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### With Grateful Hearts

Thank you to all our donors who generously enable us to continue our mission of bringing Christ's love to the elderly.

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## Blessing of the Independent Living Apartments



*On Sunday March 3, 2002, Cardinal Roger Mahony presided at the Celebration Mass and Blessing for the new Independent Living Apartments. The following is an excerpt from Mother Provincial Gertrude's Dedication Talk.*

Perhaps some of you are wondering why the Little Sisters have built apartments in the first place, why we would embark on such a large and expensive project. Well, for several reasons. Our mother foundress Jeanne Jugan envisioned and expressed her mission to the elderly poor in a very specific way. She created a family where the elderly could be independent and

happy. Her work was with the well elderly, while at the same time clearly acknowledging that caring for them to the end was an essential element of the vocation of the Little Sisters of the Poor.

In order to be faithful to her spirit today, the Little Sisters all over the world have made a tremendous effort to create a continuum of care, and by that I mean to address the needs of the elderly at different levels. That is why we built apartments here in San Pedro. Encouraging independence and fostering it through support systems contributes to the happiness of the elderly and

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Top: Cardinal Mahony blesses the Community Room for the Independent Living Apartments.

Left: The Cardinal blesses the apartment of Sue Gruss.

Below Left: Rita Swartz, Director of Development, with Regina Leimbach and Carole LaCaze who planned the Blessing Event.

Below: Advisory Board members George Leal, his wife Mary Ann, John Watkins and Ed Illig.



## The Dedication Mass Celebrated in the Open Air



Clear blue skies and warmth from the sun added the final touch to the joyful, outdoor gathering for the Dedication Mass. "Thank you, God. You have answered our prayer for a beautiful day," said Sr. Andrea. Ten priests concelebrated with Cardinal Mahony. Mary Star of the Sea High and Elementary School choirs led the singing. The Offertory Procession was particularly meaningful and followed the same format as that used in 1979 during the Dedication Mass of Jeanne Jugan Residence.

- John Watkins and Ken Olsen, Board of Advisors members, carried candles as symbols of the many benefactors who support the work of the Little Sisters.
- The Rule of Life of the Little Sisters and the book, *Poor in Spirit*, symbolizing the spirituality of Jeanne Jugan, were presented as symbols of the consecrated lives of the Sisters by Mother Provincial Gertrude and Mother Rose Marie.
- Ann Coyne and Sue Gruss, Residents, carried the *Foundation Book* of the old home in Los Angeles, as a reminder of the beginning and history of the work of the Little Sisters in Southern California.
- Tessie Sta Maria and Jan Werneid, employees, carried the bread and wine, symbols of the fruit of their labors.

The Cardinal joins the Little Sisters: Sr. Maria de la Luz; Sr. Anthony; Sr. Constance, Provincial Secretary; Sr. Andrea; Mother Provincial Gertrude Mary; Sr. Christine; Mother Rose Marie; Sr. Vincent; Sr. Mary Augustine; Sr. Paul; Sr. Bernadette; and Sr. Sharon.



The Cardinal and Resident Priests: Fr. A.J. Stremel, Fr. Lucian Lomello, and Fr. Miguel Amengual.



## The Reception Following the Mass and Blessing

The reception table is ready for the many guests to arrive.



Residents enjoy the reception: Alice Jones, Ann Sands and Mary Dunne.



Volunteers help with guided tours and the reception: Mary Lindorfer, Joan Weitzel, Louisa DiLeva and Natalie Gamache.



Left: Board of Advisory Member Leo Poxon with his wife Dorothy Poxon (Vol.); John Watkins (Board); Shirley Lenihan (Aux.) and Joe Nally, Board Chair.



Right: Mother Rose Marie joins Bishop Joseph Sartoris for the reception.

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allows us to be in continuity with the prophetic intuition of Jeanne Jugan, our foundress. She made it clear that we must have a heart to discern the inner thoughts and needs of the aged with a spirit of humble service; needs such as:

- A recognition of their dignity, desire of being respected, esteemed and loved, and the longing to feel themselves useful;
- Apprehension of solitude, together with the wish for a certain independence and privacy;
- Need for security, in health and in sickness, until death.

We feel that having apartments alongside a Home such as ours gives us the opportunity to address the needs of the elderly as they age and become needful of different kinds of care at different times in their lives, while at the same time providing an environment that encourages independence.

And so today we celebrate several things – the successful completion of what we feel is so important in our efforts to be faithful to the spirit of our Mother foundress and ***we also celebrate the kindness and generosity of our benefactors and friends, who made this possible***, of you who have joined us today – who have supported this project and so many other projects of the Little Sisters.



## Celebrating a Century of Life



Sr. Anthony and Sr. Sharon join Norah Hobbs at her 100<sup>th</sup> birthday celebration. Nora's grandson presented her with 100 roses and a box of chocolates much to her delight.

Sr. Christine and Sr. Andrea surprise Lupe Barraza on her 101<sup>st</sup> birthday.



