



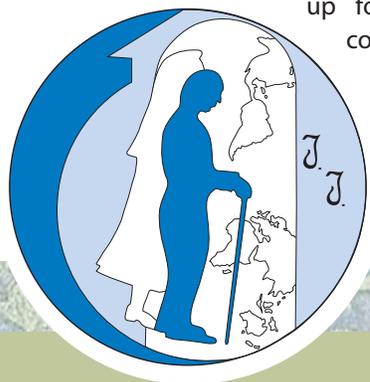
Joyfully serving
the elderly
poor in Mobile
since 1901

And The Gift Goes On Realizing Jeanne Jugan's Dream

Preparing to leave home, she told her mother, "God wants me for Himself. He is keeping me for a work which is not yet founded." When Jeanne Jugan felt the Lord call her to His work, she couldn't have imagined how far her choice would reach.

In the winter of 1839, Jugan encountered Anne Chauvin, an elderly woman who was blind, partially paralyzed, and had no one to care for her. Jugan carried her home to her apartment and took her in from that day forward, letting the woman have her bed while she slept in the attic.

She soon took in more elderly women in need of help, and by the following year, she acquired an unused convent building that could house 40 more elderly women. From this act of charity arose a religious congregation called the Little Sisters of the Poor. A simple Rule of Life was drawn up for this new community of women, and they soon began to go door to door daily



requesting food, clothing and money to meet the needs of the elderly in their care. This became Jugan's life work, flowing from her inner conviction that it was Jesus whom she was caring for in the aged poor.

Through the congregation of the Little Sisters of the Poor, Jeanne's vocation has enriched the lives of many through the years. It has touched not only the Residents of the Homes of the Little Sisters, but also those who have embraced her charisma and mission as Association Jeanne Jugan Members, employees, benefactors and friends.

Through this newsletter, we hope that you will be able to see just how far her dream has reached as we share stories of our employees, vocation efforts, volunteers, and benefactors. We are eternally grateful that the spirit of St. Jeanne Jugan continues to bless the lives of our Residents, Sisters, and all those who help her dream continue.

May we all be as filled with the Spirit as our saintly foundress, and have the grace to hear the Lord's call and receive the blessings that come from following His will in faith and love.

"Love God very much, so that you can look after the aged well, for it is Jesus whom you care for in them."
-- St. Jeanne Jugan

Save The Date

August 15

Feast of the Assumption

August 30

Feast of St. Jeanne Jugan

Celebrated as a solemnity in the Homes of the Little Sisters of the Poor

September 1

Watch your mailbox for exciting Lawn Party information!

October 19

43rd Annual Lawn Party

Little Sisters of the Poor

Generous Hearts are Found Blessings Come through Our Benefactors



Mr. George Landegger and Mother Marcel Joseph at the Golf Tournament

Caring for the elderly poor and relying on the Grace of God through our benefactors are two of the central pillars of our mission. At Sacred Heart Residence, we have been blessed with many kind benefactors who give unselfishly to our Home and help aid in the care of our Residents.

One gentleman who exemplifies this giving spirit is Mr. George Landegger. Even though he resides in Connecticut, his heart is in Alabama, where for many years he has operated pulp mills. His many generous gifts to the Little Sisters have helped purchase major equipment and support many specific fundraising efforts.

Mr. Landegger is very involved in providing jobs to Alabamians through outside investment. He also established and assists in funding an organization which feeds over two thousand people in Alabama, Florida, and Connecticut. Furthermore, his efforts in education have led him to establish scholarships for students in his home state, as well as a school for girls in Pakistan.

From a single act of compassion in 1839, to the generosity of thousands of benefactors today, the spirit of St. Jeanne Jugan lives on through the simple but holy mission of our humble foundress. Our thoughts and prayers are with every one of our benefactors. May the Lord bless you for all that you have done to help and support our Home.

