



# *Little Sisters of the Poor* *Time & Life*

Jeanne Jugan Residence, San Pedro, CA

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## **RESIDENTS' FEAST DAY**

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Saint Jeanne Jugan, foundress of the Little Sisters of the Poor, was dedicated to the happiness of the elderly in her Home. Beyond just meeting their needs for shelter, food and medical attention, she was concerned that they have ample reason to smile. Activities and entertainment were a natural and important part of the life of her little family.

Preserving the original charism of Jeanne Jugan by giving happiness to the elderly remains of utmost importance to the Little Sisters today. One could surely witness this dedication at the recent celebration of the Residents' Feast Day held on July 26<sup>th</sup>.

Each year on this date, the Catholic Church worldwide celebrates the feast day of Sts. Joachim and Ann, parents of Mary and grandparents of Jesus. How fitting that we select this day for special recognition of our Residents.

"Our Mass of the day was celebrated for the special intentions of all our Residents," states Mother Paul, Superior of our Home. "It was also a time of reflection on the impact of St. Joachim and Ann on the life of Mary – how they nurtured her, taught her, brought her up to be devoted to the laws of her faith and the practice of continuous prayer. Their example is still very relevant today."



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After Mass, our Residents, staff and volunteers gathered in the festively decorated auditorium for a delicious barbequed meal. Our enthusiastic and talented activities staff selected a variety of wonderful old-time tunes for the mealtime sing-along that was followed by a very competitive limbo dance and a hilarious "beach ball passing" dance.

The celebration of our Residents' Feast Day provided another reminder that there is much to learn from our elderly – their deep experiences, earned perspectives, and wonderful appreciation for each day speaks to each of us.

***Thank you, Residents, for being you!***

*With gratitude to Carolyn Swartz for these photos!*



# Auxiliary Event : *Inspired to Serve*

Over 200 guests joyfully gathered at the Officers' Club at Fort MacArthur on June 27<sup>th</sup> for the Auxiliary's annual fundraising event. The theme ***Inspired to Serve*** highlighted the dedication of the Little Sisters and the impact of their example on others.

During the evening, special recognition was given to Lt. Col. Rosemarie & Col. John Grablewski, both retired US Air Force members, for sponsoring the Auxiliary's use of the Officers' Club. Rosemarie has volunteered at the Little Sisters for 28 years and Jack for 10 years.

Alberta Gill chaired the event which included the ***Choir of Angels*** appeal, a silent and live auction and an opportunity drawing. Through these

options, benefactors joined the Auxiliary in raising \$210,000.

*Thank you to the Auxiliary for enthusiastically organizing this wonderful event and to our benefactors for generously supporting our work. The Little Sisters & Residents assure you of our prayers of gratitude.*

## Captions

1. Msgr. Joe Brennan, pastor of Holy Trinity, with Maria Smith & Marie Treacy (Auction Chairs).
2. Longtime friends and Auxiliary members: Judy Rollins and Christine McNerney (Co-1<sup>st</sup>-vice Pres.), Mary Ann Jankovich (auction contributor) & Marie Karmelich, (Choir of Angels Chair).
3. Fr. Frank Hicks, administrator of St. Basil, with Midge Kuster & Mickey Zimmer (both Event Committee members).

4. Chef Fr. John Provenza, pastor of Mary Star of the Sea, sold his dinner for eight twice – doubling his gift!

5. Alberta Gill, event chair on the right, with her daughter Kathleen Stewart and sister Janet Walters.

6. Msgr. Joe Hernandez (left), pastor of St. Teresa of Avila, and Timmy Kelly (right) share in the surprise as Ken Marapese (standing) wins the trip to Hawaii.

7. Joan and Tom Connaghan, a member of the Advisory Board, win the hand crocheted quilt made by Sr. Caroline.

8. George Leal, chairman of the Advisory Board, raises his paddle (#86) in support.

9. Auxiliary Pres. Peggy Deliva and her husband Ralph (center of table 4) are sure Jerry DiLeva (right) has won the centerpiece.