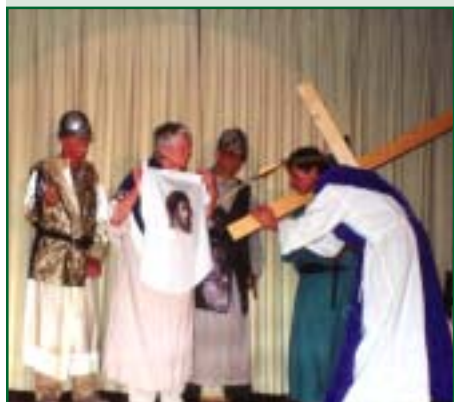
Two very special birthdays were celebrated this spring at Jeanne Jugan Residence. On March 25<sup>th</sup> Lupe Barraza celebrated her 101<sup>st</sup> birthday. A few weeks later, on April 16<sup>th</sup>, Resident Norah Hobbs, celebrated her 100<sup>th</sup> birthday. For both occasions, a fruit-filled cake was presented to the birthday celebrant. It was a big hit with the Residents, Sisters and employees who joined in for the festivities.



## The Living Stations on Good Friday

For five years the Residents, volunteers and employees have come together during Lent to prepare the Living Stations Tableau. The cast members dress in carefully crafted costumes representing the time in which Jesus lived.

"The Residents, their families and friends just love this devotion. Everyone participates by praying and singing during the Way of the Cross," said Sr. Anthony. "We should take the show on the road; it is that good," said Fr. John Winnenberg, chaplain at Jeanne Jugan Residence who was the narrator.



**5<sup>th</sup> Station: Simon of Cyrene Helps Carry the Cross.** Simon is played by Lou Martinez. Javier Ochoa (Vol.) has the role of Jesus. The three soldiers are Don DeKay (Vol.), Ramon Grijalva (Res.), and Cuco Ramirez (Emp.).

**6<sup>th</sup> Station: Veronica Wipes the Face of Jesus.** Jackie Shannon (Res.) as Veronica.

**7<sup>th</sup> Station: Jesus Falls the 2nd Time.** The weeping women are Blanche Tysol (Res.), Leticia Diaz (Emp.), Maria Jazvic (Res.), Jackie Shannon (Res.), Colette Butler (Vol.), and Anne Coyne (Res.).



Felix McGuinness (Host) and Anne Coyne (Res.) relax in the Turf Club at Santa Anita Race Track.



LSP Guests stand in the Winner's Circle.



Fr. Michael Hayden's (Res.) sister & brother from Kentucky, Sr. Marie Hayden and David Hayden, join him for a day at the races.



## A Day at the Santa Anita Race Track

There was quite a buzz in the halls the morning of April 10<sup>th</sup> as forty two Residents and volunteers prepared to board the buses at Jeanne Jugan Residence and head for the Santa Anita Race Track. It was a beautiful sunny day and everyone was looking forward to a wonderful time. Once they arrived they were escorted to the Turf Club where they relaxed with appetizers and a delicious lunch. They then proceeded to the stands to watch the races. "Little Sisters of the Poor" flashed on the screen as our host, Mr. Felix McGuinness had arranged to have one of the races named for the group. There was great excitement as "our" horse finished first in the race and the Residents were led to the Winner's Circle to meet the jockey, owners and horse and have their pictures taken with them.

For many years, thanks to the generosity of our host, Mr. McGuinness, the Residents and some of our volunteers have looked forward to this special day at the races. Mr. McGuinness oversees the day and makes sure that each guest is comfortable and enjoying himself. "He is a wonderful, kind and humble man," said Resident Anne Coyne, a native of Ireland who enjoyed the day immensely. "He stayed in the background and his only thoughts were for our comfort and enjoyment." Along with the others she thoroughly enjoyed the day, especially the trip to the Winner's Circle where she "patted the redheaded horse for luck."



Helen Torres (Res.), Don DeKay (Vol.), and Ida Milanese (Res.) prepare to board the bus.



Sue Gruss (Res.) and Blanche Tysol (Res.) wait for departure time.



Luther Starkey (Vol.); Sue Gruss (Res.); Fran Kaveney (Vol.); Penny Polleys (Assoc. of Jeanne Jugan); Blanche Tysol (Res.); and Inez DeKay (Vol.) aboard the bus.



## Mother's Day Tea Set for May 11, 2002



Fr. Gael Sullivan of St. Dominic Savio Church in Bellflower and his mother, Anna Clare (Res.).



Moms are caregivers, cheerleaders, counselors, nutritionists and so much more. "So to make Mother's Day special, we have a wonderful afternoon tea," said Sr. Andrea. "It is an opportunity to honor our Residents who are mothers and grandmothers. It is also a time to thank them for the nurturing, friendship and guidance they provided to their children."

The auditorium will be decorated in grand style for this event. The 2:00 p.m. gathering will include light tea sandwiches, many delicious tea options, and dessert. Violin and piano music will add to the atmosphere.

*Children of our Residents visit on a regular basis. Here are a few recent pictures.*



Sister Arthur Gordon, Daughter of Charity, with her mother, Margaret Gordon (Res.).

Sr. Andrew and her mother Catalina (Nene) Pasquin (Res.).

