



Time and Life

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POPE BENEDICT VISITS LITTLE SISTERS Calls Elderly a “Blessing for Society”

Just imagine! Welcoming the Pope, the Vicar of Christ, into your home.

That's just what the Little Sisters and Residents of St. Peter's Residence—a home for the elderly operated by the Little Sisters of the Poor—did during his recent trip to London. Pope Benedict XVI shared some inspiring comments about the elderly while there, calling the presence of older people a “blessing for society,” and expressed that “every generation can learn from the experience and wisdom of the generation that preceded it.”



It was a great joy for the Little Sisters to hear the Holy Father reinforce Saint Jeanne Jugan's esteem for the elderly. In fact, the parallels between his words and hers were very touching. Where St. Jeanne often said that it was an honor to care for the aged, Pope Benedict XVI said “Indeed the provision of care for the elderly should be considered not so much an act of generosity as the repayment of a debt of gratitude.” St. Jeanne's great respect of all life could also find echo in the Holy Father's words: “God wills a proper respect for the dignity and worth, the health and well-being of the elderly...to fulfill the Lord's command to respect life, regardless of age or circumstances.”

As we Little Sisters strive to follow in the footsteps of our beloved Mother Foundress and promise our lives in God's service of the elderly, we are strengthened and inspired by Pope Benedict's words. We hope all those who hear his message will join us as we look forward to embracing our own later years as “the most spiritually fruitful years of our lives.”





Happenings Around the Home

A Lifetime of Service



Sister Marie Pauline renews her vows during the Mass at the Jeanne Jugan Center's chapel

They've been Little Sisters longer than a lot of people have been alive, with an amazing total of 140 years between them! Sr. Emmanuel and Sr. Marie Pauline both celebrated their 70th Jubilees on July 6, 2010.



Sister Emmanuel enjoying the day



“What happiness for us, to be a Little Sister of the Poor!”

-Saint Jeanne Jugan



Sr. Emmanuel and Sr. Marie Pauline pose for a picture with some of their sisters

Each took her first vows on July 6, 1940 in Colombia, South America, and has served in many homes over the years. And it seems that service runs in the family for Sr. Marie Pauline. Her sister is a Little Sister as well!



“Cake, anyone?”

Both Sr. Emmanuel and Sr. Marie Pauline are quick to thank God for their vocations, and so are we! We are grateful for the many lives they have touched over the years, and for their continued witness of God's love.

Faces of Jeanne Jugan

A Glimpse at Some of Our Family!



Jeanne Jugan Center Now On the Web



It is with great joy that we Little Sisters invite you to peruse our newly designed website. Login to www.littlesistersofthepoorkansascity.org to explore the wondrous history of the Little Sisters of the Poor, learn about happenings around our Home, meet some of our friends or take a look at our upcoming events.

Website Highlights

[Our Home](#) link provides information about Little Sisters’ philosophy, our tradition of begging, and admissions criteria if you or a loved one desire to join our family.

[Our U.S. Site](#) link offers information about additional Little Sisters of the Poor homes throughout the country. Did you know that there are 31 Little Sisters homes in North America?

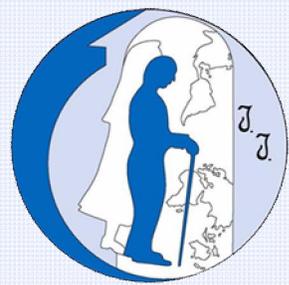
Select  to add your email address to our contact list. By registering you will receive updates around the home and reminders about upcoming events. Our policy is to use this information for internal purposes only. Don’t be left out—register today!

Select  to submit your intentions. St. Jeanne Jugan repaid those who helped her by praying for them. We Little Sisters continue that tradition by praying daily for the needs of our friends and benefactors. Follow the prayer request link for instructions.

Save a stamp. Select  to contribute to our pilgrimage in serving the elderly in our care. Following in St. Jeanne Jugan’s footsteps, we Little Sisters rely solely on God’s Providence through the generosity of our friends and benefactors to provide for the needs of our Residents.

For weekly updates, join us on our  Although non-interactive, you can follow our happenings and learn why our Residents call Little Sisters of the Poor “home.”





Mission Statement

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

Upcoming Events

November 7th
Fall Festival

Wish List

Food
Soda Pop
Crackers

Gift Cards
Gas
CVS
Walgreen's
Sam's Club

Personal Care
Kleenex
Wipes
Lotion
Mouth Wash
Dove Soap
Body Wash
Depends

Visit our website for
a complete Wish List
and Events
Calendar!

Spotlight On

Activities



It was hard work tracking down the Activities staff for this article! They are always on the go, making sure everyone is having a good time here at Jeanne Jugan Center.

Pat Benyo, the Activities Director for the past 18 years, says it's a great job, and one that wouldn't be possible without the help of the many volunteers and Residents' family members who assist with everything from baking cookies to Wal-Mart shopping trips.

"The volunteers are a Godsend," says Pat, "and we are very lucky to have Sister Monique, who oversees the department and is such a wonderful example of Saint Jeanne Jugan's appreciation of the elderly."

The Residents really love Pat, Janice and Linda (the other 2/3 of the team). And it's obvious that the feeling is mutual. The Activities Department really puts into practice the Little Sisters' belief that all life should be celebrated. Thank you, ladies, for a job well done!



The Activities Team



Bequests are an important source of income for the Little Sisters of the Poor. Please consider a gift to support the elderly poor by remembering us in your will. An attorney can help you with the details.