



Time and Life

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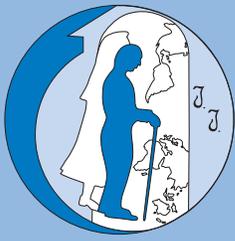
Gertrude Blair and Gladys Schleisman

A Quarter of a Century and counting...

The summer of 1985 brought exciting changes to our family in St. Paul. In June we dedicated the newly constructed Jeanne Jugan Apartments. The building, which adjoins Holy Family Residence, allowed us to welcome Seniors who are able to live independently. Two of those first Apartment Residents, Gladys Schleisman and Gertrude Blair, have been here at the Little Sisters of the Poor, St. Paul ever since. They moved in just a month apart; since then, their lives have crossed paths in many different ways.

Gladys spent her childhood in North Dakota before moving to Minneapolis. Gertrude was raised on a farm in Iowa and came to the cities for nurses training. Her training was interrupted when her father passed away and she could no longer afford to continue her studies. Both were married and have children, some of whom live in the Twin City area. Gladys and Gertrude first read about the new Jeanne Jugan apartments in the local Catholic paper, which was then the Catholic Bulletin. They came to live with the Little Sisters but they found a home and a new family. Over the years, Gladys has helped with feeding the Residents and accompanying them to appointments. Gertrude has been a Lector and a Eucharist Minister as well as a face at the front desk. They both traveled to Lourdes with other Residents and staff members from Holy Family, Gertrude in 1989 and Gladys in 1994. Both have long served the Community as members of the Association Jeanne Jugan and have been present in prayer with many Residents in their last days. In 1986, then Governor Rudy Perpich awarded each a Certificate of Commendation for their commitment to service.

Gladys has always felt that Holy Family Residence was like her second home. She appreciates that she has been made to “feel needed.” Gertrude has enjoyed her “safe haven” where things are always constant and there are no fears. When asked about any changes, Gertrude mentions that “her hair turned white!” Both agreed that the best parts of living at the Home are the opportunity to go to daily Mass and the availability of medical attention. Gertrude (92) and Gladys (97) attribute their long and fulfilled lives to the excellent care received from the Little Sisters and the spiritual atmosphere that permeates the Home. Holy Family Residence has been blessed by their presence and support for these past twenty-six years!



A Solemn Blessing What was old is now made new again.

After several weeks of preparation to ready the newly renovated Chapel, Sisters, Residents, Association Jeanne Jugan members, and benefactors joyfully gathered on January 18th to celebrate a Mass of Blessing. Archbishop Emeritus Harry J. Flynn, loyal friend of the Little Sisters and recipient of the St. Jeanne Jugan Award, was the main celebrant. Concelebrants were Fr. John Paul Erickson, Master of Ceremonies, Fr. James Holl, our chaplain, Fr. Joseph Johnson, pastor of the Cathedral, Fr. William Gamber, one of our former chaplains and our resident priests.



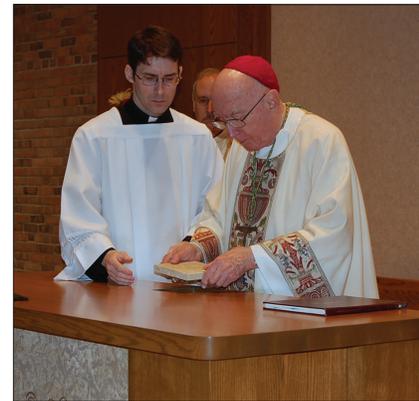
With dignity and solemnity, the Knights of Columbus Fourth Degree Color Guard led the entrance procession into the Chapel. Reminiscent of Good Friday, the Holy Family Chapel was bare. The altar was uncovered, the vigil light was out and the tabernacle was empty with the door open. It made one think of stark beauty and stark simplicity.

The ceremony was divided into three parts: 1) The Liturgy of the Word, 2) The Ritual of the Blessing, and 3) The Liturgy of the Eucharist. The First Reading was from Nehemiah, exalting the great beauty of the Temple, the House of God. The Responsorial was Psalm 84, “Blessed are they who dwell in Your house O Lord”. The Second Reading from Hebrews applauded faithfulness, prayer and worship. The Gospel was taken from John 4:19-24. Archbishop Flynn with his usual eloquence wove all three readings into a beautiful mosaic and made them a very relevant preparation for the ritual of the blessing.

After the Prayer of the Faithful, the Antiphon, “My house shall be called a house of prayer, alleluia,” announced the ritual of the Solemn Blessing of the Altar.



