



# Little Sisters of the Poor Time & Life

Jeanne Jugan Residence, San Pedro, CA

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## INSPIRED TO SERVE

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“**W**hen my mom was a Resident at the Home,” explains Peggy DiLeva, president of the Auxiliary. “I witnessed everyday the dedication and service of the Little Sisters. It inspired me as it has inspired so many others. This year the Auxiliary has chosen the theme *Inspired to Serve* as a way of recognizing the vocation of the Little Sisters and its impact on others.”

*The following brief explanation of the consecrated life of the Little Sisters is enlightening and highlights the profound role of their spiritual life as the source of their inspiration to serve.*

Encountering Christ in prayer, serving him in the poor with love – this is the life of a Little Sister of the Poor!

By our profession of the vows of chastity, poverty and obedience we offer God our heart, our talents, our possessions and our will – all that we are and have – for his glory and the salvation of souls.

A vow of hospitality brings our religious consecration into the concrete realities of everyday life. It gives a spiritual value to the many humble tasks performed throughout the day, and enables us to communicate to our elderly Residents God’s compassion and merciful love.

Our consecrated life is lived as a public, corporate witness of God’s awesome love and mercy in the heart of the Church.

“What happiness for us, to be a Little Sister of the Poor!”  
(St. Jeanne Jugan)



Prayer is the hidden source from which our vocation of love and service springs. It is the force which unifies the various elements of our life, leading us to have one heart and one will with Jesus.

Moments of communal and personal prayer each day include:

- Mass;
- Communal celebration of the Liturgy of the Hours;
- A period of meditation at the beginning of each day and another half-hour of personal prayer before the Blessed Sacrament;
- Rosary;
- Lectio divina & spiritual reading.

As we cultivate a life of intimacy with God, we appreciate the value of silence. With this in mind, we strive to maintain an oasis of quiet and peace in our commu-

nity areas. Our meals are usually taken in silence. We look forward to several retreat opportunities throughout the year, as these help us to refresh ourselves at the fountain of God’s love and to remain in him.

Community life is built around the permanent presence of the Eucharist – for Christ is the center and source of our unity.

Each of our communities really is like a little family, where we share our joys and sorrows, as well as the work confided to us by the Church.

A single apostolate ... shared history and traditions ... a common vision – these are the elements that unite us in the midst of diversity as we strive to be signs of God’s love in the midst of the world in which we serve.

- (1) Sr. Caroline and Jim McCue
- (2) Sr. Maria Guadalupe and Ina Pearl Hilkey
- (3) Sr. Michael and Inez David
- (4) Audrey McFadden and Sr. Maureen

*With gratitude to David Nicholson Photography for these photos!*



# "Making the elderly happy, that is what counts!"

## Saint Jeanne Jugan

*There is always a reason to party at Jeanne Jugan Residence and we are most grateful to the many generous and creative individuals who help to make each and every event a joyful and festive occasion for our Residents.*

### Valentine's Day

Our celebration included (1) the crowning of our Resident Queen Pat Burich and King Ralph Patalano. (2) Sr. Winefrid complimented Resident Milly DelRubio on her vibrant red outfit. (3) Susanna Hernandez and Bing Varias (standing) were thrilled to help with the event and invited Residents Marje Bush and Penny Polley to join them on the dance floor.



### St. Patrick's Day

The smiling eyes of the Irish were everywhere as Residents enjoyed the wearin' of the green, Irish folk music and Irish dancing by students from Kelly Irish Dance Academy in San Pedro.

(1) Resident Pat Bilello with the help of Jan Fuller crooned out a few Irish tunes. (2) Zorka Rengel kept up with the music by following along with her song book. (3) Keeping with the theme of the day and adding to the fun, Residents Raynette Tierney and Lina Pascual wore festive Irish head bands.



### Easter

"In your Easter bonnet, with all the frills upon it, you'll be the grandest lady in the Easter parade!" What a parade it was as Residents wore their gorgeous handmade bonnets with obvious pride. (1) Rose Onorato and Mary Castro dressed to match their festive bonnets of purple and pink. (2) Lilia Gonzales adds a bit of Hollywood to her Easter flare knowing a photographer would snap her. (3) Marge Madrid and Beatrice Diamond are hoping someone will write a sonnet about their Easter bonnets.



## Association Jeanne Jugan

The members of the Association Jeanne Jugan are the extension of our hands and hearts. They are women and men – graduates and recent retirees, professionals and stay-at-home moms, staff members and faithful volunteers – who wish to share in the spirituality of the Congregation and to participate in our mission of hospitality to the needy elderly in a committed, ongoing way.

