



LITTLE SISTERS OF THE POOR

Holy Family Residence

Serving the elderly poor in St. Paul, Minnesota since 1883

Mission Statement

Continuing the work of St. Jeanne Jugan, our MISSION is to offer the neediest elderly of every race and religion a home where they will be welcomed as Christ, cared for as family and accompanied with dignity until God calls them to himself.

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.

Save the Dates:

Upcoming in 2013

- Sept. 17
**St. Jeanne
Jugan Golf
Tournament**

- Nov. 16 & 17
**Christmas
Boutique**

Holy Family Residence
330 Exchange Street South
St. Paul, MN 55102

Christmas 2012



Christmas Blessings 2012

It is a season of celebration, a season of joy. It is a time for giving thanks for blessings received, a time for reviewing our lives and for planning anew. It is a time for families and friends to join together in peace and in love.

For many, the separation of our extended families imbues that love with the bittersweet taste of absence; for some, separated from loved ones by miles and even continents because of our nation's commitment to the preservation of peace and justice throughout our world, this sense of absence is intensified by feelings of anxiety and concern, but always hope. For those who are going through the loss of family members and the recovery of the recent East Coast disaster, there is sadness and frustration, but always faith.

It is with grateful thanks, to you our benefactors and friends, that we recognize the interdependence of each of us on all of us. In your giving, sharing and thoughtfulness, you have been most generous during this past year. You have made it possible for us to offer the greatest possible care and to make the necessary improvements in order to best serve our beloved Residents. It has indeed been a year of good will and we thank you.

As we reflect on our many blessings and

celebrate these joyful holidays, may we renew a commitment to the principles expressed so well by our own Foundress, St. Jeanne Jugan. She chose the Holy Family as the model of our community life and encouraged her first Little Sisters to follow that example of charity which the Family exemplified. "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." At our Home our fidelity to the Holy Family extends to the elderly we serve as we endeavor to create a true family spirit.

Our sincere wish is that you and your families experience that love, joy and peace epitomized by the Holy Family as you gather together to celebrate the beautiful time of our Savior's birth. Our sincere hope is that the nations of the world, too, may find that working together and caring for each other in harmony will also bring peace.

We again thank you for your continued support of our mission and wish you and your loved ones a sacred and jubilant Christmas season. You are remembered in the daily prayers and masses offered in our Chapel at Holy Family Residence.

Little Sisters of the Poor



Mother Theresa with St. Jeanne Jugan Award recipients, Bishop Richard Pates and Mr. Raymond Faricy, Esquire.

St. Jeanne Jugan Gala A Great Success

BY: Cindy Staggs

Months of preparation culminated in a wonderful evening at the Crowne Plaza Riverfront St. Paul Hotel. The event opened with a cocktail reception during which attendees had the opportunity to browse among the many and varied silent auction items. There was something for everyone, ranging from sports memorabilia of the famed "Purple People Eaters" and Minnesota Twins, guided fishing trips, a wide array of gift certificates and gift baskets to a hand-knit sweater. Sisters greeted guests and offered everyone a chance to participate, later in the evening, in a spirited game of heads and tails. If

you are unfamiliar with the game, it is as simple as choosing "heads" or "tails" before the flip of the coin. With 196 participants vying for the 50/50 pot, it became one of the highlights of the evening. After just 4 coin flips we were down to our final 2 contestants! The gracious winner donated his share, \$980.00, back to the Little Sisters.

Bishop Pates and Mr. Ray Faricy were presented with the St. Jeanne Jugan Award for their devotion and dedicated service to the Little Sisters. Their remarks reflected not only their honor in receiving the award but also their appreciation of the work of

the Little Sisters. Bishop Pates entertained the gathering with remembrances of his encounters at the Home and a story or two of his parents. His mother had been a nurse in the old Home and later in life both his mother and father moved into the Jeanne Jugan Apartments as Residents. Ray reflected upon his many years of work on behalf of the Little Sisters, "you couldn't ask for a better client." He also commended the terrific staff members at the Home with whom he has had the opportunity to work with through the years.