Making the Residents Happy Employees Share Their Stories

Here at Sacred Heart Residence, the feast of St. Joseph the Worker is one of our favorite times during the year. Our staff is honored each year on this feast. Our Home celebrates a special Mass in honor of our employees, and Residents are often found outside the chapel doors after Mass ready to thank the staff for all that they do to help them. Then Residents and staff eat lunch together and reminisce about the wonderful things that occurred during the year and what makes them happy to work and live together.

Because our Home knows the importance of the work that we are doing in serving our Residents, each department has a special title. The medical staff is known as the Healers and Ministers of Service. The laundry department is known as the Deliverers of Dignity. Housekeeping is known as the Keepers of the Home. These are just a few of the departments in the Home, but each department has a special reminder that their position is more than just a job; they know they are family.

Bonnie Mickles has worked for Sacred Heart Residence since 1999, devoting herself in our kitchen. When asked what makes her job important to her, she said, "I know that my job is more than just cooking for the Residents. I take pride in what I do because I want them to know that I am cooking the best meal that I can for them because they are my family."

Dima Castellanos is one of our employees in housekeeping. Dima said that what she loves most about her job is "when I get to go into the Residents' rooms and visit with them and help

them straighten things up. Every time, they have another story to tell about this knick knack or that one. They always make sure I know how much they appreciate the help."

An employee once said the perfect phrase to sum up what it means to be a part of the Little Sisters of the Poor family. She said, "One of the most rewarding parts of working for the Little Sisters is knowing that I am a part of something bigger. I know that my job is to be an extension of the Little Sisters and to help realize the dream of Jeanne Jugan: To make the Residents happy."



Employee Laura Gordon and Residents Ann Barkhouse and Toni Romaine enjoying the celebrations on the feast of St. Joseph

“Because I Have Been Given Much” The Rewards of Volunteering

Grace Noll Crowell wrote a poem entitled “Because I Have Been Given Much” in which she says that because of all God has given her, she must give to others. This poem perfectly portrays the group of wonderful men and women who come to our Home and give of their time and talents to our Residents. Whenever you ask volunteers why they are here, they will all respond much like our volunteer, Mary. She says, “The Lord blesses me daily and I cannot help but feel I need to help Him bless the lives of others as well.”

Mary, like all of our volunteers, has said on numerous occasions that she once came because she thought that the Home and the Sisters needed her, and now she realizes that it is she who needs the Home. You will hear many volunteers who will describe their experience here as a blessing to them and saying that prayers become answered as they give of themselves to the Lord. This was part of Jeanne Jugan’s dream, to bring people together through loving service. Jeanne Jugan said that a person must “love God very much, so that you can look after the aged well, for it is Jesus whom you care for in them.”

If your heart is calling you to volunteer, please come to our Home. We may be biased, but we think we have the best group of volunteers in the world, and we’d love to have you join us!



From Left to Right: Paula Weatherford, Bobbie Hartley, Sr. Mary Francis, Donna Kane, Theresa Croft and Jessie Beckish.

Young Hearts Seek Discerning a Vocation

“Blessed be God!” was the resounding refrain of St. Jeanne Jugan, foundress of the Little Sisters of the Poor. At the motherhouse in France, in the early days of the Congregation, it gave her much joy to see so many young women coming from near and far to give their hearts and lives to Our Lord, and to be formed as Little Sisters of the Poor.

We cannot help but think that our holy Mother Foundress must be smiling down on all the beautiful young women who have been visiting our Home here in Mobile recently, sensing within their hearts the possibility of a call to the consecrated religious life. Our Little Sisters have invited them through campus and school visits and by responding to online vocation inquiries, as well as through personal referrals from priests and other friends of the Congregation.

Our precious residents have joined the Little Sisters in welcoming these women with open arms and hearts, and in praying very much for each of them. With Pope Francis’ frequent encouragement that the faithful not only give to the poor, but also—and more importantly—reach out and touch the poor, it is inspiring to hear generous young women tell of their deep desire to do just that as they discern a religious vocation.