Jeanne Jugan envisioned hospitality as a humble fraternal service uniting in one family the Little Sisters, the elderly and lay collaborators who wish to serve Jesus Christ in the person of their elderly brothers and sisters. The Association is a contemporary response to this prophetic vision of our foundress. It was established and approved by the Vatican in 1998. Since then, over 2,000 men and women around the



**New AJJ Members:** Jerry DiLeva, Gloria Gilbuena, Sorenia Espiritu, Bing Varias, and Carole Stutzke

world have become members.

Catholic women and men at least 18 years of age who are interested in joining the Association participate in a yearlong program of formation. Membership is formalized by an annual promise, which the Association

members renew on May 1st, the feast of St. Joseph the Worker.

*Our congratulations and gratitude are extended to these individuals who join the spiritual and apostolic mission of Jeanne Jugan and the Little Sisters.*

## Volunteer Recognition Day

On April 13th, in preparation for National Volunteer Week, the Little Sisters hosted an appreciation Mass and luncheon for the more than 120 volunteers who contributed 26,117 hours assisting throughout the Home during 2009.

Five volunteers were initiated into the Little Sisters of the Poor Order of Malta Auxiliary based on three years and 300 hours of service. Seven members were recognized for five years of service. Twelve received the beautiful new ten year service pin. Five were recognized for their twenty years of service.

"We are so grateful for the generosity of your time and talent," said Mother Paul. "You are an extension of our hands as you help with so many tasks. Thank you for your friendship and the countless ways you help our Residents."

(Photo) (right) Mary Winzen, a Dame of Malta and our volunteer coordinator; Leo Poxon, a Knight of Malta and a member of our Advisory Board; and Noreen McGuinness, a Dame of Malta presented the volunteer pins for blessing after the Mass.



(Photo) Recognized for twenty years of service were (back) Beverley Costley, Rhoda Larquier, Maria Olga Sanchez (front) Mary Canfield, and Evelyn Forman





## Helping Our Homes in Chile

On Saturday morning February 27, 2010, a devastating earthquake hit the South American nation of Chile. Our Congregation has been in Chile since 1885 and today we have 5 homes there.

Our home in Concepcion and the older of our homes in Santiago have been completely evacuated. The Little Sisters and elderly from these destroyed homes were welcomed into our other three homes in Chile.

To help our family in Chile, we are having a number of fundraising events in our San Pedro home. Please check out the luncheon opportunities when you are here. Also, on Friday, May 14, at 6:00 pm, we will have a Fiesta Fundraiser dinner and dance.

(Photo) Also, opportunity tickets for a California queen sized quilt that has been machine pieced and hand quilted are available for \$5 each. Volunteers Betty Gemelli, Alice Obuljen, and Margarida Bracco have made the quilt in the pattern called "Trip around the World". The colors are various shades of blue and black and the reverse side in solid blue with stars... perfect for someone from Mary Star of the Sea Parish.

The drawing will be held at the end of the Boutique in October unless 400 tickets have not been sold. In this case, there will be a drawing when the goal has been reached. Tickets are on sale in the Gift Shop and the Reception Desk.

The Little Sisters of the Poor  
and their employees invite you  
and your friends  
to join them for  
**A Fiesta Fundraiser**  
**For our Homes in Chile**  
**Fri., May 14, 2010, 6:00 p.m.**  
**Dinner and Dancing**  
Tickets are \$16.00  
at the Reception Desk  
or at the Door



## An Estate Gift

Bequests have been one of the most meaningful sources of funds for the ministry of the Little Sisters of the Poor. Through the foresight and generosity of others, the Little Sisters have been blessed to continue their work with the aged.

As you look ahead, please consider a bequest to the Little Sisters of the Poor. Estate gifts can be made through a variety of vehicles: your will, a Living Trust, a Charitable Remainder Trust, a life insurance beneficiary, or a retirement plan beneficiary to mention the most common.

The simplest way to designate a gift is by stating: "I give to the Little Sisters of the Poor, located at 2100 S. Western Ave. in San Pedro, CA to be used at their discretion, the following gift. For example:

- The sum of \_\_\_\_ (amount in dollars)
- \_\_\_\_% (Amount in percent) of my estate
- The residual of my estate (after other gifts)
- Specific stock, property, policy or asset.

Remember there may be tax benefits that come from your gift, such as a deduction from income tax, avoidance of capital gain tax, and avoidance of estate tax.

Planning ahead can benefit you as well as the work of the Little Sisters.

*If you plan a gift to the Little Sisters of the Poor of Los Angeles, we welcome you to confidentially notify us so we might express our gratitude in your lifetime.*



Sr. Caroline's quilt for the Auction!

## Auxiliary Event: Sunday, June 27<sup>th</sup> Officers' Ballroom Fort McArthur Air Force Base in San Pedro

### Auction Items Still Needed

Items for the Live and Silent Auction are still welcome. If you can help, please call 310-548-0625.

Vacations & Condos  
Air/Water Rides  
Entertainment  
Sports/Theme Parks  
Art and Jewelry

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Food, Wine, Restaurants  
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