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Celebrating 50 Golden Years

Sister Paul celebrated her Golden Jubilee of Religious Profession on Wednesday, April 20, marking her fifty years as a Little Sister of the Poor. Her two sisters, Sr. Alphonse and Mother Alice, and friends travelled from near and far to help celebrate the joyous occasion and congratulate Sister Paul on her momentous milestone.

Sr. Paul entered Little Sisters on August 2, 1962 and made her vows on April 20, 1966. She has spent 34 years in our home here in Los Angeles. A few of those years were in Los Angeles before our San Pedro home opened. She currently oversees our Independent Living Apartments and the Assisted Living on the first floor as well as our Association Jeanne Jugan members.

The Jubilee celebrations kicked off on Tuesday afternoon with the Residents, our Resident chaplain, staff and volunteers presenting Sr. Paul with kind words, gifts and cards of appreciations. The following day, Mass was celebrated by Cardinal William Joseph Levada, Bishop Joseph Brennan, Msgr. E. Gilb, Fr. Jacob Hsieh, and Fr. Chris Onyenobi. Our cantor Thomas Yep and his two young daughters accompanied Sr. Alphonse as the organist and Jacque Wong the flutist. Mary Murphy and Llyod Zuniga composed a beautiful hymn for the Communion Meditation, "Shepherd of Mercy," in honor of Sr. Paul of the Immaculate's 50th Jubilee. Following the Mass, a beautiful lunch was prepared and served by Jean Codero and family from a catering company called



Sister Paul sits with her Sisters Mother Alice and Sr. Alphonse



Bishop Joe and Cardinal Levada join Sister Paul in celebrating her Golden Jubilee

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Sacred Occasions. The auditorium was transformed by them with festive gold and white décor and the stage became the wonderful world of Disney.

The staff, Residents and volunteers performed skits and songs from Disney in a presentation entitled “50 Wonderful Years.” Sr. Paul fully enjoyed her special day. Many Little Sisters, Sisters from other orders, family and friends came to offer their

congratulations. Photography and videography were provided by talented volunteers so all the festivities can be enjoyed over and over again.

Sr. Paul remarked how special it was for her to able to celebrate her golden jubilee here at the Home with her two Sisters, and the Home that her Parents loved and were so involved with after moving to San Pedro. Everyone has become family to her.



Sister Paul with the Yep Family: Thomas, Christina, Isabella, Clare, and Thomas



Experiencing the Works of Mercy at Jeanne Jugan Residence

BY DOLORES KOLLMER

During this Jubilee Year of Mercy, I look around our home and realize that every day the Little Sisters, staff, volunteers and Residents perform both spiritual and corporal works of mercy. I have been blessed to see first-hand how these acts of mercy have been intertwined in our home in a very personal way. My family recently suffered two deaths within five weeks of each other. My uncle was diagnosed with cancer

and was given three to six months to live. He and my aunt had been strong supporters of the Sisters for years. She was a founding member of the Auxiliary and he would purchase various items for the chapel for years; he was also a very strong advocate for the Sisters in the beginning to let people in the neighborhood know that they weren't a hospital but a home for elderly persons in need. The Sisters found out about his request to come to the facility and with

Volunteer Appreciation

During National Volunteer Week, the Little Sisters hosted a Mass and luncheon for the 137 men and women who serve as volunteers throughout the home. Principal celebrant for the April 12th Mass was Msgr. Paul Dotson, magisterial chaplain of the Order of Malta and pastor of St. Lawrence Martyr parish.

A common phrase used when raising a child is that “it takes a village.” No one person can do it alone. The same holds true today for caring for the Residents at Jeanne Jugan Residence. There was a time in the history of the Little Sisters of the Poor when the Sisters did every task surrounding the care of their precious Residents. Today, along with our hard working staff you will find volunteers working alongside the Little Sisters. “We are truly grateful for your generosity and love,” said Mother Margaret in her welcome. “You are a real extension of our hands as you help with so many tasks your friendship and loyalty are a true blessing.”