We are grateful for the collaboration of our many friends—both in praying for vocations, and also in their willingness to be ambassadors for us among those “special” young women whom they know. Thus may the elderly poor continue to be welcomed and cared for with love and respect, and generations of Little Sisters to come may continue to echo the refrain, “Blessed be God!”



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

Novena to Jeanne Jugan August 21-29

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 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.

Please send us your intentions as we celebrate the Feast of St. Jeanne Jugan:

Following Jesus Christ

By Mother Marcel Joseph



I believe a Christian's true home on earth is wherever God's love brings him. It is with this certainty that I know His love and goodness brought me back to this Home in Mobile that I love so dearly! Thankfulness fills my heart, prayer and soul! Now, it is with this exact same love that our dear Lord is calling me to serve Him by serving among His other cherished people, the needy Elderly in our Home in Chicago, Illinois. Is this an easy mission to fulfill? Not on your life, but God's grace and love empowers me to leave the people, the places and the Home I love, to follow Jesus Christ! Cardinal Neuman sums up beautifully what I am trying to say: "Lord, there are many people and places in this world that I love, but You are the best and most beautiful of all!"

My prayer is well said in a song I love, "Your Heart." The chorus goes like this: "At the end of the day I wanna hear people say that my heart looks like Your Heart Lord! When the world looks at me, I pray all they see is that my heart looks like Your Heart! Unashamed I will dance, in Your Name, lift up my hands 'til my heart looks like Your heart!"

I am so deeply and prayerfully grateful for all that you, our benefactors and friends, have done for Christ through us Little Sisters and our beloved Elderly! Our dear Lord has promised, "He who is kind to the poor lends to the Lord and it is the Lord who will repay this deed." He promised this and He will do it!

I will carry you and all your intentions in my heart and in prayer to Chicago, and if ever you come up there, stop in and see us -- but dress warmly 'cause it's cold up there! Thank you for enriching my life by your goodness!

Become an Angel

Make your gifts to the Little Sisters more powerful and enduring by becoming a Sustaining Angel. Our Sustaining Angels program is a convenient and reliable way to manage your financial support for the Little Sisters of the Poor through ongoing monthly gifts which are charged to your credit card. It is a unique and carefree way to maximize your gifts to work for the Little Sisters' mission of caring for the elderly poor in the spirit of Jesus Christ.

If you are interested in becoming a Sustaining Angel, please visit our website to learn more and to enroll.



We are so appreciative of all of our generous supporters.

Special News

Welcoming Mother Mary Sylvia

The Little Sisters are a remarkable group of women. They each answer yes to the gift of their vocation. That gift entails a wholehearted willingness to go wherever the Lord may need them. We are delighted to welcome Mother Mary Sylvia to our Home. She will be joining us from the Cleveland Home later this year. Mother Mary Sylvia has never been stationed in our beautiful Southern Home in Mobile, so we encourage everyone to give her the warm Southern welcome we are known for! We look forward to welcoming her into our family and we are sure that it won't be long before she starts saying "Y'all!"



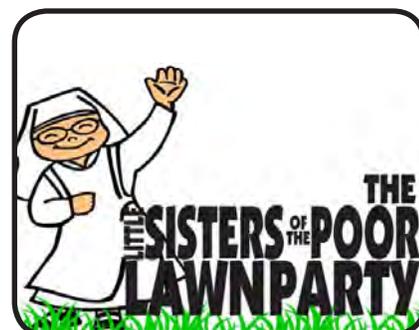
Welcome Mother Mary Sylvia!

Lawn Party 2014

With the Lawn Party quickly approaching, we want to remind everyone to mark your calendars:

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 19th

Each year the event gets better, and this year is going to be the best one yet! Make sure that you like our Facebook page and follow it leading up to the Lawn Party, as we will be announcing all of the exciting NEW attractions for this year's Lawn Party.



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