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*We are grateful to Province for sharing this informative article and photography.*

(Right) Mother General receives a blessing while visiting Residents.

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## Mother General Visits New York



Mother General with Mothers of the Province of Chicago. Back (L-R): Mother Mary Michael (Denver), Mother Marguerite Marie (Kansas City), Mother Mary Anthony (Louisville), Mother Marguerite (Evansville), Mother Provincial Gertrude Mary, Mother General Celine, Mother Benedict (Palatine), Mother Gerard Marie (Gallup), Mother Rose Marie (San Pedro), Mother Patricia Gertrude (Chicago). Front (L-R): Mother Loraine Marie Clare (St. Louis), Sr. Constance Carolyn (Mother Provincial's Assistant), Mother Mary Sylvia (St. Paul), Mother Assistant Gerard Patricia, Mother Patricia Mary (San Francisco).

**T**hey came to New York from east and west, north, south and even "down under"! Fifty Little Sisters of the Poor—local superiors of the Congregation's communities in North America and Oceania—recently gathered at St. Ann's Novitiate in New York with Mother General Celine de la Visitation for a time of formation and fraternal communion. The purpose of the session, which was held the first two weeks of May, was to deepen the fruits of our recent General Chapter, to "start afresh from Christ," as we follow in the footsteps of Blessed Jeanne Jugan.

Even as the Little Sisters discussed the contemporary challenges of our mission to the elderly, the session with Mother General was essentially a time of spiritual

renewal. For as *Starting Afresh from Christ*, a recent Vatican document on the consecrated life suggests, "The Spirit alone can keep alive the freshness and authenticity of the beginnings while at the same time instilling the courage needed to respond ... to the signs of the times" (*Starting Afresh from Christ*, n. 20).

The centerpiece of this grace-filled time was a five-day contemplative session of "lectio divina" which immersed the Little Sisters in an intense experience of the Word of God. Also deeply appreciated was a conference on spiritual leadership given by Archabbot Lambert Reilly, O. S. B., from St. Meinrad Archabbey in Indiana. A longtime friend of the Congregation, Archabbot Reilly shared insights which were both practical and profound as he emphasized that our only goal in life must be to grow in the likeness of Christ.

This same spirit of communion was evident on May 15<sup>th</sup> as everyone departed Queens prepared to lead their communities with renewed joy and courage, starting afresh from Christ as we strive to transmit the charism of Blessed Jeanne Jugan to new generations of Little Sisters in North America, Australia, New Zealand and the Pacific Islands.



## The Magical Spirit of Fun and Friendship Filled the Air

Over 350 guests joyfully gathered at the Cathedral of Our Lady of the Angels on Saturday, June 21<sup>st</sup> to celebrate their common belief in the importance of caring for the elderly by supporting the work of the Little Sisters of the Poor. There was a magical spirit of fun and friendship in the air throughout the entire evening.

Benefactors joined Auxiliary members for *Adventure 2003* and raised just over \$150,000.

Blessed Jeanne Jugan began her work with the elderly in France over 160 years ago. She had nothing and relied completely on Divine Providence. With this same confidence, the Little Sisters go forward today.

*You, as benefactors, are the instruments of God's Providence on our behalf. God will not be outdone in generosity. He will bless you abundantly for your generous support of our work.*

*Thank you to the Auxiliary for enthusiastically organizing this wonderful dinner, dance and auction. The Little Sisters and Residents assure you and our benefactors of our prayers.*



(Left) Michael and Jackie O'Brien enjoyed the mariachi music presented from the steps of the Cathedral.

(Right) Jerry and Sandy Farrell and Don and Joan Hanley join other guests for a guided tour of the Cathedral.



(Left) Early guests included Advisory Board Member Leo Poxon and his wife, who is the volunteer coordinator for the Home.

(Right) Mary Jean Salcido, Mary Ann Rosbottom and Libby Cigliano greet guests at the reception table.



(Left) Sister Maureen was one of the seven Little Sisters who attended the event. She thanks Virginia Brumm for her hard work.

(Right) Rita Swartz, Development Director, visits with Board of Advisor Member Marty Burke and his wife Janice.





## Thank You to Our Benefactors and Auxiliary

(Left) Msgr. Kevin Kostelnik, pastor of the Cathedral, enjoys the live auction with Kristi Trujillo and other friends.

(Right) Larry McNeil, a member of the Board of Advisors, visits with Fred Jackson during the silent auction.

Each event guest received a lapel pin which commemorates the Little Sister's 25<sup>th</sup> Jubilee in San Pedro and their centennial in Los Angeles.

(Left) Ed Illig, of the Board of Advisors, and Dickie Olsen bid for the same auction item. Ken Olsen, also a Board member, enjoys the competition.

(Right) Tom Roberts encourages John Nevins to bid high for the Goodyear Blimp trip.

(Left) Matt and Tracy Beecher join Darren and Mary Ellen Haworth for the evening festivities.

(Right) Wendy Trujillo bids to win with the encouragement of Rick Venturini.

(Left) Dick and Timmy Kelly visit with their long time friend, Fr. Joe Hernandez.

(Right) Joseph & Jacqui Leimbach, winners of the raffle trip to Punte Mita, Mexico, are all smiles.



## Gift Giving Through Your Estate

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, a retirement plan beneficiary to mention the most common. The simplest way to designate a gift is by stating:

"I give to the Little Sister 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)
- the specific stock, property, policy or asset.

Remember the tax benefits that come with charitable gifts.

The Gift	The Benefits
Cash	Reduce income tax up to a percentage of adjusted gross income. Avoid estate taxes on the gift when given at death.
Stocks and Property	Deduct the value of the asset from income taxes while avoiding capital gains tax. Avoid estate tax on gifts at death.
Retirement Accounts	Minimize or eliminate taxes on the withdrawals from your IRA, pension, 401K, or other qualified retirement account that are given as a gift. On gifts given at death, reduce or avoid income and estate taxes that would normally accrue to heirs.
Insurance Policy	Provide potential income and estate tax benefits.

## One Donor's Estate Gift

*I look upon my worldly accumulations and realize that I have been blessed. God placed me in this country – in this century – where my talents and efforts have been abundantly rewarded. Deep within my heart, I hear the call – to return to God His blessings.*

*The path I have chosen is to assist the Little Sisters of the Poor. In wonder and admiration, I see their devotion to Christ – manifest through countless acts of care and love toward the elderly. My gifts, now and in my estate, are my way of supporting their good work.* Anonymous Donor

**For additional information on Estate Planning, call 310-548-0625, ex 212.**



Mike Barron, head of maintenance for the Little Sisters, discusses the elevator situation with the Kone Inc. supervisor.



Sr. Genevieve and Sr. Andrea are amazed at the wires and electronics being removed from one of the old elevators.

## Construction In Process

For some time now, we have been raising funds for the upgrade of our four old elevators. The elevators are in constant use as Residents go to exercise class, activities, meals, medical appointments, and Mass. Because of increasing malfunctions, the upgrade of the elevators has been our a priority.

We rejoice that we are now under construction and making progress toward our financial goal. In the near future we will have a smoothly running system that will serve our Home for many years. And, God willing, it will be paid for.

Please be patient when visiting during the next few months. Delays will occur because two elevators will be out of service at a time.

*We are most grateful to those who have contributed toward this urgently needed project. Your intentions remain in the daily prayers of the Little Sisters of the Poor and their Residents.*



Remember the aged poor in your estate plan.

## With Grateful Hearts

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