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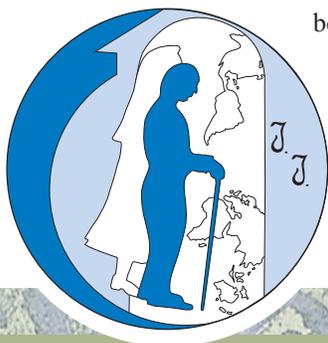
Pope Emeritus Benedict has encouraged all Christians everywhere to rediscover the joy of faith in his apostolic letter proclaiming the Year of Faith, *Porta Fidei*. Through the parables, Jesus taught us that eternal joy will not come from simply having faith but from the practice of our faith. It is our vocation, be it religious or laity, to renew our faith and deepen our relationship with the Holy Trinity.

In order to share in the gifts given to us, we must spend time with God and learn to trust in His divine providence. The Pope also stated in his letter, "Faith without charity bears no fruit, while charity without faith would

be a sentiment constantly at the mercy

of doubt. Faith and charity each require the other, in such a way that each allows the other to set out along its respective path" (14). The Little Sisters find joy and love in their faith and are constantly enhancing their belief by sharing with the community of Residents, staff and volunteers the beauty of attending Mass, praying the Rosary and belonging to the family of God.

As we continue our journey through the Year of Faith, we invite our dear friends to cultivate your own relationship with God by reflecting on the graces given to each and everyone through prayer and devotion to our blessed sacraments. Notably, we ask God for his guidance with the gifts He has entrusted to us as His messengers.



Sharing in our Mission

The Little Sisters of the Poor recognize the countless supporters who respond to the many needs of our home. St. Jeanne Jugan looked upon sharing as a normal human gesture among God's children since He has confided each person to love each other.

Through your spirit of faith and charity, you have helped to ensure that we fulfill our commitment to caring for our elderly Residents. We pray daily for your intentions and count on your unwavering financial assistance.

Thank you for sharing the journey with us. We are forever grateful!

Little Sisters of the Poor

Capturing Memories through a Labor of Love



It has often been quoted, “memories fade quickly...present becomes past” but Marge Nogan, a Resident of our home, was adamant about keeping precious memories alive through her quilting skills. Marge’s daughter Catherine wanted to preserve a history of her adult children’s activities during their youth. Catherine had a vast collection of t-shirts reflecting sporting events, concerts, trips, school activities, etc., which her children had been engaged in and asked her mom, Marge, if she would document this

history by creating a collage quilt for each of her four children.

Marge was up to the challenge since she had been perfecting her quilting skills though the coaching of a long-time volunteer of the home. What once were mere t-shirts, have evolved into beautiful memory quilts. Through the creative hands of a caring grandmother, special memories can now be shared from generation to generation. Marge has completed two memory quilts and is diligently working on the remaining quilts.

How Life’s Journey Unfolds



Lucy Casas (or “Little Lucy” as she is fondly referred to because of her petite demeanor) began her career at Little Sisters at the age of 70 and she always had a desire to work regardless of her age. Lucy interviewed for a position in the Dietary Department in 1988 and jokingly recalls the question, “Can you start tomorrow?” She repeatedly replies that it is her good luck to work for the Little Sisters. Her duties were many over a 6 year span from a dietary aide, seamstress and receptionist, to mention a few. Lucy felt blessed to be an employee at the home especially at her age.

Unfortunately, Lucy was struck by a car on her walk home from work. Because of the injuries she sustained, Lucy required rehabilitation at another nursing home and was unable to return to work. But the story does not end here... the Little Sisters were so enamored by her dedication, they asked Lucy to become a Resident of the home once she completed her rehabilitation. At the young age of 94, Lucy is still engaged in many of

the activities of the home and attends Mass and Rosary on a regular basis.

Lucy has the distinct honor of being a Resident of the home for over 20 years and shares her extensive tenure with two nurses, Sue Good and Cheryl Cox, who have accumulated over 65 years of service between them. When asked what inspires their passion for caring for our elderly Residents like Lucy, they both emphatically replied: “We are a family... Little Sisters, Residents and staff.” Sue and Cheryl remember Lucy as a co-worker and have learned that circumstances often reverse roles and have enjoyed the companionship of Lucy over the past 26 years as both an employee and Resident.

The wisdom and vision of St. Jeanne Jugan are reflected in the Little Sisters’ approach in managing their home based on the love of God, and by involving as many people as possible in the work of caring for the needy aged in our community.

