



Serving the elderly  
poor in Newark  
since 1903.

**Volunteers from the Royal Bank of Canada  
with Mother Joseph and Sr. Peter.**

## Rich in Volunteer Spirit

**By Mary Cella,  
Director of Volunteer Services**

On June 4th over 70 volunteers attended the annual Volunteer Mass and Appreciation Luncheon. They were treated to a delicious turkey dinner (Thanksgiving in June) and a rendition of “Thank you for Being a Friend” sung by our very own Residents. Our volunteers were recognized for their dedicated service from one month to 17 years.

Who are our volunteers? I call them Angels with a Blue Badge. They come from all walks of life and faiths and are committed to our mission of “Making the Elderly Happy.” Every day, 365 days a year including holidays, our Residents count on the volunteers to help in the laundry, kitchen, dining rooms, activities, maintenance, office, and more. These special people are instrumental to the success of our events

like the Rockathon,  
Nun Run and

Spaghetti Dinner. Our wonderful volunteers also participate in various clubs: baking, sewing, knitting, library and garden.

One of our dedicated volunteers reflected on her group’s experience in our home: “Thank you for such a warm welcome and giving us the opportunity to serve you and the Residents. We all enjoyed the day; beautifying the St. Joseph gardens was a perfect project and an honor. My colleagues were impressed by the loving atmosphere and the beautiful home you provide at the Little Sisters of the Poor. This is a testimony to the high quality care and selfless service you give every day to each Resident. You live out your Faith and therefore, we see the Face of Jesus in you all. Thank you for sharing so beautifully your love of the Lord.”

All of us, the Sisters, staff and Residents, value the extraordinary contributions of our volunteers and we thank them abundantly for their selflessness and the way they brighten our day.

*“Be kind, especially  
with the infirm. Love  
them well ... Oh yes! Be  
kind. It is a great grace  
God is giving you. In  
serving the aged, it is  
he himself whom you  
are serving.”*

*—St. Jeanne Jugan*



# Little Sisters of the Poor

## A Rockin' Good Time!



Our Annual **Rock for the Aged** fundraising event was held on Saturday, April 20, 2013. It was a great success! There were plenty of chairs rocking to the beat of the music provided by Ron and Connie Bright, our fabulous volunteer DJ's. Bob Piane, Jr. served as MC and kept the event lively and organized. Residents, Sisters, volunteers, family and friends alike rocked and enjoyed the festivities.

Activities included face painting, children's games, karaoke, a bake sale, and jewelry sale. Everyone enjoyed taking chances on our Theme Raffle Baskets and participating in the highly competitive Cake Walk.

Proceeds from this important fundraiser will be used to replace our outdated and inefficient paging and phone system. Sincere appreciation to our generous sponsors and our donors!

## Learning & Sharing Life's Lessons



This Spring second graders from St. Anne's Episcopal School learned what it feels like to change the world for the elderly in need. Children aged nine and younger researched, discussed, prayed and chose Jeanne Jugan Residence to be the beneficiary of profits from their annual used book store sale. Teachers and volunteers provided training and supporting logistics; however, the students ran the book sale themselves as board advertisers, stock checkers, cashiers and customer care. The students learned the bookstore business and ran a week-long sales event, earning \$1,800 in profits.

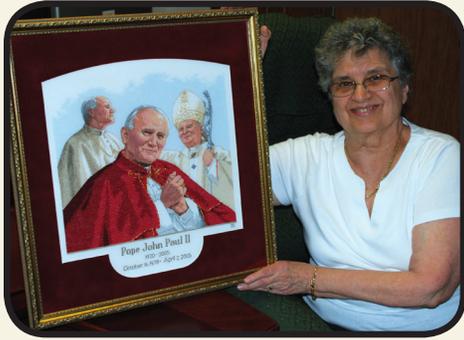
The Little Sisters provided the students with a "wish list" of needs of the home and a special request for a portable popcorn machine to be shared with Residents throughout the home. The teachers, volunteers and students scheduled a field trip on Friday, May 31st to present their gifts to our Residents. Prior to their visit, we received a special



delivery of a fantastic popcorn machine with all the amenities. The machine was assembled and was operational for the Residents and our special friends from St. Anne's Episcopal School.

Over 25 students arrived with a bus full of goodies and were welcomed with a standing ovation that lasted 10 minutes as they brought in all sorts of requested items. Our Residents, staff and Little Sisters were equally impressed with the maturity and compassion of the students. This very important life lesson was echoed in some of the student's comments. Jamison Delaine of Middletown said, "I feel like I worked hard to help the elderly, and it's good to help people out, to not be greedy, and to change the world." "We looked at the piles of money that we are not spending on things we want. We are taking it and giving it to the Little Sisters of the Poor to help people because they need things," says Jason Kourpas of Newark.

## “Circle of Faith”



“...the years pass quickly and the gift of life, for all the effort and pain it involves is too beautiful and precious for us ever to grow tired of it.”