Volunteers received recognition awards blessed by Msgr. Dotson for the years of service by the Western Association of the Order of Malta. All of the volunteers enjoyed the luncheon and were very appreciative of the recognition for their service. The Sisters, Residents and employees appreciate the kindness and dedication, as well as the time our volunteers unselfishly give to the home.

Thank you to the many volunteers who assist us throughout our home every day!



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gratitude they opened their home with such hospitality for both him and my aunt, giving him his last dying wish to be with the Sisters and his family in his last days.

Of course, all the essential paperwork needed to be completed. The social worker and residents coordinator worked with my cousin to complete the paperwork to make the transition as smooth as possible. My uncle arrived into the home on February 24 and he passed on March 4; in those ten days my family was welcomed and treated like family. The Little Sisters, staff and Residents would come in and pray with us and my uncle every day until his death. Each day he was bathed, changed and made as comfortable as possible. The nursing staff was very considerate of his needs and our families. They were angels of mercy. My aunt moved into the home on March 24, and at first she was reluctant to be there because she was able-bodied and afraid to lose her independence. When she moved in the Little Sisters welcomed her with open arms. The Sisters, staff and Residents took her under their wing and made sure she was comfortable in her new environment. The Residents would take her for walks around the garden, making sure she knew where the chapel, dining area and activities were. She went to Mass, prayed the rosary and Divine Mercy chaplet everyday. They would sit and visit with her and talk to her about my uncle and her family. They took the time to get to know her and shared stories and made her as comfortable as possible. They

became her friends and her family as they do with everyone who comes to live in our home.

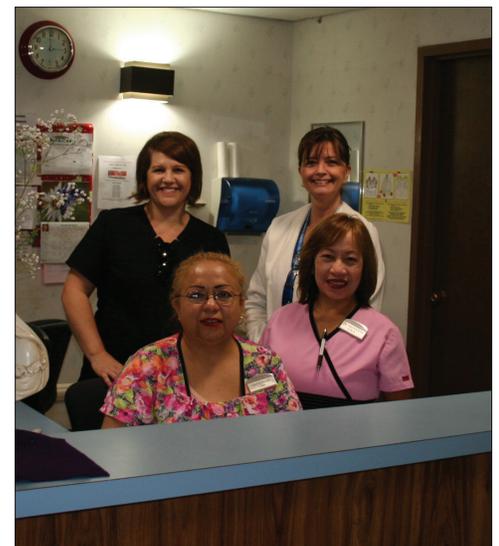
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Then the unthinkable happened — my aunt had a stroke eight days after her arrival. After a brief hospitalization she came back to the home on hospice care. Her final days were spent here in the home with family, the Little Sisters and her new friends, the Residents. She would respond to the sounds of her new friends’ voices and their smiles. They would come in and pray with her and our family. The Little Sisters kept a two-day vigil with her. For those of you who do not know what the vigil is — it’s when the Little Sisters take three-hour shifts and stay with the Residents around the clock until they take their last breath. Never leaving them alone — it begins with all the Little Sisters coming into the room — they often sing a beautiful hymn, recite prayers together and bless the Resident with holy water. Then one Sister stays behind for three hours of prayer, to be replaced by another and then another, every three hours.

The happy death of the Aged Poor is a fitting reward to the Little Sisters for all

their devotion towards them, all the fatigue they have endured all the patience they have practiced in their regard. There will always be a Sister with those in their agony. The Sisters look at this vigil as a privilege — they willingly go to this hidden duty with promptitude, love and the same spirit of religion and happiness as if they were serving Jesus himself. The Sisters take this role very seriously at this ultimate moment when the soul is going to appear before God for judgment. Sisters create vigils of love. They say Our Lord is not asking us for a long succession of prayers, but rather for an active, loving presence, inspired by an intense spirit of faith.