Funds raised through the Gala and live and silent auctions will help to offset the cost of replacing the nurse call and phone systems. Our current systems are over 18 years old and are no longer supported for repair or replacement. Advances in technology will allow direct contact with our nursing staff, doctors and clinics helping to care for our Residents. Thanks to everyone involved with the Gala we were able to raise \$80,000.00 towards this cause.

We wish to thank our committee members and the small army of volunteers that helped to make the evening such a wonderful success.



Gala attendees browse among the numerous silent auction items offered. Thanks to many generous benefactors our live and silent auction and "fund the need" raised over \$80,000.00 towards the cost of replacing the nurse call and phone systems at Holy Family Residence.

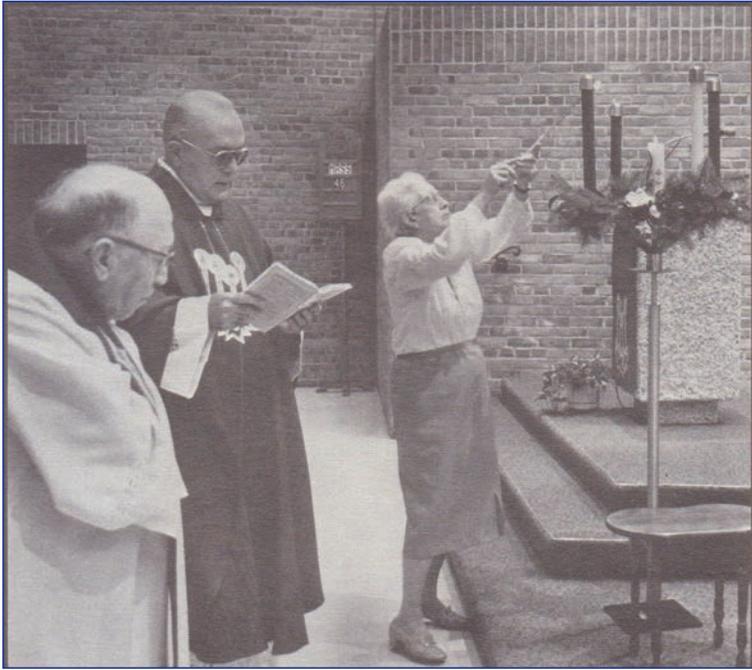
Holy Family Guild - Please Join Us

The Holy Family Guild of the Little Sisters of the Poor St. Paul welcomes new members who are interested in our mission and that of the Little Sisters. The purpose of the Guild is to aid the community of the Holy Family Residence for the Elderly conducted by the Little Sisters, to communicate and assist in this service abiding by the Code of Ethics and to help with fund-raising to

meet specific needs of the Home. It meets monthly from September through May and offers opportunities to be involved in many of the events throughout the year. For more information and membership, please contact President Anna Mae Hogan at grandma.mae@comcast.net

Around Our Home

Remembering Christmases Past



Resident Vera Anderson lights an Advent candle in preparation for the coming of Christ at Christmas as Chaplain Fr. Wirth and Monsignor Foran read the Blessing of the Advent Wreath. ~Time and Life November 1987.

A Nurse Looks Back

BY: Cindy Staggs

Rose joined our family in 1974 following her completion of nursing school. She never intended to stay. At that time the Little Sisters were in the process of combining the Minneapolis and St. Paul Homes and Rose thought that she would stay long enough to see that merge completed. That was 38 years ago. She came to work with the little Sisters because it was a “family thing” since both her sister and brother worked in the Minneapolis Home as social worker and kitchen aide at the time.

Rose remembers that time of change well, experiencing the nervous excitement of the move. Everything was new, not just the building. The original Homes were built with separate wards for women and men, six to eight to a room with the bathrooms down

the hall. In the new facility, most had just one roommate while a few had a private room. All rooms included a bathroom!

When asked what has kept her here all these years, she paused and pondered that “the Sisters are always here. They are here for the Residents and their families and they are here for the staff. It is a true family atmosphere with the focus and goal not for profit but for the care of the Residents. The quality of that care is reflected back by the appreciation of the Residents’ families for the care and attention given to their loved ones.”



Rose Davis has worked the night shift for her entire 38 year career at Holy Family Residence.



