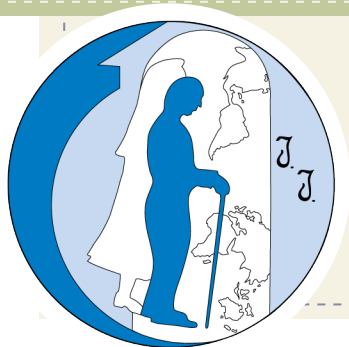


Little Sisters of the Poor

JEANNE JUGAN RESIDENCE



Serving the elderly poor in Delaware since 1903.

Sharing in the *Spirit* of Christmas

Throughout the calendar year, we witness the kindness and generosity of our friends, family and donors who support the many needs of our Home. As we celebrate the Advent and Christmas season, we invite you to share with us the Spirit of Christmas with our elderly family and Little Sisters.

Spirit of Charity

Many of our Residents open their hearts to others who are less fortunate. They offer their talents when needed by volunteering either in our Home or other non-profit organizations.



Spirit of Love

We have learned many life-long lessons from our elderly family but the most endearing message is their display of love through their sharing with one another. Love is an integral part of Christmas celebrations and something to be mindful of during the season. Although our Residents are from all walks of life they are united as one family and give lovingly to each other.



Spirit of Gratitude

Acknowledgement of the thoughtfulness received from your belief in our mission is the essence of Christmas season. Through your kind expressions of love and generosity, our Residents are able to live comfortably and safely as a family. We are forever thankful for all that you have done for us and your continued support!



Spirit of Joy

Happiness abounds throughout the year and is infectious as witnessed in the smiles of the faces of all who make Jeanne Jugan Residence their Home. This joyous energy is very contagious and makes us all young at heart! Caring for our elderly family is one of the greatest blessings God has ever given to the Little Sisters of the Poor and we are delighted to share this joy with you.



Winter, 2016

Little Sisters of the Poor

Little Sisters Honors

Our community of Little Sisters, staff, members of the Association Jeanne Jugan and volunteers represent the “care team” that excellently assists in the care of our Residents as extended family members. Through their shared compassion, we are able to not only provide quality care but also quality of life to our elderly family at Jeanne Jugan Residence. Through the extended hands of our care team, we have consistently received a Five-Star Quality rating from the Federal Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services since 2010.

In addition to the annual Five-Star Quality recognition, the Little Sisters were also recognized with two prestigious awards in 2016.

This award ‘recognizes those whose outstanding efforts have served to proclaim the Gospel of Life by steadfast affirming and defending the sanctity of human life from its earliest stages until death.’

In April the Notre Dame Center for Ethics and Culture awarded the 2016 *Evangelium Vitae* Medal to the Little Sisters of the Poor, represented by Mother Provincial Loraine Marie. This award “recognizes those whose outstanding efforts have served to proclaim the Gospel of Life by steadfast affirming and defending the sanctity of human life from its earliest stages until death,” said Carter Snead, Director of the Center for Ethics and Culture.

In early August, the Knights of Columbus blessed our Congregation with their *Gaudium et Spes* Award at their annual States Dinner. This award recognizes the Little Sisters “for their wholehearted response to the Gospel, for recognizing Jesus in the face of the poor, for giving up wordly goods and ambition to be witnesses to the King of God,” said Supreme Knight Carl A. Anderson.

We are deeply humbled and proud of this recognition and share it with all who collaborate in our charism of caring for the elderly entrusted to us. We are forever grateful for our friends and donors who play an instrumental role in achieving these accolades. Without your passion and support of our mission, we would not be able to continue this exceptional care of our Residents.



Thank You for Contributions Throughout the Year

Nun Run 5k

Our 10th annual Knights of Columbus Nun Run 5k Walk/Run was held in September with over 378 participants registered runners and walkers. This annual event is the highlight of the year since our Residents and Little Sisters host this fundraiser on the premises of Jeanne Jugan Residence. Our participants, along with their families, enjoyed great weather and a wonderful festive “after-race” party with food, refreshments, bake sale and entertainment. Proceeds of \$31,353 will support the operating needs of the Home.



Spaghetti Dinner

No one left hungry at our 34th Annual Spaghetti Dinner after spending a beautiful Fall Sunday enjoying the culinary treats of homemade appetizers, spaghetti and meatballs and delicious baked goods. Entertainment was again supplied by the “one man band” Bipps Egnor who has livened up the crowds for over 30 years with an array of musical renditions from Frank Sinatra to the electric slide. Although this is considered a “friendraiser” event, we were still able to raise over \$9,000 in support of the Home.



Swing Fore Little Sisters Golf Tournament

Because of the unpredictable “Mother Nature” and a sudden thunder storm, our team of golfers were able to participate in two golf outings, one for 8 holes in July and one for 18 holes in August. We successfully raised over \$28,000 in support of the operation expenses of the Home.

Because You Took a “Chance” On Us— We Were All Big Raffle Winners!

We were overjoyed with the response to our Raffle Mailings in 2016. Your generosity provided the funds from our Luck of the Irish Raffle drawing, 10-Week Raffle drawings and Fall Harvest Raffle drawing to supplement the heating, air-conditioning and dietary expenses of the Home.

We thank you abundantly for participating in these fun events and raffles and we hope you will plan on joining us again in 2017!



Mother Margaret Regina's Greeting



Our Christmas newsletter certainly captures many of the 2016 events and fundraisers which have kept our mission very much alive here in our Home at Jeanne Jugan Residence. Thank you for your support in so many ways.

Glancing back over the past six months since my arrival, I feel very blessed and humbled to have received the warmth of a new family. It looks like they'll keep me! Home, Sweet Home! My best explanation of this "warmth" is the goodness of God that floods our Home, from our dear Residents and their families to our staff, associates, volunteers, friends and especially our own community of Little Sisters. We are surrounded with his bounty from all directions.

As we all look forward once again to celebrating the birth of Jesus into our world, we turn to the Holy Family, Jesus, Mary and Joseph. St. Jeanne Jugan, our beloved foundress, always encouraged the Little Sisters to take the Holy Family as a model for our everyday living. She would say, "See how Jesus, Mary and Joseph loved one another, all three how happy they looked, with what kindness and gentleness they spoke to each other. In our little family it must be the same."

So to Jesus, Mary and Joseph we confide our Christmas prayer for you and your families. May the smile that emanates from these "holy three" accompany you always and bring us all to the true meaning of what "Jesus' arrival" is all about.

Mother Margaret Regina



We pray to the Lord that Your Christmas may be truly wonderful and that your New Year be a holy, happy and healthy one!

Happenings in 2017

January Dedication of Chapel (*with renovations*)

February/March Cooks for a Cause at Feby's Fishery

June Swing Fore Little Sisters Annual Golf Tournament

September Nun Run 5k Walk/Run

November Spaghetti Dinner

Legacy of Caring

You can help fulfill the mission of the Little Sisters of the Poor by establishing a Legacy of Caring.

What can you do now to plan your legacy? Here are some ideas:

- **Bequests:** Prepare a will
- **Donor Advised Funds:** Create a permanent charitable fund
- **Life Insurance:** Remember to name Little Sisters of the Poor, Delaware, as a beneficiary in a life insurance policy.
- **Stocks:** Publicly traded securities and stocks
- **Memorials and/or Honorariums:** A memorial gift is a wonderful remembrance of your loved one.