– Letter of his holiness Pope John Paul II to the elderly in 1999

Art is a valued part of life for many of our

Residents and they share their passion abundantly through the talents of their spirit and hands. Estelle Kenney has enthralled the Little Sisters with the stunning reproductions of her cross-stitch throughout the past 7 years. Estelle’s inspirational vision of Pope John Paul II throughout his life is her most recent work of art. Her craft has captured the gentleness

and warmth of a man who appreciated the importance of aging. His words echo the talents and contributions given to every one of our elderly.

Estelle became a member of the Little Sisters family in 2006 thus completing her “circle of faith”. Like many of our Residents, she has traveled through joy, hardship and sorrow while raising her family. After visiting Jeanne Jugan Residence in 2002, Estelle knew her final home would be with the Little Sisters of the Poor. Her new life has been fruitful as she engages in her passion for cross-stitching and sharing her God-given gifts. When asked what makes Jeanne Jugan Residence a Home, Estelle emphatically replies, “A feeling of security, independence, happiness, camaraderie and pure joy. There were never any doubts that I would love my new home.”

## Welcome Sister Emmanuel and Sister Peter

“The wind blows where it wills, and you can hear the sound it makes, but you do not know where it comes from or where it goes; so it is with everyone who is born of the Spirit.” (John 3:8)

As Little Sisters accept new assignments, each new home is blessed with the gift of new members of their family. We welcome both Sister Peter and Sister Emmanuel as they embark on their mission of caring for our special family here at Jeanne Jugan Residence.

Sr. Emmanuel joins us from our Chicago province where her most recent assignment was in the Mullen Home for the Aged in Denver, Colorado. Sister’s passion for caring for the elderly was inspired by St. Jeanne Jugan’s profound spirituality and her joyful spirit of always praising God and thanking him. Her prayerfulness led her to desire to follow Jeanne Jugan as a humble servant of the poor.



**Sr. Emmanuel & Resident, Judy Cassello.**

With the departure of Sr. Pauline as our Collecting Sister, we welcome Sr. Peter in this new role. Although her roots are from Saskatchewan, Canada, Sr. Peter has shared her mission of caring for the elderly in homes throughout the mid-western region of the United States. With gratitude, Sr. Peter follows St. Jeanne Jugan’s charism of reliance on Divine Providence and accepting the role of building meaningful relationships with the local community.



**Sr. Peter and friends at Mrs. Robino’s Cooks for a Cause.**

## A Message from Mother Joseph Caroline



Daily our community of Little Sisters prays for the many blessings bestowed on us through the generosity of our friends, benefactors, staff, volunteers and family members. This daily devotion allows us to awaken our grateful hearts and shifts our focus on the mission of caring for those who are facing the struggles of aging. Pope Francis reflects on the need to care for each other in his message at Saint Peter's Square on June 19, 2013:

"... each of us has a part to play, a gift to share, a service to offer, for building up the Body of Christ in love."

As you share in the care of our family, understand your kindness is reciprocated in the ever present gratitude of our Residents. Happiness abounds in our community because of you!

Be assured of our continued prayers for a safe and enjoyable Summer with your family.

*Sister Joseph Caroline, lsp*

## Fr. Jennings Celebrates His 100th Birthday at Jeanne Jugan Residence



Father William Jennings was our guest of honor on June 6th as we celebrated his 100th birthday! Father Jennings is the oldest and, at 73 years ordained, the longest-serving priest in the Diocese of Wilmington. He has

been a member of our family at Jeanne Jugan Residence since 2007 and celebrated daily Mass at our chapel until several years ago.

Father Jennings' special day began with Mass con-celebrated with 10 of his fellow priests and the party followed with guests including Residents, employees, volunteers, friends and family in our social hall. One of the entertainers Sean Reilly, known for his Frank Sinatra impersonations, sang a version of "That's Life" with lyrics written especially for the birthday. "One hundred years, Father Bill, that's what you are," Reilly crooned. "You're a Christian light, both near and far." When asked his secret to a long life, Father Jennings answered with one word: "God."

## Upcoming Events

**7TH ANNUAL** NEWARK • LITTLE SISTERS OF THE POOR  
**NUN RUN 5K.ORG**  
**5K Run/Walk**  
"Make it a Habit"  
**SATURDAY SEPT 14**  
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### Nun Run

September 14

Race time is 9 a.m.

The Little Sisters invite you to our 5k race/walk at the Jeanne Jugan Residence, on Salem Church Road across the street from Christiana High School. And yes, the Little Sisters do join us for the run, and all the fun takes place before and after the event. See you there!

Register at [nunrun5k.org](http://nunrun5k.org).

### Fall Harvest Festival & 31st Annual Spaghetti Dinner

November 3

1 - 6 p.m.

Join us for our Fall Harvest Festival featuring the drawing of our \$10,000 Fall Harvest Raffle and 31st Annual Spaghetti Dinner. Enjoy delicious food, raffles, games and prize booths. Fall Harvest Raffle tickets can be purchased for \$100 each or two for \$150. The event will be held at our Jeanne Jugan Residence at 185 Salem Church Road in Newark, DE. For further information – or to purchase raffle tickets - please call 302-368-5886.