



*Wishing you
a blessed
Christmas*



Christmas Reflections

Christmas is such a special time in all of our lives. Our Residents have a lifetime of memories of this blessed season. We asked several of them to share those thoughts with us.

“Christmas means being with family and friends.”

– SARAH LIGHTBOURNE

“My favorite memory is when we moved to Erie, Pennsylvania. I had my daughter and was pregnant with my son. We spent that Christmas with my Mom and Dad. It was the best Christmas I ever had, and truthfully, the most spiritual because we all went to Church to celebrate the birth of Jesus.”

– ANNE TUCKER

“Christmas means so much to me and my two kids. When they were small, Sandra was three and Wayne was two. I got her a Barbie Doll car and he got a Fire Truck. I thought it was the best Christmas I ever gave those kids!”

– JEWEL BUCHANAN

“We were living on Monterey Place. We had real tall ceilings and while Dad was putting the star on top of the tree, he knocked the whole tree over. Needless to say, Mom was not happy with Daddy that year!”

– JACK MULHOLAND



“We couldn’t have children. Eventually, we adopted three kids. My favorite Christmas was the first one that we shared with our children!”

– JEANNE CHARTIER

“I am thankful to have had so many Christmases. I think Christmas is about going to church, praying to the Lord and watching the kids open their presents. One Christmas, we were giving my daughter a carriage for her baby doll. I spent hours putting it together until, at midnight, I told my wife, ‘I quit!’ Two minutes later, she had it put together and saved Christmas!”

– PAT THOMPSON



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Another Successful Lawn Party!



Every year it gets better! Thanks to Phil & Foster, Emily Stuckey & Donna Hall Foster, the entertainment was amazing! The Little Sisters, the Residents, our Volunteers and the Staff pitched in for a beautiful Sunday of family fun and fiscal success. We're already planning for the 49th Annual Little Sisters of the Poor Lawn Party.

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“Christmas is important because it is the day that Christ was born. I love to hear the stories about Baby Jesus. It just fills me with happiness. I remember one Christmas, when I was a little girl, I woke up early and caught my parents putting my presents under the tree. I also loved when the whole family would get together.”

– VIRGINIA MROCZKA

“Well, all Christmases are good, but I really enjoy Midnight Mass. Family is the most important thing at Christmas.”

– WHEEZIE GUILLOT

“Christmas means families getting together, church, Christmas trees and gifts for the children.”

– JOYCE MANUS

“Christmas memories for me are board games, Christmas meals, presents and decorating the house. My favorite gift was a jumper that was the ‘bee’s knees!’”

– BERNADETTE MATHEWS

“I have good memories of all of my Christmases. One that stands out, was when I was in studies in Metuchen, New Jersey. We sang at Christmas Midnight Mass. After that we went to our pond for ice skating, and it was wonderful!”

– BROTHER LEE BARKER



Back in the Neighborhood!

Anne Barkhouse grew up on Hannon Avenue, about half a football field away from Sacred Heart Residence. In those days, the Little Sisters had loaned several acres of the property to the City of Mobile, which became known as Hannon Park.

She tells stories of her grandmother seeing the Little Sisters going to the Farmer’s Market in a horse-drawn wagon. When the egg man, milkman or vegetable man delivered their goods to Anne’s grandmother, they were instructed to give half to the Little Sisters.

Anne was in 7th grade when the Little Sisters were given a station wagon. She said she used to laugh to see them travel down the street with part of their habits flying from the open windows.

Her mother was a tomboy and played among the oaks portraying characters from popular movie serials. We’ve lost a few of those oaks recently. Anne says, “It’s like losing a friend.”

Anne began working for the Little Sisters part-time as a dining room aide. She became a “floater” and worked several shifts.

Anne and her husband, Eddie, came to live at Sacred Heart Residence in 2005. Anne’s mom, Anna Mary Thublin Thornton, came to the Home a few years later. Eddie passed away in 2012 and her mother in 2014.

Now, she is the caretaker for Muffin, who is 17 years old. Another Resident, Jean Branum, took in the rescue dog after Marie Osterman brought her from New Orleans.

We appreciate all of them!



MOTHER'S MESSAGE



Dear Friends,

The Christmas season stirs memories in all of us here at Sacred Heart Residence. Thanksgiving comes before Christmas so that we can remember the blessings God has bestowed upon His children, especially the gift of his only beloved Son. Those thoughts of gratitude for Jesus, our Savior and Redeemer, continue throughout the year. In this newsletter, our Residents talk about their special memories that celebrate the birth of Jesus. Even though many of them are still visited by their family and friends, for others we are the only family.

What makes our life as Little Sisters and servants of the Lord so special is that we also become a part of our Residents' family.

It's not just the Residents who are part of our world, as we share our mission with AJJ members, volunteers, benefactors, employees and other special friends who show such love and compassion on behalf of the Residents.

Our foundress, St. Jeanne Jugan would surely be amazed by the effect that her dedication and boundless charity has had on hundreds of thousands of people throughout the world. This is also a time of the year for me to ask for your special prayers regarding vocations to the Little Sisters of the Poor. The women with whom I share our community life are truly inspiring. Our lives are not easy, but I can assure you that it is extremely rewarding.

I hope you will join me in praying that more young women will prayerfully consider becoming a Little Sister. The rewards come in the moments of joy and peace we see each day from our Residents. You, my dear friends and benefactors, remain as always in our thoughts and prayers. May these Holiday be, for you and your family, a time of great peace and joy, confident in God's great love and mercy for each one of you!

Gratefully in prayer,
Sister Judith, lsp

{ Save the Dates }

6th Annual Blisters for Sisters 5K & Fun Run

April 25, 2020



Wish List

Many of our benefactors ask if there is anything we need for our Residents...here are some of those items...

Thanks for asking!

- Dinner Napkins**
- Individually wrapped soft snacks**
- Individual cups of pudding, fruit and applesauce**
- Liquid body wash**
- Mouthwash**
- Boxed tissues**
- Clorox Wipes**
- Liquid laundry soap**
- Denture tablets**
- Body lotion**
- Adult wipes**