



In Old Age They Will Still Bear Fruit

Here at the Jeanne Jugan Center, we aim for more than just providing a home and medical care to our Residents. As important as those things are, what really makes life worth living at any age, is to feel valued, respected, and to experience joy. In other words, we want our Residents to experience how much God loves them through us.

Pope Francis shares our love for the elderly, and on this year's World Day for Grandparents and the Elderly on July 24, we are again reminded of the importance of older persons. This year's theme, "In old age they will still bear fruit," is meant to emphasize how the elderly are a gift both to society and to the Church.

That older persons have merit and can "still bear fruit" is important for society to believe, and also for older persons themselves to believe. Old age is a blessing, not a condemnation!

We see our Residents bearing fruit every day in our Home. They participate in activities, form friendships, create beautiful art, pray for family and the world, and deepen their faith. It's especially touching to witness the relationships and

connections many have with younger relatives and visitors. Connections between generations offer happiness and purpose to all those involved.

Older people can affect and contribute to the present, but it's even more exciting to think about how they can help change the future for the better by influencing the younger generations.

In these times that can sometimes seem harsh and unforgiving, Pope Francis calls for a "Revolution of Tenderness," and believes that older persons can lead the way in changing how we as a society relate to one another. He says:

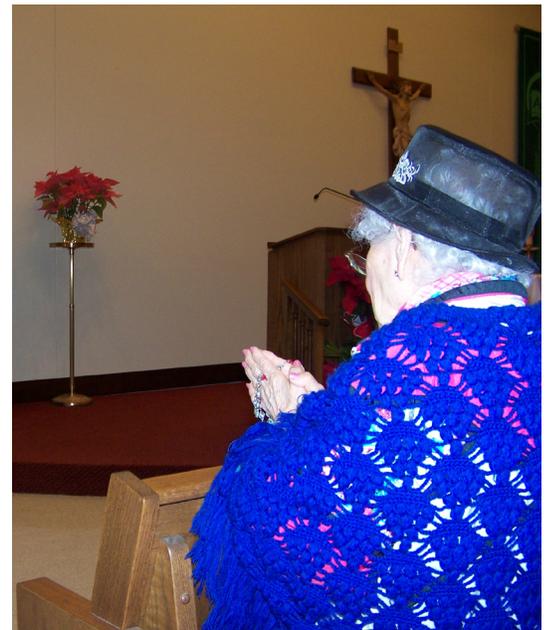
We grandparents and elderly people have a great responsibility: to teach the women and men of our time to regard others with the same understanding and loving gaze with which we regard our own grandchildren.

Imagine what a wonderful world that would be!

Let us all thank God for this beautiful time of life that we all hope to reach – one where we never stop learning, teaching, and truly living.



World Day
for Grandparents
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Nursing Assistants Week

“I’m still standing.” That was the theme of this year’s National Nursing Assistants Week in June. This is very fitting and highlights the resilience, dedication, and strength our caregivers show every day, and especially throughout the past two years of the pandemic. We’re so grateful for all of our nursing assistants - for all they do, and for the relationships and bonds they share with the Residents.

We celebrated this important week with multiple

opportunities for our Residents and all of our staff to get together and have fun. Our activities department never disappoints — they came up with a different theme for each day. There were backyard games like mini-golf and bean bag toss (moved inside because of a heat wave), ice cream parties, Hawaiian Day — complete with Hula-Hoops and a Limbo game, and Twin Day, where employees and Residents teamed up in matching outfits for a photo shoot. It was a great week!



Resident Billie tries for a hole-in-one.



Resident Loreta does the limbo!



(l-r) CNAs Nakia and Val join Kiki (dietary) to show off their Hula-Hoop skills.



Resident Leticia with her twin for the day, Angel (receptionist).

A Century of Life

Speaking of “still bearing fruit,” we would like to introduce you to one of our Residents, Frances. She moved into the Jeanne Jugan Center last year at 100 years old. She has since celebrated another birthday, and is a lovely addition to our family. She is very much an active participant in the life of our home - she goes to parties, joins in activities, chats, and tells great stories. She’s had a very interesting life!

Frances shares that she drove a car up until last year. She likes to stay active — she’s been a hard worker her whole life. Born in Alabama, she came to Kansas City in 1941 to help with the war effort and worked as a welder during World War II. After the war ended, she worked in a garment factory and had various other jobs throughout her life, along with raising two sons.

Asked how the world has changed since she was a child, she said “a lot!” There have been so many changes that it’s hard to pick just one thing. Imagine, in her lifetime she has lived through 4 wars (she was born only two years after World War I ended) and the Great Depression. She saw the invention of television, sliced bread, bubble gum, the internet, and saw the first man walk on the moon.

Her advice for young people is to work hard and stay well. That is good advice at any age, and seems to have worked well for her! We are lucky to have her with us. She is a joy!



Frances chats with Sr. Gonzague during a party.



MISSION

**To renew the Church by
enkindling a living relationship
with the Lord Jesus Christ in
the Holy Eucharist.**

This year on June 19, the Feast of Corpus Christi took on special significance. It was the beginning of a three-year revival of devotion and belief in the Real Presence of Jesus in the Eucharist.

Catholics across the world are being called on to rekindle the fire of love and devotion for the Eucharistic Heart of Jesus.

We hope you will join us in spirit these next three years and be especially mindful when receiving the Eucharist. What an awesome blessing it is to be able to receive our Lord in this way! As our Foundress St. Jeanne Jugan said, “Jesus is waiting for you in the chapel.” Let’s not miss that opportunity!

In the busy-ness of life, it can be easy to overlook the gifts we have been given. Our prayer for you, and ourselves, is to grow and deepen in faith every day and to experience the type of communion and fatherly love that only the true body of Christ can provide.

MOTHER'S MESSAGE



Greetings and Happy Summer to you! I hope you are enjoying the warmer weather; our Residents sure are! They fully enjoy being outside in the sunshine and nature. We are blessed with beautiful, accessible grounds for them to utilize. Along with flowers and a small pond, we have some tall bird houses in the back yard for the Purple Martins. Many Residents like to sit and watch the lively birds swoop and chatter as they fly about. These simple but magnificent things remind us of God's glory every day.

At this time of year when we celebrate grandparents and the elderly, we thank God for our Residents, and we wish all of you who fall into those categories our best wishes and gratitude for all you bring to this world. And for those of you who are of younger generations, we hope this will serve as a reminder to let your older friends and relatives know how much they mean to you.

Please be assured of our continued prayers,
Mother Margaret

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PRAYER
GENERATIONS
GIFT
RESIDENTS

JEANNE JUGAN
ADVICE
FAMILY
GRANDMA

MEMORIES
GRANDPA
WISDOM
ELDERLY



MISSION STATEMENT

Continuing the work of Saint 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.

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