Share the Care Campaign

We are delighted to announce the results of our Longwood Foundation Matching Grant Challenge. We were overwhelmed (but not surprised) with the generosity of the many local foundations and individuals who responded to the dollar for dollar challenge presented to us by the Longwood Foundation. With this goal met (and surpassed), we received the pledged balance of \$130,000. The Little Sisters would like to acknowledge the following foundations who assisted us in the challenge:

- Chichester duPont Foundation
- DuPont Company Foundation
- Laffey McHugh Foundation
- Delaware Community Foundation
- Huisking Foundation
- Monique Braude Foundation

While this wonderful opportunity provided us with the funds to progress in completion of Phase III of our campaign, our work is not done. We are working towards renovating our unit dining areas and nurses areas to better accommodate the needs of our Residents in a homelike environment which addresses Culture Change initiatives to provide nursing care with quality, compassion, and with the same privacy and comforts of home.

We invite you to partner with those who have already made gifts to our Share the Care Campaign. Opportunities will be available for permanent naming rights at various levels. This is a wonderful chance to create a legacy for yourself, your spouse or another loved one.



Mardi Gras 2013



Each year the Mardi Gras celebration at Jeanne Jugan Residence is a marvel. The energy and spirit of the day is lively and contagious. Mardi Gras is a day of fun, friends, strutting, floats, beads and music and this year's event was just as fabulous.

The Mardi Gras parade theme for 2013 was "Through the Decades" and Residents, employees and volunteers alike all got a chance to share in the spotlight while the Little Sisters and parade goers cheered them on. Starting in the roaring 20's



and going all the way through to the 80's, each decade was brought to life with music, fantastic costumes, floats and some incredible dance moves.

No Mardi Gras event would be complete without a King and Queen. A beautiful coronation ceremony was held the night before the parade. It was a formal affair and all the Residents were decked out in beautiful gowns and tuxedos. This year's regal honors went to Residents Bob Piane and Mary Lang and they ruled the home for Mardi Gras.

A Message from Mother Joseph Caroline



We are blessed to begin our Easter and Spring season with the election of Pope Francis as we continue our journey of hope, understanding and charity in the Year of Faith. The excitement in the home was overwhelming as the Residents, staff and Little Sisters anxiously awaited the announcement of our Church's new leader.

As we celebrate the election of Pope Francis and his vision for the Church, we are reminded of our updated Vision for our community:

Our VISION is to contribute to the Culture of Life by nurturing communities where each person is valued, the solidarity of the human family and the wisdom of age are celebrated, and the compassionate love of Christ is shared with all.

This vision is echoed in our daily lives with our Residents as we strive to live out the values chosen for our entire family here at Jeanne Jugan Residence:

Reverence, Family Spirit, Humble Service, Compassion and Stewardship

As partners in our mission and vision, you, too, share in all the values noted above. Sharing what we have with those who are less fortunate is an expression of sincere love and our recompense for the existence that has been given to each and every one of us.

Your kindness to our family at Jeanne Jugan Residence is the purest form of charity and one which is acknowledged daily through the gentle faces of our Residents, who are forever grateful. As always, we would be happy to welcome you for a visit so that you can witness the fruits of your compassion.

Sister Joseph Caroline, lsp

Celebrating the Feast Day of St. Joseph



St. Jeanne Jugan regarded St. Joseph as a great protector and provider of the Little Sisters of the Poor. She had a special devotion to him, entrusting all of her endeavors and worries to his powerful protection. He was her solace and confidant throughout her many years as a Little Sister. Her faith in St. Joseph and his ability to protect and provide never faltered.

The Feast Day of St. Joseph was celebrated in our chapel on March 19th. Most Reverend W. Francis Malooly, Bishop of the Diocese of Wilmington, was the Main Celebrant at the concelebrated Mass. The congregation of Residents, Little Sisters, volunteers, AJJ Members, friends and benefactors experienced a lovely Mass and reflected upon the many blessings of St. Joseph for all his answered prayers.

The congregation also had the opportunity to view the home's beautiful St. Joseph's Day Altar. This tradition, which originated in Sicily in the Middle Ages, consists of a table of beautiful flowers and foods presented in ways that symbolize elements of the faith. This custom symbolizes gratitude to St. Joseph as well as the act of sharing good fortune with those who have less.

An Opportunity to Partner with the Feinstein Foundation and Multiply the Value of Your Giving

During the months of March and April, the Little Sisters of the Poor will once again participate in the 16th Annual \$1 Million Giveaway to Fight Hunger through the Feinstein Foundation challenge campaign. All donations raised during March and April 2013 will be utilized by us and subsequent contributions from the Feinstein Foundation will be divided proportionately among all agencies who have participated. We have been a recipient of funds from this very important fundraising event and look forward to sharing Alan Shawn Feinstein's mission with our own. Please join us in sharing the care of the elderly in our home.

Upcoming Events

Rock-A-Thon

April 20

It's that time of year again!

www.rockfortheaged.com

6th Annual "Swing Fore Little Sisters" Charity Golf Outing

July 25

Please join us at the Cavaliers Country Club.

Nun Run

September 14

The Little Sisters invite you to our 5k race/walk

www.nunrun5k.org

Please encourage your friends and family to visit our website at littlesistersofthepoordelaware.org for information regarding our home and updates on activities at Jeanne Jugan Residence.