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**"Do not be afraid
of Christ! He takes
nothing away,
and gives you
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Pope Benedict XVI**

Nurturing Vocations

By Sister Constance Carolyn Veit, LSP

During the week beginning January 13th, the Catholic Church in the United States observed National Vocation Awareness Week (NVAW). While the week has passed, the need for each of us to promote vocations remains a very important calling.

Vocation awareness might not seem like a topic of great interest to young people today, but a recent study found that over 600,000 youth and young adults in the United States have seriously considered a religious vocation in the Church. Quite a surprising statistic!

How can we help these thousands of young people to take the next step? Along with prayer, a good way to encourage them would be to

talk about vocation in terms that are relevant to them. Pope Benedict XVI does just that.

Our Holy Father knows that the ultimate friendship is with Jesus Christ himself, and he is not afraid to share this conviction with young people. "There are many people who bring you happiness, but there is also a great friend who is the creator of the joy of all. This friend is Jesus," he recently told a group of university students in Rome.

In his very first homily in 2005, the pope encouraged young people to open their hearts to Christ: "If we let Christ into our lives, we lose nothing, nothing, absolutely nothing of what makes life free, beautiful and great.

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Residents Ralph Patalano and Tom Laz have brothers that are priests. "My brother's ordination has positively changed the lives of many," said Laz. "We felt Christ in our family in a new way when my brother became a priest."



Resident Lupe Rangel has a sister and Resident Roger Shelby has a daughter who are Little Sisters of the Poor. "Every Catholic family should, every few generations, have a child with a religious vocation. God calls, but we must cultivate," said Shelby.

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Seated (Left to Right)

PresidentDottie Good

President-elect..... Marie Treacy

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2nd Vice Pres. Mickey Zimmer

2nd Vice Pres. Mingli Wang

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TreasurerMary Jean Salcido

Auxiliary Elects New Officers

On Wednesday, January 16, 2013, the Auxiliary of the Little Sisters of the Poor held its annual officers' installation dinner and meeting.

Fr. Manuel Bravo of Mary Star of the Sea Parish celebrated Mass before the meeting. Mother Paul began by giving a special "Thank You" to the Auxiliary officers and members for their continued enthusiasm, creativity and hard work.

Dottie Good announced the plans for the annual fund-raiser which will be held on Saturday, June 22nd in Long Beach on the top floor of the Union Bank Building in the law offices of Keesal, Young and Logan.

A special appeal was made for auction items, including vacation & condos, weekend getaways, spa days, restaurants, sports & theme parks, air & water rides and more.



A Skyline Gala

Save the Date

Saturday, June 22, 2013

At Keesal, Young and Logan's
Top Floor of the Union Bank Building
Long Beach, CA

The Best Gifts Come from the Heart

"It was such a surprise when the Little Sisters gave out gifts at our Christmas party," said Jackie Ramirez, Activities Assistant. "Everyone got a beautiful handmade scarf. None were the same and each had been knitted or crocheted by a Little Sister."

"The best gifts come from the heart and not the wallet," added John Elizalde, Housekeeping Supervisor.

In fact, the Little Sisters decided in June that scarves would be their Christmas gift. According to Sister Caroline, "There are so many soft and colorful yarns. We waited for every sale. The whole project brought great fun and sharing for us."

To our generous Little Sisters, we extend our gratitude for both the scarves and the time that you put into creating these gifts for us. We wear them with joy knowing they are from you.





Margarita Falcone, 100, is the newest member of our Centenarian Club. Her story is below.



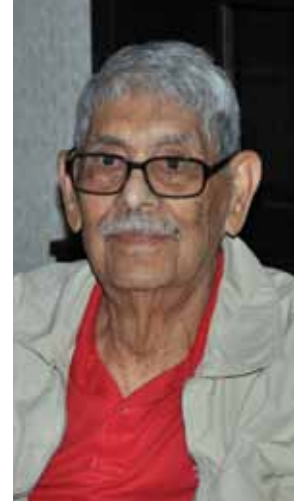
Lucy Strohl, 105, was born in TN and had a career in nursing. She has one daughter.



Sylvia Raymond, 104, was born in MN & raised 2 children. She also managed an Apt. building.



Flora Peralta, 101, was born in the Philippines. She raised 6 children and was a teacher.



Ramon Grijalva, 101, was born in Mexico. He & his wife of 70 years, also a Resident, have 3 sons.

Five Centinarians

We at Little Sisters of the Poor San Pedro were blessed to have of one of our beloved Residents, Margarita Falcone turn 100 on February 9, 2013. She is now the fifth Resident to become a members of our Centenarian Club.

Margarita was born February 9, 1913 and has spent the majority of her life in the San Pedro area. She is the sixth of seven children, having one sister and five brothers.

She was always very close to her sister and lived with her for a number of years helping raise her nephew Ronald and niece Doreen (AJJ member and Little Sisters of the Poor volunteer). Doreen is extremely fond of her aunt, visits regularly and treats her like a mother.

