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JEANNE JUGAN, A SAINT FOR OUR TIME

CANONIZATION DATE SET FOR OCTOBER 11, 2009 IN ROME

“We are so happy to finally know the canonization date and rejoice that Jeanne Jugan’s humble life will be recognized for all the goodness she accomplished,” said Mother Marguerite.

For Mother Marguerite, the upcoming canonization has special significance. In 2002, she received an unexpected phone call from a woman in Nebraska. She was calling to share the remarkable account of her husband’s healing following a novena made to Jeanne Jugan on his behalf.

“That call placed me on a path of great faith,” Mother Marguerite explains. “From first learning of the novena to Jeanne Jugan to the final declaration of the miracle, I have witnessed God’s Divine power and the Holy Spirit’s guidance along the way.”

The miracle linked to Blessed Jeanne Jugan concerns Dr. Edward Gatz, a retired Omaha anesthesiologist, diagnosed with terminal cancer in 1989. On the day that Dr. Gatz’ cancer was diagnosed, his wife spoke with Fr. Richard McGloin, a Jesuit priest friend at Creighton University, to tell him about her husband’s illness and to seek consolation.

Fr. McGloin encouraged Mrs. Gatz to pray with him “every day without fail” to Blessed Jeanne Jugan to intercede for a cure. He gave her the novena prayer to Blessed Jeanne Jugan, whom he knew through the Little Sisters of the Poor, having formerly been the chaplain at their Home in Milwaukee, Wisconsin. A few months later a follow-up biopsy found Dr. Gatz to be cancer-free.



“I continue to feel blessed by my experience of encountering those of great faith who offered their prayers, witnessed the miracle, and believed in Jeanne Jugan’s powerful intercession,” said Mother Marguerite.

Much has changed since 1839, when Jeanne Jugan founded their order, but for the Little Sisters the essential has remained the same—to provide the needy elderly with a home where they may experience love and happiness as their earthly journey nears its completion.

Today over 2,700 Little Sisters of the Poor care for more than 13,000 needy elderly persons in 202 family-like homes around the world. Thirty-two of those homes are located in North America.

As a patroness of the elderly, Jeanne Jugan is truly a saint for our time. In her, the elderly have a faithful friend and intercessor.

(Photo) The Little Sisters and Residents show their Southern California spirit of enthusiasm for the canonization of Jeanne Jugan. The beautiful tapestry was fashioned by Alexis Ulrich, a member of the Association Jeanne Jugan, from an icon created by George Pinecross in 1982 at the time of Jeanne Jugan’s beatification. Written on the scroll are the words of our foundress, “We must always say, Blessed be God.” The tapestry is on display in the lobby of our Home.



Auxiliary members have an early opportunity to tour the TERRANEA RESORT. Rita Swartz, Jan Werneid, Marie Treacy, Kathy Gordon, Lynn Andries, and Maria Smith are given a tour by Douglas Hoagland (pictured in the center), Director of Catering & Conference Services.

Soliciting Auction Items

We are soliciting items for the live and silent auction. If you can help, please call the Little Sisters at 310-548-0625 to make a contribution.

Vacations & Condos	Weekend Getaway
Air / Water Rides	Food, Wine, Restaurants
Entertainment	Theater/Movies/Concerts
Sports/Theme Parks	Spa Days
Art and Jewelry	Memorabilia, and more.

We know that you share in our excitement about the recent news that Jeanne Jugan will officially become a saint on October 11, 2009.

Several weeks before this historic event, on September 19, 2009, the Auxiliary will be hosting our annual fundraising event at the new world-class, luxury destination – TERRANEA RESORT – in Palos Verdes. To share in the joy of the upcoming canonization, our event will incorporate a special focus on the life and virtue of Jeanne Jugan.

As a way for supporters of the Little Sisters to offer congratulations to them, we will provide **tribute opportunities** to members of the *Choir of Angels*. Each tribute will be given as part of the story of Jeanne Jugan including **her life, her sayings and her accomplishments**. A copy of the published booklet will be presented to each member of the *Choir of Angels*.

Details on how to join the *Choir of Angels* are provided with this newsletter. Your participation will be a great honor and make this historic time most memorable for the Little Sisters.



TERRANEA
PALOS VERDES RESORT CALIFORNIA

Be Part of our Cookbook Fundraiser

Whether you are an expert chef or an amateur with promise, please send your favorite recipes to us. Look through your whole collection: holidays, comfort food, barbeques, crock pot, salads, etc. We are organizing a beautiful keepsake cookbook as a fundraiser to benefit the work of the Little Sisters.

Each recipe will include your name and a line or two of your comments. Maybe your recipe is a family favorite for four generations or you're submitting it in memory of someone. This will add a special "spirit" to your recipe and be a source of extra enjoyment for other cooks.