Sr. Sharon with her sister, Paula Bridenstine, and her mother, Helen Bridenstine who were visiting from Denver.



Bottom Left: Alice Jones (Res.) is joined by her three daughters: Sr. Alphonse (Wash. D.C.), Sr. Paul (San Pedro), & Sr. Alice (Scranton, PA)



Auxiliary member, Timmy Kelly and her mother, Loretta Walsh, a Resident in the Independent Living Apartments.



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## Don't Miss Adventure 2002, June 1 & 2

Patti Laney and Jan Werneid co-chair the event. Many committees work to organize Adventure 2002.



Kathy DiBernardo (Co-Chair of the Afternoon Tea); Natalie Sutlovich (Barbeque Chair); & Carole Beecher, (Co-Chair of the Afternoon Tea) are putting the final touches on the plans for these special attractions.



Each year the LSP Auxiliary hosts a major event to raise money for the work of the Little Sisters of the Poor. This year promises to be a very special ADVENTURE 2002 with something for everyone in the family.

Come and enjoy the festivities on the beautiful grounds of Jeanne Jugan Residence in San Pedro. Not only will you be supporting the work of the Little Sisters, you will have a wonderful time enjoying the many attractions and fun activities. Just consider the following options.

- Live Music & Entertainment
- Children's Fun Zone
- Food Booths, including In-N-Out Burger
- Rock Climbing (Sunday only)
- Children's Face Painting
- Vendor & Crafts Booths
- Local Artists Displays
- Antique Appraisers
- Classic Cars & Motorcycles (Sunday only)
- Essay Contest Awards
- Guest Speakers

Saturday, June 1 and Sunday, June 2

11:00 a.m. 'til 4:30 p.m. each day

Admission: Adults \$5.00,

Children 3-12 \$3.00,

Under 3 Free

### TWO SPECIAL ATTRACTIONS

#### FORMAL AFTERNOON TEA

Saturday, June 1, 2:00 p.m.

\$45.00 per person (includes general admission)

Wander the beautiful grounds of the Home and enjoy the many events planned to make your visit pleasurable. Attend our traditional English Tea and be transported into a magical garden-like setting. There will be musical entertainment and Beverly Terfloth, Tea Mistress of the Vintage Tea Leaf, will be our special guest speaker. Hats and gloves optional, but encouraged. (seating is limited)

#### FAMILY BAR-B-QUE

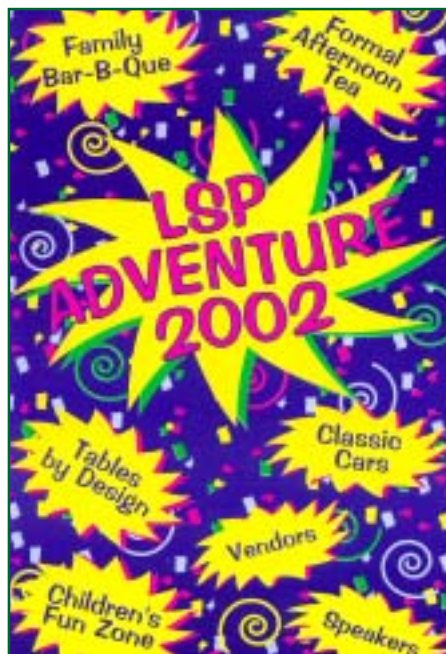
Sunday, June 2, 12:00 noon to 4:00 p.m.

Our Family Bar-B-Que will feature mouth-watering western-style cuisine, music and entertainment. Don't miss this very special event.

\$45.00 per adult, \$20.00 per child (3-12 yrs)

Children under 3 Free

(prices include general admission)



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## The Little Sisters Need your Help. Make a Contribution!

For almost 100 years, the Little Sisters have worked in Los Angeles caring for the elderly in need of a home. The example and outreach of the Little Sisters have enriched our lives and communities. *Please make a generous contribution to their work.* Your financial support is needed. Enclosed is an envelope for your convenience. Ask God's guidance as you write your check. You are His instrument and vehicle to allow the Sisters to continue caring for the most vulnerable aged during the last years of their lives.



Please  
remember the  
work of the  
Little Sisters  
of the Poor in  
your will.



Grace Byrnes, a long time volunteer for the Little Sisters, passed away on April 2, 2002. Please keep her and her family in your prayers.

## The Selfless Giving of Time, Talent & Treasure

Grace Byrnes began volunteering at our home in Boyle Heights. When it was time to move to San Pedro in 1979, she summoned her friends in the Order of Malta to help with the many tasks. As a resident of Palos Verdes, she called people locally to help set up the beds and prepare the new home before the move. This effort inspired her to organize an ongoing volunteer program which she ran through 1991. Grace Byrnes' picture hangs on the door of the volunteer office which is dedicated in memory of her many contributions.

### Matching Gifts

Many of our donors are encouraged to know that their contributions may be matched by their employer. This may even apply to those who are retired or to their spouses.

The Little Sisters are a 501(C)(3) organization and are eligible for such gifts. Check with your employer to see if your gift can be matched.

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