

Little Sisters of the Poor News



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Saint Jeanne Jugan Continuing to touch lives

The feast day of Saint Jeanne Jugan was celebrated on August 30th with the Residents reenacting her life in a theatrical performance. On October 11th we will commemorate the second anniversary of Saint Jeanne's canonization and then on the 25th we will celebrate the day of her birth. The spirit and legacy of our new Saint continues to permeate the Jeanne Jugan Center. Here are a few thoughts of those who are a part of the Saint Jeanne Jugan family:



Sister Maria Catherine, lsp:
Each day I grow in gratitude for the life and mission of Saint Jeanne Jugan, for the call to follow in her footsteps and to experience the love of God in daily life. The joy of seeing Jesus in the needy elderly is a daily call to grow in respect and appreciation for our elders. What happiness to be a Little Sister of the Poor!



Madge (Employee, Daughter of Resident, & Association Jeanne Jugan member): Hospitality is one of the virtues that most describes Saint Jeanne Jugan to me. She showed kindness to a complete stranger, offering her own bed to her. I see this today at the Jeanne Jugan Center. Each Resident is offered a warm home with Little Sisters, staff & volunteers that treat them as if they were family.



Alice (Volunteer and Association Jeanne Jugan candidate): Working as a volunteer in activities at the Jeanne Jugan Center makes me realize how blessed the Residents are due to the Little Sisters' foundress, Saint Jeanne Jugan. The Sisters welcome all with hospitality, love and care for all of their needs. I feel blessed to be a part of this Home.



Theresa (Resident): I am grateful for Saint Jeanne Jugan and her mission, which enabled my husband and I to spend our last years together. Don passed away the day before her canonization surrounded by our family and the Sisters. We were praying the rosary and as my husband took his last breath, the Sisters sang *Parvum Angelicus*. I could feel the presence of Saint Jeanne Jugan in the room as Don was welcomed into the eternal embrace of God.



John (Employee): As a member of the staff at the Little Sisters of the Poor, I can see the love, care, and dedication everyone connected with Saint Jeanne Jugan has for each and every Resident and family. It is a pleasure to belong to such a worthy endeavor.



*“Refuse God nothing ...
We must do all through love”* — Saint Jeanne Jugan

A Golden Occasion

Father John McCormack, Jeanne Jugan Center’s Chaplain, celebrated his Golden Jubilee at the Little Sisters of the Poor on March 6th, surrounded by his family and friends. Father notes that he feels blessed to have been a priest for 50 years, and is happy to have spent his last 13 years with the Little Sisters. His ties to the Little Sisters go back even further; his mother lived under their care until her death in 1992.

Before coming to Little Sisters, Father McCormack served as a school teacher and as Principal for St. Pius X High School. “I never dreamed that I could be both a priest and an educator. It was not only my dream, but God’s plan.”

Congratulations, Father, and thank you for your lifetime of service. We and our Residents are lucky to have you!



Fr. McCormack bringing communion to a Resident



Oh, Happy Day!

Appause filled the chapel of St. Ann’s Novitiate in Queen’s Village, NY as the first novice professed her temporary vows of chastity, poverty, obedience and hospitality as a Little Sister of the Poor. It rang out just as loudly for the next three as well. What a wonderful day for the Little Sisters of the Poor—four new Little Sisters!

Sharing in the joy and seated near the front of the chapel were seven young women who, after a nine-month postulancy, had just begun their two-year novitiate the day before. It was a wonderful sight to see them donning white veils for the first time and hearing them called by their new Religious names. For those who may be wondering, the Sisters choose their own names, which often reflect their devotions or may be related to a beloved family member.

Praise be to God for these Little Sisters and novices, and we hope you will join us in praying for many more generous vocations to our community!

“Our benefactors, where would we be without them!”

— St. Jeanne Jugan

Thank You!

James B. Nutter & Company and Aspen Contracting



Sr. Beatrice and L.C. Nussbeck, Aspen CEO, with Little Sisters and Residents



Mr. Nutter, Mother Rose Marie, Pat O'Neill, Sr. Beatrice, Jeff Simon, Sr. Monique, and Eric Bushner

Thanks to some good friends, the Jeanne Jugan Center's grounds are looking lovely these days. Mr. James B. Nutter and Eric Bushner of James B. Nutter & Company, and L.C. Nussbeck of Aspen Contracting are helping the Little Sisters revitalize the grounds of our Home. And we are grateful for the help! Our Residents truly love the peaceful setting of the outdoors, but 24 acres is a lot to keep up on our own!

The project started early this summer when one of our Advisory Board Members approached Mr. Nutter for assistance with our landscaping and grounds needs. L.C. soon joined in and now, in addition to our landscape makeover, we have a new roof over our freshly painted gazebo. Other scheduled work includes erosion control around the pond and the addition of a berm for water runoff control. Thanks so much to these generous supporters for helping to make our house a Home.

Introducing:

Josephine Infranca —
Artist and Writer

Resident of the Jeanne Jugan Center



Born in Kansas City, MO in 1918, Josephine Infranca has had an interest and talent for creating beautiful paintings for as long as she can remember. Her paintings of people, landscapes, floral arrangements, and animals are skillfully detailed with a perfect perspective. Josephine feels a great sense of accomplishment with each painting, stating that, "Each one is different and each one presents a unique challenge."

Not one to slow down, Josephine earned an Associate of Arts degree when she was 74 years young. She is also the author and illustrator of a children's book, *Bud*, which is based on a story about a boy and his dog. Her motto is, "Keep reaching for your goals and remember there is no such thing as *I can't!*"



Upcoming Events

Join Us

For the Presentation of Kansas City's First
Saint Jeanne Jugan Award

to the

Henry J. Massman Sr. Family

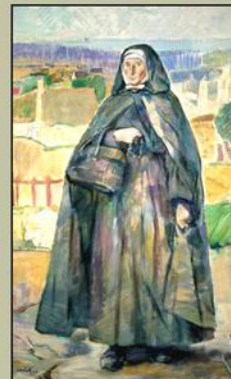
Tuesday, October 25, 2011

Luncheon and Award Ceremony

11:30 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.

At The Downtown Marriott Hotel

*Little Sisters of the Poor
Jeanne Jugan Center*



You're Invited

Register online at www.littlesistersofthepoorkansascity.org or call 816.761.4744

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legacy of hope.
Remember the
Little Sisters
of the Poor
in your will.

FALL FESTIVAL



Join us at Little Sisters of the Poor

**Sunday, October 23, 2011
Noon-5pm**

Spaghetti Dinner

Tickets sold at the door
\$6 Adults, \$4 Children

**Christmas Boutique
& Craft Sale**

Bake Sale

Rummage Sale

***Please Note—**
There will be no
raffle at this year's
fall festival