Margarita was a beautiful young woman and attracted many potential male suitors, but she never married. She spent most of her time helping her sister and family and working full time at Starkist Foods on Terminal Island.

Margarita lived with her sister until she found an apartment in Long Beach where she lived until retirement. When the time came for her to find a suitable assisted living facility, her family

helped her become a resident at the Little Sisters. She has lived here for the past 5 years.

In her more active years, Margarita enjoyed bowling, going out to parties and having fun with her many friends and family members. She remains an avid reader especially of fiction novels.

Margarita is a happy Resident and loves everything about Little Sisters

of the Poor, especially the people, the parties and the outings..

Congratulations, Margarita, on this milestone and also to the other members of our Centenarian Club. Whatever combination of genetics, lifestyle choices, mental acuity and just plain luck has been your fortune, we remain the blessed ones to have you in our Family.

Vocations

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Do not be afraid of Christ! He takes nothing away, and he gives you everything."

As a young girl Saint Jeanne Jugan, foundress of the Little Sisters of the Poor, sought this friendship with Jesus Christ. It led her from a marriage proposal to the realization that God wanted her for himself; from membership in a lay ecclesial movement to establishing a religious congregation devoted to the care of the elderly poor. She gave God everything and received a hundredfold in return as she saw her religious community grow beyond all imagining.

If you know a young person whom you feel would make a good priest or religious, reach out and tell them so. Share our Holy Father's words about friendship with Jesus Christ with them. Tell them that if they give themselves to Christ, he will give them a joy that surpasses all others — the joy of being "no longer servants, but friends" (cf. John 15:15).

For more information about vocations to the Little Sisters of the Poor, contact Sr. Caroline at [www.vcsanpedro@littlesistersofthepoor.org](mailto:vcsanpedro@littlesistersofthepoor.org) or visit www.littlesistersofthepoor.org.

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A Simple Note

By: Mother Paul



**Resident Mercy Gray and
Mother Paul**

Dear Friends,

The recent addition of our fifth Resident into our Centenarian Club has given the Little Sisters of the Poor, staff and family the opportunity to honor the legacies and ongoing contributions of our elderly Residents. It also offers all members of our family the occasion to support them as they continue on their life's journey.

For the first time in history "older Americans" span three generations and we recognize and celebrate their diversity and vitality each day. Their remarkable achievements individually and collectively are testament to the strength and character of the older members of our Home and underscore the debt of gratitude we owe to the generations that have given so much to the community at-large.

Our Residents prove, day after day, that their contributions are not only in the past. They continue to share their wisdom and lessons and enrich us all with their witness.

As you open your mind and heart to the wealth of experiences offered by the elderly, be assured of our grateful prayers.

Sincerely in Christ,

Mother Paul, L.S.P.

Your Hidden Acts of Love

"The poor are not happy just because they are given a home, food, and care, but also, above all, because through the care they are given, they see that they are loved" An excerpt from St. Jeanne Jugan by Eloi Leclerc.

The simple, hidden acts of love performed in our Home each day sometimes seem to go unnoticed, but they are no doubt seen by Our Lord, and felt by the elderly who live here.

We strive to create a place where we are all family, treating each other with love and respect. Ours is a true home, not just a place to live, work, or volunteer. Our staff, Association Jeanne Jugan members and volunteers, are an extension of the Little Sisters' hands and hearts. The service and gifts they bring

to our home help us to maintain our Family Spirit.

And you, our Benefactors, are the greatly treasured, but mostly hidden part of our family. Without your generous support, we would not be able to meet the operating costs of our Home.

We offer you our heartfelt thanks and prayers that the Lord will reward you a hundred fold for your hidden acts of love to His beloved elderly.



Contributions of collectables and jewelry are accepted year round for our October Holiday Boutique.



Auction items are needed for our June Gala: vacation & condos, weekend get-aways, spa days, restaurants, sports & theme parks, air/water rides and more.

Upcoming Events

Ash Wednesday

Wed., February 13, 2013

Join us for Mass (7:15 am or 11:00 am)

Auxiliary Day of Recollection

Tues., February 19, 2013 (9:00 to 3:00)

Fr. Laurence Gallagher of Holy Trinity will conduct the sessions and celebrate Mass. Non-members welcome. Reservations are \$20. Mail checks payable to LSP Auxiliary to the Home.

Good Friday Passion Play

Fri., March 29, 2013

Join us for a live enactment of the Stations of the Cross. Held in the auditorium starting at 11:00 am. Call to verify time.

Volunteer Award Ceremony

Tues., April 23, 2013

Mass is at 11:00 followed by award presentations and luncheon. RSVP in the Volunteer Office.

Auxiliary General Meeting

Wed., April 17, 2013

Mass is celebrated at 5:30 PM followed by dinner and a program. Reservations are \$20. Payable to the LSP Auxiliary. Mail to the Home. Prospective new member are welcome. Call 310-548-0625.