Archbishop Flynn and Father Erickson placed the relic of St. Jeanne Jugan in the altar and solemnly laid the stone which will never again be removed. Archbishop read beautiful prayers of blessing, blessed the altar and then incensed it. This was followed by the blessing of all corners of the Chapel and all who participated in this Mass.



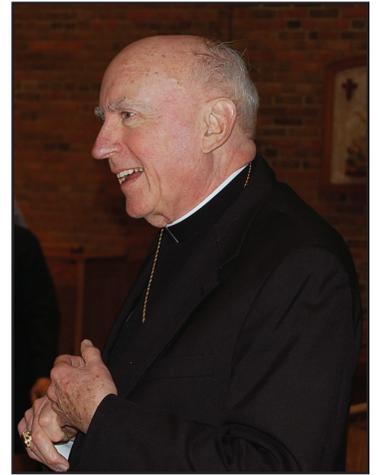
"Making the elderly happy, that is what counts!"

Saint Jeanne Jugan

During the Offertory procession in preparation for the Liturgy of the Eucharist, visiting seminarians brought the candles for the altar, two sisters carried the altar cloths and placed them on the Altar and Mr. Richard Erickson presented flowers to place in front of the altar. The altar was then made ready for the gifts and the Mass continued.



Archbishop Flynn with his special gift of graciousness, thanked all who participated to make the ceremony so meaningful. He made everyone feel comfortable and appreciated, and then displayed his famous wit and charm as he added, *"You know this is my Chapel in honor of my fifty years of priesthood, and I really like it."*



Following Mass, Archbishop Flynn took time to greet Residents and visitors. We are so very grateful to Archbishop Flynn and our generous supporters who made



the renovation possible. Our Chapel, which represents the very core of life here at our Home, is a magnificent place of prayer where we can all worship in comfort, safety and simple beauty.

For Our Dining Pleasure

A very special highlight of the day at Holy Family Residence is mealtime. Residents not only have an opportunity to share a delicious meal, but to enjoy conversations with one another in a relaxed and pleasurable atmosphere.

Recent modifications were made to add to the convenience and ambiance of the main dining room. What a privilege it is to have breakfast cooked to order! The addition of a beverage bar includes juice selections to accompany breakfast. The noon meal, the main meal of the day, is served restaurant-style with a menu selection of hot foods and desserts. A supper buffet includes choices from our new soup bar as well as a variety of other great foods. The new serving system has truly enriched the dining experience for our main dining room Residents. Stay tuned for news of forthcoming upgrades to our second and third floor dining rooms.





Visit Us on the Web

Did you know you can visit Holy Family Residence on the World Wide Web?
www.littlesistersofthepoorstpaul.org

Find information about the Little Sisters' philosophy, our begging tradition and our history here in the Twin Cities. Information about Holy Family Residence and the Jeanne Jugan Apartments is available along with our admission criteria.



To stay up-to-date about happenings in our Home please check out our Calendar of Events and Blog. If you wish to become a part of our family, employment and volunteer activities are posted on a regular basis.

"As Little Sisters of the Poor we care for the needy elderly in the spirit of humble service that we have received from St. Jeanne Jugan. We welcome the elderly as we would Jesus Christ himself and serve them with love and respect until death."



PRAYER REQUEST

Each day our Residents and Little Sisters bring your needs and intentions before the Lord in prayer. Every month, in every Home of the Little Sisters throughout the world, a Mass is offered for our friends and benefactors.

DONATIONS

If you would like to help us in our ministry of caring for the elderly poor, you are able make a contribution online using our secure link.

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We would like to extend our thanks to Japs-Olson Company for printing our Spring and Christmas Newsletters.



St. Jeanne Jugan Golf Classic

Save the date...Monday, September 12, 2011
www.littlesistersgolf.com

You won't want to miss this popular event. Once again the St. Jeanne Jugan Golf Classic will be held at Indian Hills Golf Club in Stillwater. Your registration fee of \$170.00 includes lunch, gift give-away, and a fun day of golf followed by a delicious dinner. We all know that golf can be a humbling sport, but what could be more humbling than being outscored by a Little Sister in the putting challenge.

If you are unable to participate with us for golf, please consider joining us for dinner. Reservations can be made for \$40.00 per person. This year we will be raffling off a golf membership to Indian Hills for the 2012 season. Tickets for this drawing are just \$20.00. To register for golf or dinner or to purchase a raffle chance please contact our Development Office at (651) 227-0336.

Don't delay - space is limited!