Taking advantage of the sunny day illuminating one of our lounges, Residents Don Conway and Lucille Porter enjoy a game of UNO with staff member Thras Temanu during the “black-out.”

From the Darkness, Hospitality Brings Glorious Light

BY: Dorothy Salesses

Holy Family Residence had the opportunity to travel back to the time of our beloved Foundress, St. Jeanne Jugan. It started with the prospect and absolute necessity of replacing our 40 year old generator. After considerable planning and fundraising, the days of installation and “lights out” were upon us. We became “unplugged from society!”

Besides no lights, the elevators were not operating. We couldn’t help but think of St. Jeanne when she graciously carried the homeless blind woman up the those flights of stairs so many years ago to offer her her own bed. A visit to each floor found the Sisters, Residents and staff immersed in various activities such as playing cards by the light of the lantern and engaging in hearty conversations. The entire mood of the day was a feeling not of isolation but of community spirit, watching out for each other with a strong sensitivity to the needs of others. Again, assuming the role of our brother’s keeper was an affirmation of St. Jeanne Jugan’s vow of hospitality.

Since the Holy Family kitchen and main dining room were without any kind of electricity, the Sisters and the dietary staff carried the cold meal to the individual dining rooms on each of the four floors. Residents, staff from the floors as well as staff members from the first floor whose computers, phones and anything electrical were inoperable, enjoyed the camaraderie of each other as they gathered to share a meal together. Laughter, joy and smiles were the order of the day.

There were no lights, no phones, no call systems, no computers, no beepers, bells or whistles. It was quiet! When evaluating the experience a few days later, the comments were: peaceful, calm, serene ---- WONDERFUL! Perhaps being occasionally “unplugged” gives us that breather of time to reflect on our many blessings from God, to enjoy the precious human connections and the simpler ways of life in the manner of our own, St. Jeanne Jugan.

A Simple Note



Mother Theresa and Resident
Jeanne Trowbridge

Greetings from Holy Family Residence! We visit once again this time of year when we are especially thankful for the many blessings that God has bestowed on us here at our Home. Through the generous donations of our benefactors and sponsorship of our local parishes, activities such as the giving tree and the many gifts of time and talents, whether through singing, working with our Residents or helping in the dining room, we have been truly blessed. The great success of the Golf Tournament, the St. Jeanne Jugan Gala and the Christmas Boutique have made it possible to make the necessary improvements to our atrium, to upgrade the nurse call/phone system and to help fund the new generator. It is with heartfelt gratitude that we thank all of you for your munificent support. We just could not do it without you.

On October 11 on the fiftieth anniversary of the opening of the Second Vatican Council, Pope Benedict announced the beginning of a Year of Faith. In his Apostolic Letter, *Porta Fidei*, he challenges us to be witnesses of our faith as Christians to “radiate the word of truth that the Lord Jesus has left us.” Here at Holy Family Residence we look forward to several planned activities that focus on our charge “to fill our hearts and impel us to evangelize...to rediscover the joy of believing and the enthusiasm for communicating the faith.” We invite you to visit our website at www.littlesistersofthepoorstpaul.org to keep abreast of all of the exciting events that are taking place at Holy Family Residence.

We value your continued goodness in supporting our mission of hospitality and humble service to the elderly. May the timeless message and the miracle of Christmas fill your hearts and homes with peace, joy and the Grace of our Father. You and your family will have a special remembrance in the grateful prayers of the Sisters and Residents and the masses during the Christmas season and throughout the new year.

God Bless You!

Mother Theresa

FUTURE GIVING

Bequests have been the most meaningful sources of funds for the mission of the Little Sisters of the Poor. Through the generosity of so many, the Little Sisters have been blessed to continue their work caring for the elderly.

As you plan for the future, please consider making a legacy gift to the Little Sisters of the Poor. Estate gifts can be made through a variety of ways: A Living Trust, Charitable Remainder Trust, Life Insurance Beneficiary, Retirement Plan Beneficiary or a provision in your Will stating:

“I give to the Little Sisters of the Poor of St. Paul, Minnesota, to be used at their discretion:

1. The sum of \$_____ or %_____ of my estate or
2. The residual of my estate (amount after other gifts) or
3. The specific gift of stock, property or asset.”



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