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# Residents & Volunteers Prepare for the Boutique

**LITTLE SISTERS OF THE POOR  
HOLIDAY BOUTIQUE  
SATURDAY, OCTOBER 30, 2010  
9:00 AM TO 6:00 PM**



**CERAMICS & CRAFTS  
COLLECTIBLES & TREASURES**



**SANTA'S TOYLAND  
FRESH BAKED GOODS  
AND ITALIAN DINNER  
(11:00 AM TO 6:00 PM)**



**ITALIAN DINNER  
ADULTS - \$8.00  
CHILDREN UNDER  
6 - \$4.50  
TICKETS SOLD AT THE  
DOOR**

**RAFFLE TICKETS  
\$5.00 EACH  
SEE THE TERRIFIC PRIZES  
LISTED ON THE TICKETS**

**Proceeds help with  
the operating costs  
of our Home for the  
elderly in need. Thank  
You for your support!**



# Thank You to the Parishes

## For Helping to Make our Work Known

In recent years, the Little Sisters have begun making weekend visits to local parishes in order to make our work known among the elderly who may need assistance, to introduce young women to our vocation and to seek financial support.

We would like to thank the following parishes in the Los Angeles Archdiocese who have welcomed us the past two years.

American Martyrs, Manhattan Beach

Holy Trinity, San Pedro

Nativity, Torrance

Our Lady of Refuge, Long Beach

San Gabriel Mission, San Gabriel

SS. Peter and Paul, Wilmington

St. Paul Apostle, Westwood

St. Catherine Laboure, Torrance

St. Charles Borromeo, North Hollywood

St. Dominic Savio, Bellflower

St. Gregory the Great, Whittier

St. John Chrysostom, Inglewood

St. John Fisher, Rancho Palos Verdes

St. John of God, Norwalk

St. Joseph, Hawthorne

St. Joseph, Long Beach

St. Lawrence Martyr, Redondo Beach

St. Margaret Mary, Lomita

St. Maximilian Kolbe, West Lake

St. Monica, Santa Monica

St. Paul Apostle, Westwood

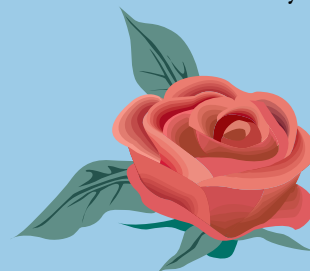
St. Peters, San Pedro

Visitation, Westchester

Please contact Sr. Michael at 310-548-0625 to arrange for a parish visit. We are available for a brief pulpit announcement and visiting after each weekend Mass.

## With Grateful Hearts

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



## You Have Called Me. Here I am, Lord!

**"What happiness for us, to be a Little Sister of the Poor!"**

### Saint Jeanne Jugan

On July 16<sup>th</sup> a joyful and serious commitment was witnessed at our novitiate in Queens Village, New York. Five young women became novices and received their religious names and white veils. As novices they will complete an intense, two-year period of prayer and study, culminating in temporary profession of vows of chastity, poverty, obedience and hospitality. Three other novices are in their second year of formation.

In response to an invitation from God, "Come follow me", they respond in love, "Here I am Lord! Send me!" During the ceremony of entrance, they ask "to experience the humble and hidden life of a Little Sister of the Poor." They wholeheartedly commit to devote themselves "to the service of the aged poor, within the church, seeing in them Christ Himself."

On the following day, four novices

made their first profession of temporary vows as Little Sisters (see photo).

Before pronouncing perpetual vows, each Little Sister spends a year of "second novitiate" at our motherhouse in France. This period offers each one the grace of living where St. Jeanne Jugan spent the last 23 years of her life. During this time each Little Sister becomes more imbued with the attitudes of our Mother and with the spirit of universality so important to our

international religious family.

"We thank God for calling these young women to us," states Sr. Michael, vocations coordinator in San Pedro. "We invite you to join us in prayer for God's blessing on each as she continues to experience and grow in the life of a Little Sister."

The newly professed Little Sisters hail from Oklahoma, Kansas, Minnesota & western Pennsylvania. Pictured with the Auxiliary of Brooklyn, Bishop Frank Caggiano are Sr Amy Marie of Jesus, Sr Maria Catherine of Jesus, Sr Dara Catherine of the Passion & Sr Judith of the Eucharist.



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