



The Art of Accompaniment

Beside the Elderly

During the Easter season, we can't help but think of our foundress, St. Jeanne Jugan, who often said, "Let us sing the glory of our risen Jesus!"

She so loved Jesus! The Little Sisters of her time would talk of how her face lit up when she spoke of him. Her joyous love for him reminds us of the joy of Easter.

Jeanne believed in sharing that joy with the elderly to whom she had dedicated her life. She did not merely serve them, but walked beside them through all the ups and downs of aging, sharing in their happiness and sorrows and remaining by their side through the dying process. Following Jeanne Jugan's example, we call this the art of accompaniment.

"We should always be cheerful, for our old people do not like long faces," Jeanne Jugan would often tell the

young Little Sisters. This was not to deny the struggles of the old, but to focus on bringing joy and comfort to a season of life that can often include significant challenges and loneliness.

As Little Sisters we share a home with our Residents and walk with them daily along the path of life.

This is reflective of Pope Francis' Lenten message on synodality, or all members journeying together as active participants in the Church, each having an equally important role.

So it is in our Home. The elderly enrich our lives as much as we help them.

This Easter season, we wish for you to experience this same feeling of companionship and a sense of belonging as we all walk through Lent toward that joyous occasion celebrating our risen Lord.

*"Let us sing
the glory of our
risen Jesus."*

– Saint Jeanne Jugan





Nothing To Sneeze At

Boy's Christmas Wish Brings Help to our Home

One of the wonderful things about being a Little Sister is to witness how kind and generous people are. We see that every day with our many donors, but one young boy really stands out.

It all started on Christmas of 2021, when 6-year-old Michael wrote a letter to Santa Claus and asked for 500 cans of green beans. He really loves green beans! He got his wish, and amazingly he shared his Christmas gift with us! (See his story on our website's blog.) It was so sweet to see his face light up when he came to deliver the beans – he was so happy to share with us!

This year before writing out his Christmas list, Michael

called Sr. Agnes to ask if our Residents could use anything. He wanted to share with us again. She told him Kleenexes are always needed and appreciated by our Residents, especially during cold and flu season.

Once again Santa delivered! Shortly after Christmas, Michael and his parents showed up with mountains of Kleenex — 522 boxes to be exact! Just what we needed! It touched our hearts to see this sweet family again, and to share in the true spirit of Christmas. All year long, whenever a Resident takes a Kleenex out of their pocket, they will think of a generous boy who truly knows it's better to give than to receive.

Be My Valentine



This Valentine's day was sweet for our Residents and staff. Leading up to the day, each staff member chose a Resident to be their "Valentine." On the big day, each employee brought their chosen Resident a gift — some crafted home-made cards, and some brought chocolate or other tasty treats.

This was followed by a photo shoot, complete with festive hats, heart-shaped glasses, and plenty of balloons. It was a great time for all.



Resident Artist



Resident and talented artist Kathleen painted this beautiful oil painting almost 70 years ago as a young college student. It hung in her father's business for years, and later was displayed in her sister's home for many more.

Well, it's finally made its way back to her, and hangs proudly in one of our sitting areas. After her sister recently passed away, Kathleen's niece sent it here for us all to enjoy. We think it's a lovely addition to our Home.

St. Joseph and St. Jeanne Jugan, *Pray For Us*

In spring we always think of St. Joseph. This is especially true in March, the month dedicated to him. Our foundress, St. Jeanne Jugan also had a great fondness for him. In fact, she chose him as patron saint, provider, and protector of the Little Sisters of the Poor. Our lives have been blessed and enriched by our devotion to him and, of course, to our beloved Foundress. We share these prayers to both of them with you, and invite you to join us this Lent in spirit and in prayer to these two remarkable intercessors.

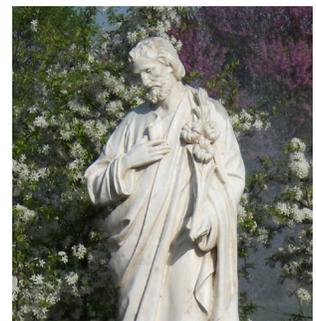
Prayer to St. Joseph:

St. Joseph, guardian of Jesus, chaste spouse of Mary, you who spent your life perfectly accomplishing your duty, deign to protect those who turn to you with confidence. Amen.

(from a prayer by Pope John XXIII)

Prayer to St. Jeanne Jugan:

Jesus, you rejoiced and praised your Father for having revealed to little ones the mysteries of the Kingdom of Heaven. We thank you for the graces granted to your humble servant, Jeanne Jugan, to whom we confide our petitions and needs. Father of the poor, you have never refused the prayer of the lowly. We ask you, therefore, to hear the petitions that she presents to you on our behalf. Jesus, through Mary, your Mother and ours, we ask this of you, who live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit now and forever. Amen.



MOTHER'S MESSAGE

Dear Friends,
When one of our Residents was recently asked what she likes best about Lent, she enthusiastically answered, "Easter!"



Her joyous response sums up this season perfectly. We hope you are enjoying Lent and looking forward to Easter as much as we are.

We are also looking forward to April, when we will welcome Mother General Maria and Mother Assistant Joseph Christine to the United States for a visit. They are coming from our motherhouse in France.

Closer to home, we had the joy of celebrating our Resident Helen's 100th birthday in January. She joins Frances, who is 101, in our unofficial centenarian's club.

We also got a new puppy for the Home. Her name is Molly Mae, and she is delightful! A family member of one of our Little Sisters gave her to the Home as a gift for our Residents, and she certainly brightens the place up. It's lovely to see the Residents' faces beam when she comes bouncing toward them for a cuddle.

We offer special thanks to all of you who support our mission of hospitality to the elderly, especially during this month of March, which is dedicated to St. Joseph. We couldn't do what we do without you. Please be assured of our prayers for you and your intentions this Easter season.

United in prayer and gratitude,
Mother Margaret

Meet the Newest Addition to the Family

Puppy Molly Mae is adjusting well to her new home.



Save the Date

THE SPAGHETTI DINNER IS BACK!

**SUNDAY,
NOVEMBER 5,
2023**



We are happy to say this much-loved tradition will return this fall. Stay tuned for more information.



STAY IN THE KNOW



Sign up for our email list to keep up-to-date on happenings around our Home and to be notified of upcoming events.

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