



God's Purpose is the One that Lasts

Remembering a Devoted Nurse

*"Many are the plans in the human heart,
but it is the Lord's purpose that prevails."*

(Proverbs 19:21)

Imagine having the unique opportunity to work in the same environment as your mother. This opportunity was not only a reality but a blessing for Mary. Jane and Mary have formed a two-generation nursing team — same Home, same career and same family. They have learned through the vast number of years in their profession that every Resident has a story and a different need; these stories are what makes them love what they do each and every day and night.

Essie "Jane" joined the Little Sisters of the Poor as a Certified Nurse Assistant some thirty years ago on the 11 p.m. to 7 a.m. shift. Jane, as she preferred to be called, knew her purpose in life was to develop and use her God-given gifts as a caregiver of the elderly. Through the many testimonials of the Residents she cared for over the years, Jane was guided by compassion and empathy for each and every "family member" as if they were a member of her own biological family.

One of our newer Residents, Flo, was heartbroken when she heard of Jane's sudden illness and departure into God's hands. Flo loved her so much that she wanted to adopt Jane because of her kind and caring manner. She referred to Jane as "love personified." Flo loved the nightly

visits to her room as Jane gave her "the best hugs in town." Another nocturnal Resident, Marion, was also eager to share in the "the best hugs in town." Marion enjoyed many a late night conversation with Jane as they shared stories of both their families.

Jane cared for everyone in her own family, including her mother, Essie "Mae" and her three grandchildren while her daughter, Mary worked the day shift as a Certified Nurse Assistant. Mary admired her mother's work ethic and was proud Jane taught her those values. Watching her mother work as a caregiver and seeing how she cared for everyone around her led Mary to enter the same profession. Mary learned many lessons from her mother, but the most important one was "compassion and empathy" for the lives of the elderly entrusted to their care.

Jane's earthly journey ended in July of 2019. She left a wonderful legacy to all those she touched with her kindness and gentleness. In honor of Jane and her mother, Essie Mae, the family supported the Little Sisters' Annual Nun Run 5k Walk/Run as "Team Essie"! This special family proves that God's purposes can be fulfilled through multiple generations.



Happenings throughout the Year



Rock-A-Thon 2019

It's not just about rocking! It's about having fun for a great cause! Your donations are making it possible to secure new wheelchairs and Geri chairs (medical chairs) for our Residents. So thank you for sharing your treasures that we needed to make such a wonderful impact on the success of our fundraiser.



Nun Run 2019

Thanks to Fusion Racing partnering with Move2Include, our 13th Annual Nun Run was a fantastic event. This is the second year our Residents were given the opportunity to cross the finish line with our registered runners and walkers. Eight of our elderly family at Jeanne Jugan "buckled up" for a 3.1 mile trek around our community with volunteer runners pushing them along the way. The enthusiasm was so great this year; we now have a line-up of possible "Rookie Residents" to share in the fun in 2020!



Swing Fore Little Sisters of the Poor Golf Outing

Did you know that over the past 12 years, our annual golf outing has helped us raise over \$242,000 for the care and support of our elderly Residents at Jeanne Jugan Residence? Your efforts have helped fund the following: renovation of our shower/tub rooms in St. Joseph and Holy Family Units, new and efficient windows throughout Jeanne Jugan Residence, replacement mattresses for our elderly Residents, replacement of our new roof, and procurement of a new transport coach bus for our Home.



Cheers to 100 Years

Our dear Sr. Edith, a native of Ireland, celebrated her 100th birthday in May. She was overjoyed and humbled by the special attention she received from her community of Little Sisters and family at Jeanne Jugan. The entertainment was nonstop during Sr. Edith's party with a delightful, young group of Irish dancers performing various songs for everyone's enjoyment.



150th Anniversary Mass

Throughout our jubilee year marking the 150th anniversary of the Little Sisters' arrival in America, we have enjoyed sharing many stories of our mission in the United States through varied events. We concluded our sesquicentennial year with a special Mass celebrated in our chapel by Bishop William Francis Malooly. Little Sisters joined us from our nearby Homes of Philadelphia, Richmond, Baltimore and Washington D.C.



Our Lady of Holy Rosary

Our Residents celebrating the Feast of Our Lady of Holy Rosary.

**"O Queen of the Holy Rosary,
O bless us as we pray,"**

- Emily M. C. Shapcote, née Steward

MOTHER'S MESSAGE



Dear Family of Jeanne Jugan,

Pondering the photos in this newsletter, with all the different events we enjoyed together, "shouts" out to me how much we need one another to create the Family Spirit and to keep it ALIVE. We remember our devoted staff, volunteers, Associates and family members, as well as people from the local community who have come to help us. I am thinking of parishes, schools, and food entities.

This makes me reflect all the more on our mission statement, which speaks about the core values that are essential in our Life as Little Sisters, and which we hope to always share with those who participate in our mission with us. These core values are like stepping stones, enabling us to put on Jesus Christ. There are five: Reverence for life, Family Spirit, Humble Service, Compassion and Stewardship. For us Little Sisters, daughters of St. Jeanne, they are a daily challenge willingly and lovingly embraced through our vocation. We don't always meet the mark, but every day is a new beginning and all those who work along with us give us much joy and hope.

I know these events are important, but we don't want to miss those who help us to make the Residents happy daily in hidden ways by doing their job, smiling when they don't feel like it, listening and caring. Thank you from the bottom of our hearts for your example and goodness!

Before closing I am sending out a plea. The month of November is Vocation Awareness Month. We want to start a Vocation Club here in our Home. Sister Janet Mary is hoping to host a couple of events now and during the coming year. If anyone is interested, or if you know someone who is discerning their vocation could you send them our way? We need more Little Sisters to follow the charism of St. Jeanne, who found God and happiness in our elders. Have a beautiful Thanksgiving and a blessed Christmas!

Servants of God

If you don't know Dan, you've likely seen him at Jeanne Jugan Residence dressed in New England Patriots attire either cutting down trees or removing weeds and brush around the property. He is often referred to as "Dan the Man" because of his boundless energy tackling the many tasks around our Home. Judy, his wife, is always nearby, working tirelessly behind the scenes assisting the Little Sisters with organization of the Home.

Dan and Judy knew they wanted to spend their free time volunteering after retiring, but were not sure where to begin their service to the community. The answer was given to them while attending Mass at their parish in 2009. After the homily, Sr. Marie Jeanne gave a heartwarming story of the life of Jeanne Jugan, who was to be canonized later that year. They knew immediately, the Little Sisters were calling them to be their extended hands. Although Sr. Marie Jeanne has passed into the hands of God, her words to Dan and Judy still resonate with them, "I prayed and you came!"

Judy believes God's purpose for Dan and herself at this time in their lives is to be members of the Little Sisters family. Over the past 10 years, Judy has humbly performed her duties as a keeper of the Resident's store, Mother's storeroom and project person where assigned. Dan's first task was to clear the wooded area around the grounds, which he readily undertook with his trusty chain saw. He then became the collecting Sister's driver and the painter extraordinaire of the Home.

On the occasion of their 50th wedding anniversary in 2018 Dan and Judy were happy to renew their wedding vows in our chapel. This year they were crowned King and Queen of the 2019 Mardi Gras as permanent Residents. It is evident that Dan and Judy truly are servants of God, ready to assist with any needs of Jeanne Jugan Residence, which they now call Home.

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