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DIVINE PROVIDENCE THROUGH SAINT JOSEPH



While visiting the Philippines several years ago, Pope Francis spoke of his devotion to St. Joseph in the context of a talk on prayer and family. He also spoke about his statue of the sleeping St. Joseph he has on his desk and how he asks Saint Joseph to pray for his intentions by writing them down and slipping the paper under the statue.

He said, "I have a great love for St. Joseph, because he is a man of silence and strength. Joseph's rest revealed God's will to him. In this moment of rest in the Lord, as we pause from our many daily obligations and activities, God is also speaking to us. But like St. Joseph, once we have heard God's voice, we must rise from our slumber, we must get up and act."

As Little Sisters we too have a great devotion to St. Joseph as an instrument of God's Providence in serving the daily needs of our elderly family. We recently were blessed with a donation of a beautiful sleeping St. Joseph from our friends from

Angel Crossing. Joe Spanelli shared his carpentry talents with us and made a wonderful table and stand with a drawer to collect the special intentions that will be placed at the base of our statue. Now all who visit our chapel can ask for Good St. Joseph to pray for their needs along with our Residents, family, staff and volunteers.

Many of our prayers have been answered by the gifts that you and others share with us throughout the year. Our family at Jeanne Jugan Residence is sincerely grateful for your generosity and your support of our mission. We wish you a very Merry Christmas and Blessed New Year as we continue to pray for the needs of you and your families.

Prayer to the Sleeping St. Joseph

O Saint Joseph, you are a man greatly favored by the Most High. The Angel of the Lord appeared to you in Dreams, while you slept, to warn you and guide you as you cared for the Holy Family. You were both silent and strong, a loyal and courageous protector. Dear Saint Joseph, as you rest in the Lord, confident of His absolute power and goodness, look upon me. Please take my need (mention your request) into your heart, dream of it and present it to your Son. Help me then, good Saint Joseph, to hear the voice of God, to arise and act with love. I praise and thank God with joy.



A Warm Heart and a Healing Hand!

In the geriatric profession we expect the best from our caregivers, from CNAs to medical directors, in order for us to enable our elders to age with dignity and purpose. At Jeanne Jugan Residence, we are blessed to have Dr. Kent Salee as our Medical Director. He truly understands the importance of the patient-physician relationship; where, the Resident is #1 and the doctor is #2. Dr. Salee provides the perfect partnership by instilling trust, confidence and comfort.

No doubt Dr. Salee would receive high marks for the standard competencies required of his profession, but his “care” goes far beyond these skills. He realizes his duties affect not only the team of caregivers, but more importantly the individuals under his care.

One-on-one visits are personal and are never rushed. Dr. Salee’s approach is holistic; he takes the position of an “observer” while evaluating all aspects of our Residents’ health. His style of care further validates his commitment to delivering excellent Resident care.

Continuity of care is crucial for the elderly. Dr. Salee understands this and makes himself available by phone day and night, even when he is on vacation. While he has other physicians and nurse practitioners on call, he is always available to meet our Residents’ needs and to ensure their comfort and happiness. Dr. Salee is also highly visible when visiting our home. He personally acknowledges many of our staff members, even those in non-nursing departments, as he makes his rounds through the home.

We have learned that medical care goes beyond the “scripts,” the stethoscope and lab work. It is the personal touch that makes a difference, and it is Dr. Salee’s infectious sense of humor that makes him extraordinary!



Dr. Kent Salee and Resident Bill



Welcome Sister Cecilia

We are truly blessed to welcome a new Little Sister, Sr. Cecilia, to our home; now we are ten Little Sisters! Sister Cecilia came to us from Indianapolis, but her familial roots are in New Orleans. She will be sharing her collecting skills with us as she joins Sr. Rose Marie on the daily collection routes and weekly parish visits.

Sharing in God's Message

by Lynn Keating, a Resident at Jeanne Jugan Residence

Somewhere during my life-long search for God, it occurred to me that the Word of God is not only true — not just a collection of nice metaphors, colorful analogies, sugar coated short stories or even poetic renderings — but it is a living truth which speaks to us clearly in the present!

When I read that it took the Israelites forty years to cross from Egypt to the Promised Land (it was a trip that can be made in two weeks by foot), it was as if God was saying to me, "See? You're not the only one who doesn't listen to me!" It took me about forty years of doing things my own way, to admit I was wrong. It took me even longer to learn to be obedient to the things of God ... in fact, I'm still working on it.

But I'm excited enough about the evidence I've discovered — that God really does speak to us through His Word — that whenever I get the chance, I tell anyone who will listen. I even write books about it. Nobody reads them, but somehow I don't care. When my parish needed someone to teach the Bible to sixth graders I felt like God had finally opened the door — a captive audience!

Pope Francis tells us, "Evangelization will only take place as a result of contagious joy." He's right! When the Little Sisters of the Poor asked if I would consider giving four classes on Mysteries of the Rosary in October of this year my joy, as Scripture says, was complete.

It was wonderful! Residents, volunteers, employees and Little Sisters showed up for all four sessions. There was laughter, music, prayers and tears. It did not take long to realize that the Residents here have learned, and strive to embrace, this way of life from the example of the Little Sisters of the Poor who courageously and selflessly lay down their lives each day for each one of us.

What a surprise, what a joy, to discover that, in the midst of all the things I can no longer do as a result of old age, there is a job the Lord has for me! How can I ever thank him?



Lynn Keating



Resident Adele

"I was touched personally by her presentation and feel I am now in my good spiritual comfort zone."

– Betty, Resident

"These presentations truly brought the mysteries alive and applicable in my life. I am praying that we will have more opportunities to grow in the faith."

– Beverly, former Activities Director

Mother's Message



In the name of all the Residents and Little Sisters we'd like to send our wishes for a very Blessed Christmas and a New Year filled with the awareness of God's infinite love for each of you. We reflect on the words of Jesus, "Love one another, as I have loved you." Every Christmas is always a special time to embrace these words anew, as we gaze on the "Prince of Peace" with Mary and St. Joseph.

In her book, *The Gospel Without Compromise*, renowned spiritual writer Catherine De Hueck Doherty wrote that when she was a little girl she asked her mother, "How can I touch JESUS?" Her mother responded, "Touch me!" We have experienced the touch of JESUS through you, our benefactors, volunteers, staff and friends. Thank you for being His Presence to us in so many ways!

During this Christmas Season and throughout this New Year of Grace, we want to once again assure you of our gratitude through our daily prayers offered for you and your families. Thank you, thank you for everything!

In His Love,

Mother Margaret Regina Halloran

Our Christmas Wish List

Ground Coffee
(Regular & Decaf)

Holiday Napkins
(luncheon size)

Kleenex

Hand Lotion

Shower Gel

Luncheon napkins

Gift Cards
(Shop-Rite, WAWA, Boscov's)

Ice Cream
(Half-Gallons)

Coke or Pepsi
(Regular or caffeine free)



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Annual Motorcycle Charity Event

May 20, 2018



Swing Fore Little Sisters 12th Annual Charity Golf Outing

June 28, 2018



Nun Run 12th Annual 5K Run & Walk

September 15, 2018