The cookbook is being dedicated to the occasion of Jeanne Jugan's canonization and will include information on her life and work.

Please send your favorite recipes to LSP Cookbook, 2100 South Western Ave., San Pedro, CA 90732 or email to dvsanpedro@littlesistersofthepoor.org. Be sure to include your phone number should questions occur.

Now is also a good time to reserve copies for your own use and gift giving. The estimated cost is \$20 plus postage. Use the enclosed envelop to provide your information.

Easter, A Season of Joy

As our Lenten season of prayer and penance came to an end in total darkness, the lighting of the Paschal candle and the flood of candle light that followed was a dramatic announcement of the arrival of Easter in our Home. The beautiful lilies and flowers that filled our chapel manifest great happiness and joy for the Resurrection of Jesus and this time of new beginnings.

Easter week was a wonderful time for indulgence and fun with our Residents, friends and family. Plenty of Easter eggs filled with chocolate candies and jelly beans were hidden by our life-sized Easter Bunny. Soon the children were poised, eyeballing the side yard, quietly planning their strategies. In a matter of seconds, all we could see were scampering feet as every egg was plucked from its hiding place. It all ended too soon as baskets were filled, eggs were counted and prizes were given.

To keep the fun going, the children took turns taking swats at a colorful piñata filled with more great sweets and treats. What joy when all the treasures exploded onto the lawn for them to retrieve!

The Residents enjoyed seeing the fun and having the children come to share all that was gathered into their baskets.

During this joyful Easter season, the Little Sisters would like to especially thank our benefactors who responded to our "Journey through Lent" appeal. Your generosity has contributed greatly to the comfort and happiness of our elderly Residents. God bless you for all you do for those in need.



Local Canonization Celebration

The Little Sisters of the Poor
invite you and your friends
to join them for

*The Canonization Celebration
of their Foundress, Jeanne Jugan
Saturday, November 21, 2009
Liturgy of Thanksgiving at 5:15 p.m.*

*Main Celebrant
His Eminence Cardinal Roger Mahony*

*Mary Star of the Sea Parish
870 West 8th Street
San Pedro, CA. 90731*

*Reception Following in Parish Auditorium
RSVP 310-548-0625*

Save the date for the local celebration of the canonization of Jeanne Jugan. The pilgrims will have returned from Rome and be available to share the details of the events that transpired during this historic occasion.

Laundry Facility Upgrades



The upgrade to our laundry facility is nearly complete and we extend a sincere thank you to those who contributed to the *Circle of Friends* annual appeal to fund this project. The upgrades included a boiler and steamer (see picture), a heating and air conditioning system, piping and electrical wiring, flooring and paint.

"We are finding the pressure of the steam system very consistent and the temperature of the hot water for the washers is exactly right," said Ray Diaz, director of the laundry (pictured above).

According to Nedijka Roguljic (see picture) who has worked in the laundry for 18 years, "The part we appreciate the most is having the building air conditioned. Working around the washers, dryers, and ironing equipment with only the doors open can make for some very hot days. Believe me, we're grateful for the change!"

Fortunately, this investment brings with it up to a 50% improvement in energy efficiency and greatly improved air quality and environmental controls.

Our laundry processes over 200,000 pounds of clothing, bed linens, towels and other items each year.

Our Internet Café

The Blue Dog Café has long been a gathering spot for the Residents—a place to refresh, visit and relax. This past month the Blue Dog has gone Cyber. With the addition of a computer with full internet access, Residents are now logging on to get directions and information, downloading games, using email to stay in touch with family and friends and much more.

To help the process along, two volunteers have generously agreed to come regularly to provide training for interested Residents. There is both a small group class and a one-on-one option to accommodate different learning styles and needs.

Ten Residents have already set up their logon and email procedures. Fifteen more have expressed interest and are looking forward to learning more.

"This has taken off quickly," explains Victor Salcido, Human Resources Director. "We are planning to add a second computer soon so there is adequate time for everyone. We fully expect that in the future more and more of our new Residents will have some exposure to computers and appreciate the web access in our internet café."

"This is not only useful, it is fun," explains Art Torres, a Resident who is one of the regulars signing on at the new computer station. (see picture)



IMPORTANT DATES

- Auxiliary Event at the TERRANEA RESORT
 - Saturday evening, September 19, 2009
- Canonization of Blessed Jeanne Jugan in Rome
 - Sunday, October 11, 2009
- Annual Holiday Boutique at Jeanne Jugan Residence
 - Saturday, October 24, 2009, 10:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.
- Local Celebration of Canonization
 - Mass and Reception at Mary Star of the Sea Parish
 - Saturday, November 21, 2009, 5:15 p.m.

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