Andries, Rozanne Hemnes, Violet Vuoso, & Merita Hendrex

Out-n-in...Good-bye–Hello. It may be contrary to your ear when you hear it, but Marie Treacy and Marilyn Kuptz used this reversal of terms effectively to get the attention of the Auxiliary membership at the annual officers' installation dinner.

Their prepared skit first recognized the outgoing officers for a job well done. Wearing cowboy hats and accepting Western style "thank you" gifts, the outgoing officers were sent on their way as the membership sang "Happy Trails to You".

Next Treacy welcomed the new officers to the stage and acknowledged their courage.

"Ladies, there will be no gifts at this time to honor the work you have done.... since you have not accomplished anything at this point—except to say YES, you will serve on the Board. That, in itself, took courage, and you are probably wondering what exactly you have gotten yourself into!"

At the conclusion of the installation, the membership serenaded the new board with a welcoming song—"Getting to Know You".

Thank you, Marie and Marilyn, for such an entertaining beginning for this year and good luck to our new officers.

SAVE THE DATE

Sat., June 21, 2008

**11th Annual Auxiliary Event
 At Jeanne Jugan Residence**

The Auxiliary will host its annual fundraising event on June 21, 2008. "We are going to have a **Summer Olympics** Theme and hold the event at the Little Sisters of the Poor Residence in San Pedro", said Carol Stutzke. "We will transform the auditorium into our own version of **Little Beijing**. It's going to be terrific. So save the date and plan to join us."



**LITTLE SISTERS
 2008**



Sr. Isabel Celebrates Golden Jubilee

On December 12th, the feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe, Sr. Isabel celebrated her Golden Jubilee as a Little Sister of the Poor. The liturgy of the Mass focused on the feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe and included special prayers for the intentions of Sr. Isabel.

The offertory gifts (photo below) were presented by Mother Marguerite, Sr. Isabel, and Sr Isabel's niece and sister from Columbia, South America. Father John Shevlin presided at this special celebration.

"I will be thankful forever that our Lord inspired my saintly mother to pray that one of her two last daughters of seven would receive the call to serve him in the religious life," said

Sr. Isabel. "I am that lucky daughter and have never felt worthy of my vocation."

"I not only owe my vocation to my mother but also my gift of fidelity. In every letter she wrote to me, she would say that she was praying for me. I am sure that in heaven today she is still praying for me."

The Little Sisters, Residents, and employees also hosted a wonderful party which included a play based on the apparitions of Our Lady of Guadalupe to Juan Diego.

We congratulate Sr. Isabel on her 50th anniversary and wish her many more happy years as a Little Sister of the Poor. Her commitment and dedication truly set an example for others.



(Top) Sr. Isabel was given a statue of Our Lady of Guadalupe for the 2nd Floor foyer. (Above) Resident Fr. Lucian Lomello SDB is cast as Bishop Zumarraga and Resident Jesse Cruz is cast as Juan Diego for the play. Resident Tom Laz painted the image of Our Lady on the Tilma.

Delivering Papers at a Hundred

Being an early riser who loves to start the day reading the paper, Marie Olsen decided to volunteer as the newspaper courier for her floor of the Residence. She arrives at the reception area each morning at 6:00 a.m. to gather a stack of papers and head off on her route. There's never a complaint of a missed or late delivery!

Marie was born in Greenbush, MN. on Oct. 30, 1907. She was the youngest of ten children. Hard work, an upbeat attitude and a love for reading have characterized her life. She has been a Resident since 1995.

(Photo) Volunteers Mary Canfield and Maureen McAuliffe and Resident Pat Deacon gave Marie a novel for her birthday.



Convent Nears Completion

The construction is complete and the convent space is being prepared for occupancy. Now is the time for polishing floors, windows, sinks, counters, etc. Curtains will soon be installed and furniture moved into place. The Little Sisters anticipate being comfortably situated by Easter.

"We have so much to look forward to," states Mother Marguerite. "Being together in the same living space again and near to the Residents will be wonderful. **We are most grateful to our generous benefactors for making this possible.**"

The Convent Project was part of a larger Capital Campaign that also included the Medical Suite Project. The Capital Campaign was launched during the Silver Anniversary Gala of the San Pedro Home in June 2005 with the announcement of a lead gift from the Fritz Burns Foundation. This naming gift of \$500,000 initiated the Fritz Burns Medical Wing which was dedicated March 19, 2006. \$4,000,000 has been raised to fund the combined projects.

Seminarians Bring Great Joy

When five young men recently started as new volunteers they created more than a bit of excitement and word traveled very quickly. "They were seminarians!" — from Juan Diego House, a house of formation for college-aged seminarians who are aspiring to the Diocesan priesthood in Los Angeles. The young men live and study together during the week and return to serve in their home parishes on the weekends. For five weeks, they would also volunteer at Jeanne Jugan Residence.

The seminarians became involved immediately by serving in the dining room, assisting with exercise classes, helping at bingo, and just spending time visiting one-on-one with Residents.

"I have been fortunate to be here with my brother seminarians," said Peter Malufau, whose home parish is St. Philomena in Carson. "I have witnessed great joy. In this joy, I have spent time talking with the elderly and listening to the great stories they so willingly share with me. Truly it has been an incredible experience!"

"We will pray for you during your on-going formation," said Sr. Clare. "A call to the priesthood is a most beautiful gift. May God's personal plan for you unfold during your discernment and may He continue to bless you abundantly for your many kindnesses."

Seminarian Randy Salinas from Resurrection Parish in Boyle Heights greets Resident Ramon Grijalva.



As we enter the season of Lent with its emphasis on alms giving, PLEASE consider a gift to the Little Sisters of the Poor. Enclosed is an envelope especially for your donation.

Social Security income, pensions, and government aid pay only part of the cost of caring for our elderly Residents. Each year we must raise over 60% of our operating costs from gifts, bequests and donated commodities.

(Annual Average 2001 to 2006)

Expenses	\$4,280,000	
Income	\$1,580,000	(37%)
Fundraising	\$2,780,000	(65%)

Your generosity is greatly appreciated.

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Poor
of Los Angeles
in your Estate Plan.**

The Little Sisters wish to thank our benefactors, volunteers, Auxiliary, Advisory Board and staff for your generous support of our work with the elderly in need. Know that we remember your intentions and special requests in our ongoing prayers. We especially pray that during Lent, you experience a deeper awareness of God's presence in simple, everyday events and take delight in his unlimited goodness.

Seminarian Rick Alonso from St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Parish visits with Resident Eileen Toppin.