The Sisters welcome the families to stay and pray with them and the Resident so that the passage from this life into the next is peaceful and full of love. What a gift for the family as well to know that their loved ones have been cared for with such love, respect and dignity until they take their last breath! As for our family, we were blessed and there are no words to ever thank all the Residents, staff and Little Sisters for making my aunt and uncle’s transition from this earthly world to eternal life, loving, calm and beautiful. There couldn’t have been a more peaceful transition for both. The Little Sisters, staff, volunteers and Residents practice the corporal and spiritual works of mercy every day. These angels of mercy feed, clothes, visit, pray, advise, comfort, those living and dead. You don’t come across individuals like these every day; it is truly a gift — a gift from God to be part of this wonderful family of people!



A Simple Note

By: Mother Superior



Every year I am overwhelmed by the generosity of people like you, our faithful benefactors and friends. I would like you to know how truly grateful we are to share our mission with you.

With gratitude we recognized our devoted volunteers with Mass and a lunch on April 12th, and then rejoiced with our Jeanne Jugan Associates as they renewed their promises for another year. We were happy to welcome three new associates into our family on the feast of St. Joseph the Worker, May 1st. All are the extension of our hands and hearts, bringing an invaluable presence to our Residents.

Pope Francis has declared 2016 the "Year of Mercy." The Little Sisters of the Poor vocation is one of mercy. Every day we are privileged to dedicate our lives to caring for the neediest elderly and sharing God's love with them.

It is not only the Sisters; it is also our staff, our volunteers, our associates and our friends and benefactors who share in this work of mercy through your support. We are ever mindful of Psalm 136,

"His mercy endures forever!"

May God's abundant blessings and mercy be with you and your family.

Mother Margaret Lep



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Our Needs

Little Sisters could use donated items in good condition such as fine or good costume jewelry: Earrings, necklaces, bracelets, pins, and beaded purses. Collectibles items for sale at our Holiday Boutique in November. Items can be dropped off anytime with the lobby receptionist or you may call Bing at (310)-548-0625. We also need the following personal care household and miscellaneous items to enhance Resident care and to support our ministry to the elderly. Your help is greatly appreciated.

There are many ways you can contribute to the home. Bequests, donations of items or money are accepted as well as your time. Check out the rest of the ways you can help the Residents at Little Sisters of the Poor Jeanne Jugan Home in San Pedro.

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Share your email with us by clicking "Register Here"

Make a quick donation on our WeShare page

Donate used Vehicles or Electronics on our iDonate page

Every donation you make will contribute to our general operating budget so that we may continue to make the elderly happy as we build a tomorrow of love and hope for our eldest brothers and sisters in our Home. Thank you!

For Our Home

Body Lotions/ Body Wash
Mouth Wash/ Denture Cleanser
Adult pull-up disposable briefs (L and XL)
Boost Drinks (dietary supplements)
Lysol disinfectant wipes
Liquid laundry detergent

Paper Goods: Paper plates, Cups, Napkins,
Paper Towels, Kleenex
Liquors for Residents Social/ Happy Hour
Used pick-up truck
Used golf cart

Gift Cards for shopping (Walmart, Target), restaurants, or events

Upcoming Events:

Mark your calendar

Craft & Art Fair

Saturday, June 11, 2016
Featuring Local Vendors
9 a.m. – 2 p.m.

19th Annual Auxiliary Gala

Saturday, September 24, 2016
Palos Verdes Golf Club

Annual Holiday Boutique

Saturday, November 12, 2016
2100 S. Western Ave, San Pedro
8 a.m. – 5 p.m.

Development Update

Your privacy is important to us, and that information you share with us remains in our office. The Little Sisters of the Poor have a policy to never sell, rent or give your private information to anyone. Thank you for sharing your lives with us as we count on your generosity. Without your collaboration, we could never continue our mission to the needy elderly.

In addition to regular mail, you can always help us by visiting our website to donate online, to give a gift in remembrance of a deceased loved one, or to honor someone on a special occasion. Matching gifts by employers, United Way certainly extend your help, and remembering the needs of the Home when planning your annual gift giving and estate planning enables us to do more of what we are here to do.