



# 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 are welcomed as Christ, cared for as family and accompanied with dignity until God calls them to himself.*



Sr. Maria Francis and Helen Basco browse through the Legacy of Faith Scrapbook

## The Year of Faith - The Journey Continues

### Save the Dates:

- Sept 21  
**Fall Fashion Show**
- Sept. 23  
**St. Jeanne Jugan Golf Tournament**
- Nov. 23 & 24  
**Christmas Boutique**

Last October, we began the “The Year of Faith” as proclaimed by Pope Emeritus Benedict XVI. He challenged us to focus a year on our Christian faith and to reflect more deeply on that which makes us Catholics. We at Holy Family Residence have focused on the Sacraments of Baptism, Reconciliation and the Eucharist with displays, speakers and other related activities.

Emphasizing the remaining Sacraments of Confirmation, Anointing of the Sick, Holy Orders and Matrimony during the final months of this special year, we continue to experience anew their powerful gifts.

A local National Evangelization Team (NET) organized a day of prayer for our Residents to highlight the Sacraments of the Anointing of the Sick and Confirmation. To enhance the anointing service, the young adults

selected and performed meditative music and songs and led discussions to process this sacred penitential rite. Team members shared testimonies of their conversions and invited Residents to do the same.

Volunteers interviewed each Resident with one question, “What Legacy of Faith do you wish to leave your family?” The result was a Legacy of Faith scrapbook which remains on display in our gathering space as a witness to their Confirmation and their faith. As we focused on Holy Orders, the daily prayer before Mass for an increase of vocations took on new meaning and urgency.

Bill Wacker, husband of Director of Nursing Adella Wacker, helped us broaden our understanding of Christian marriage by leading a two-part program

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# Little Sisters of the Poor



Tom Pauly shares his creation with Dr. Charles Pogemiller, Sr., M.D.

## A Legacy of Love Celebrating the Resident Artist

By: Dorothy Salesses

Recently the auditorium at Holy Family Residence was transformed into a myriad of beautiful spring and summer colors, depicting panoramas of deserts and mountains, streams and waterfalls, country roads and sunsets. Still-life paintings presented shades of flower power, birds of multiple hues and an exquisite depiction of our Blessed Mother.

This was the culmination of several weeks of instruction with local art teachers who volunteer their time and expertise to work with some of our Residents. The occasion was the third annual Art Exhibit complete with wine

and cheese to enhance the ambiance of this special event. Resident Artists sat proudly beside their creations to answer questions and to receive comments made by the impressed viewers. One family member exclaimed, "I am just blown away. My mother never painted in her entire life and here she has produced this beautiful piece of art."

As we toured and visited with the Artists, they expressed joy in having the empowerment, thanks to patient and talented volunteer art teachers, to express themselves through various mediums. When asked how long she had been painting, one Resident smiled and answered, "as long as it took me to

paint these three pictures!" Another stated that, "participating in the classes is an outlet for me and I look forward every week to getting together with others to create images of God's beauty in the world." Two of the participants had painted previously but most were following in the manner of Grandma Moses, experiencing latent talents in the golden years of their lives.

Sisters, staff, family members, outside visitors and other Residents continuously flowed into the auditorium to view the masterpieces. Encouraging and positive compliments were graciously received and humbly accepted. A staff member exclaimed, "I am amazed at your design. I love your bold colors and how you have made the water look like it is moving." What a great affirmation given by a staff member to the Resident and what a great discovery for the staff member to learn and to appreciate another aspect of the life of the person in her charge. Our Foundress, Saint Jeanne Jugan said, "He is so good. . .Love God very much. All for Him, do everything through love." Our Resident creators of beautiful art have certainly left all of us their, "Legacy of Love."



Myrtle Trembley and Sr. Marguerite share a smile during the Art Show.

### HOLY FAMILY GUILD LUNCHEON & STYLE SHOW Saturday, September 21, 2013

POOL & YACHT CLUB  
with STYLES BY CHICO'S on Grand

Social Hour - 11:30 a.m.      Lunch - 12:00 p.m.

**\$30.00 PER PERSON**

For Tickets and Information call

Mary Edel-Joyce (651) 639-1383 or Dolly Kenney (651) 698-5829

# Around Our Home

## A Look Back...

From Time and Life December 1991...

### "I Pledge Allegiance..."

Citizens throughout the United States pay tribute to our country's flag on Flag Day each year. This year, Residents of the Home gathered outside the main entrance on June 14 to observe the day with a special flag raising ceremony.

World War II veteran Con Jaworski held the flag as Fr. Luger said a blessing asking God's protection of our flag and our freedom. A hush came over the gathering as volunteer bugler Lee Stoffel of the VFW played "To the Colors" and Mike Hadfield of the engineering department raised the flag. The Pledge of Allegiance and the singing of the Residents' all-time favorite song, "God Bless America," brought the touching ceremony to a close.



Resident Frank Perkins saluted as a new flag was raised at this year's Flag day observance.



## The Year of Faith

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titled "What the Bible Tells Me about the Sacrament of Marriage: What are the signs and Sacraments?" and "The Bookends of the Sacred Scripture."

Bill holds a Master's Degree in Scripture from St. John's University and the licentiate in Scripture (S.S.L.) from Pontifical Biblical Commission in Rome. He developed a "Marriage in Crisis" seminar, which is being utilized in local parishes and hosted by Bill & Adella.

During the month of August, our focus is on the faith of St. Jeanne Jugan whose feast day is on August 30. We also celebrate the feast days of many other heroes and heroines including St. Rose of Lima, St. John Vianney, St. Louis; King of France, St. Maxi-

milian Kolbe and St. Augustine. As "living symbols," they remind us that we are called to "work as disciples of Christ by caring for the sick, the oppressed and the debilitated." (Vat.II) Our journey concludes with an examination of the Beatitudes which exemplify the heart of the work of Saint Jeanne Jugan. This was her ministry which is entrusted to the Little Sisters of the Poor and all who help them to provide loving care to the elderly in need in their many Homes around the world.



Resident Joan Witry pauses to say a silent prayer in our Saint Jeanne Jugan courtyard.



## One Hundred and ten Years of Noble Service

In July, Holy Family Residence paid tribute to two of our Little Sisters for their many years of service. Sr. Mary Agnes, who celebrated 50 years of Final Vows and Sr. Emmanuel who commemorated 60 years of First Vows.

Sr. Mary Agnes, a native of Rhode Island, recently arrived from Denver, Colorado. In her early years as a young girl, she became acquainted with the Little Sisters as she spent many hours visiting and volunteering in the nearby Home in Pawtucket. Knowing that God was calling her to serve, Sister entered the Congregation in Pawtucket. After her year at La Tour, France, she spent her first five years in England and the Channel Islands. Since then she has served in the states in the Brooklyn, Baltimore and now, the Chicago Provinces.

Although Sr. Mary Agnes has primarily served in an administrative capacity, her true love and passion is the bedside care of the Residents. She values the fact that the "Congregation has held strongly over the many years since St. Jeanne Jugan and is very privileged to be able to be a part of making the elderly poor truly happy for the good of their souls."

Sr. Emmanuel grew up near the Home in Bangalore, India. Her Mother always told her that, "The Little Sisters are the real nuns; they care for those whom nobody loves." She entered at a young age and spent her novitiate in Sydney, Australia. Since that time, she has been a world traveler serving the elderly poor as cook and beggar in Australia, Italy, Malta and in at least ten Homes here in the United States. She is proud that she has crossed 3 oceans, 3 Great Lakes and 3 seas. Sister "thanks God everyday for her life as a Little Sister, for the many nice people she has met around the world and hopes that she can continue to serve."

Whether we say "grazzi, nanni, enks or cheers" our most grateful sentiment is "thank you" in all languages to these two Sisters for the one hundred and ten years of dedicated service to the elderly poor around the globe.

# A Simple Note

After a very long winter and a very short spring, Residents are involved with the many activities of summer and are delighted to be able to enjoy the beautiful greenery and gardens in our backyard. We look forward to August 30th when we gather to celebrate our Foundress Saint Jeanne Jugan's Feast Day.

Fr. Eugene Abbott, a Resident at Holy Family for many years, passed away in June. Father very graciously offered daily Mass not only for us, especially when we have been without a chaplain, but for neighboring Assumption Church as well. We will greatly miss Fr. Abbott's "straight from the heart" homilies, his cheerful friendliness and his beautiful reading of the Passion each year.

During the past few months, we have been able to complete the replacement of seven whirlpool tubs, a project we started three years ago. Our nursecall system is now in operation. We have finished the first phase of three and move forward to complete the upgrade of the telephone system. Thanks to a very generous benefactor, we are in the process of upgrading our thirty-six year-old Medical Suite which we shall rename our Wellness Center. It will provide better functionality, privacy and comfort not only for our Residents, but for our attending physicians and health staff as well.

As we continue to participate in the final months of the "Year of Faith," we at Holy Family Residence greatly appreciate the love and support of you, our friends and benefactors, in carrying out our mission. Pope Francis reminds us that the suffering are the Body of Christ and in a small way, we must let Jesus in and go out to the poor. That is the gift and richness that is the Gospel. And in the words of Saint Jeanne Jugan, "It is a great grace God is giving you. In serving the poor, it is Jesus Himself whom you are serving."

*Mother Therese*

## We've made online donating even easier...our new donation page

The screenshot shows a user interface for online donations. At the top, there is a logo of a stylized figure and the text "Little Sisters of the Poor-Holy Family Residence". Below the logo are four navigation buttons: "Giving Opportunities", "Recurring Transactions", "View Giving History", and "Settings".

The main content area is divided into six boxes, each representing a different type of gift:

- Church Collection**: If the Sisters visited your parish and you weren't prepared to give at that time, you can make your gift now. (Icon: A silhouette of a church building.)
- General Gift**: I wish to donate to the mission of the Little Sisters. (Icon: A hand holding a heart.)
- Memorial Gift**: You can give a gift in memory of a loved one. (Icon: A cross with the text "MY SOUL IS YOURS FOREVER".)
- Newsletter**: Donation made after receipt of your newsletter. (Icon: A stained-glass window showing figures.)
- Tribute Gift**: Given in honor of someone for a Birthday, Anniversary or other special occasion. (Icon: A silhouette of two people walking together.)
- St. Jeanne Jugan Golf Classic**: 9/23/2013 Sixth Annual St. Jeanne Jugan Golf Classic. (Icon: Silhouettes of golfers.)