



Embracing New Beginnings

A Warm Welcome for Mother Patricia Mary

Many of our readers may not know that Mother Margaret Regina has been transferred to our Home in Bronx, New York, which is also known as the Jeanne Jugan Residence. It is a great grace for each Little Sister to serve the elderly wherever God calls her to follow him in the Congregation's many Homes around the world. We are grateful to Mother Margaret Regina for her leadership and dedication during these past three years in Washington, D.C. Please support her with your prayers during this time of transition.

A week after Mother Margaret Regina's departure, the Little Sisters, Residents, and staff gathered at the front door of our Home on July 9 to welcome Mother Patricia Mary. The moment her van was spotted coming up our driveway, several employees began ringing the Home's bells, a longstanding tradition!

Mother Patricia Mary was greeted by our centenarian Emma, holding



a big floral bouquet, and longtime Resident Carl, with a warm smile. Monsignor Joaquin Bazan greeted her in the lobby and offered a few words in the name of all.

The following day our welcome continued with entertainment by Residents, staff, and volunteers.

A group of staff members blended magnificent harmonies in a traditional Christian Jubilee song; our Resident pianist, Susan, played an Ave Maria; and one of our newest Residents, Patrice performed a contemporary song based on St.

Matthew's Last Judgement scene. Christina, a Korean lay associate, performed a Korean dance, and our Hispanic staff members donned dresses reflecting their home countries for a song performed in Spanish. It was all a beautiful expression of the spirit of our Home!

As Mother Patricia Mary thanked everyone, she said: "I feel truly blessed by the warm welcome I have received from everyone yesterday and today. I am an eyewitness to the talent found among so many in my new home! Your spirit is heartwarming!" And she added, "You serve as a testament to the wonderful community you build together here in the Home in the spirit of St. Jeanne Jugan. I am happy to come and be a part of the family of the Jeanne Jugan Residence here in Washington, D.C. However, I count on you to help me find my way around the halls, walls, offices, and departments. It is an amazing maze, but you, the people make it a home!"

Rising to the Challenge

The Critical Need for a New Elevator

We are immensely grateful for the ongoing support of our friends and benefactors. Thanks to your generosity, we are currently making considerable progress on the vital restoration of our air conditioning system. However, we must now turn our attention to another pressing need – replacing our oldest elevator.

Installed in 1964, it is the last-of-four elevators in our Home that require modernization. Unfortunately, its outdated components have led to more frequent malfunctions and breakdowns. These challenges affect the Sisters living in the convent and the Residents of St. Joseph's Villa, our Independent Living Apartments, who rely on this elevator for mobility throughout the Home.

We have obtained one bid from a qualified contractor, which exceeds \$470,000. We are awaiting

two additional bids to ensure we make the best-informed decision for this essential project.

The scope of the project includes removing the existing elevator system and installing a modern, compliant elevator that meets current safety standards. The new system will feature a microprocessor controller with built-in diagnostics, a geared hoisting machine, and a rope gripper to prevent over-speeding and unintended car movement. Upgrades to the elevator shaft and related infrastructure will ensure long-term reliability and safety for all users.

We invite you to contribute to this crucial project and ensure safety for everyone in our community. Every donation counts! Together, we can ensure the safety and comfort of all who live and work in our Home.

Thank you for being an integral part of our mission.

Little Sisters Community News

Celebrating a Golden Jubilee for Sr. Joseph Miriam

On August 20, our community gathered to honor a remarkable milestone: Sr. Joseph Miriam's golden jubilee, celebrating 50 years of religious profession. The day began with a solemn Mass, celebrated by Fr. Mark Cregan, S.C.S., who spoke of Sister's impact on the lives of the elderly poor she has served across the United States and the joy she brings to our community.

Sister's friends traveled from Kentucky to join in the festivities. The festivities included entertainment by cloggers and a bluegrass band, Kentucky trivia and a dinner honoring her commitment and compassion over the years.



New Logo, Same Mission!

The Little Sisters of the Poor have a new logo, a fresh design to reflect our mission to serve and uplift our elders in need. The chosen colors, coral-red and golden-yellow, embody warmth and symbolize vitality, hope, and joy, aligning with our mission of hospitality. Our logo features two hands and a dove within a house, representing safety and love. Saint Jeanne Jugan's vision was to provide a real home for the elderly.



The outstretched hand symbolizes openness and support for the aged. The dove signifies the Holy Spirit and our commitment to peace. The tagline "Hospitality at Heart" expresses the spirit of our mission, emphasizing the Sisters' vow of hospitality, and the universal call to care for those in need. For an in-depth

explanation of the symbolism behind the new look, our vision, and values please visit our website <http://littlesistersofthepoorwashingtondc.org>.

A Taste of the Chesapeake

This summer, the Residents have been participating in a variety of activities. A highlight of the season was an impromptu crab feast. In late July, Rob Lake brought the taste of the Chesapeake Bay to our Home by delivering and then steaming a bushel of freshly caught crabs! They were generously donated by Mitch Lake, Rob's son, who caught them near Solomon's Island.

The mouthwatering aroma of steamed crabs and Old Bay seasoning filled our auditorium, where Residents gathered for our second "Taste of the Chesapeake Bay" luncheon.

For some, this was their first classic crab feast, and our team of



Little Sisters, staff, and volunteers were there to guide them through crab-picking lessons and ensure a memorable experience. The sound of laughter and wooden mallets banging quickly filled the air. "I

loved it!" said Margarita. "My brother and his friends would go fishing and he would trade his fish for crabs and then fix them for us! I just love bay crabs!" You simply can't live less than an hour from the Bay and not experience a crab feast at least once in your life. One Resident was overheard saying, "I haven't had crabs like this since my childhood summers at the beach!"

A huge thank you to Mitch and Rob for this deliciously fun experience! We look forward to many more joyful gatherings in the future and invite you to join us in creating cherished memories for our Residents by volunteering your time with us.

Introducing Our New Social Worker

We are delighted to welcome Katie Yarnall as our new social worker at the Jeanne Jugan Residence. A proud graduate of Catholic University, she holds both a Bachelor's and a Master's degree in social work. With experience serving in a variety of settings including shelters, mental health clinics, schools, and universities, she brings a wealth of knowledge and compassion to her role.

Growing up in Bucks County, Pennsylvania, Katie has always been passionate about serving others, particularly the elderly. "I was very close to my grandparents," she shared. "The elderly have great stories to share; I appreciate learning from their perspectives."

You might recognize Katie from her volunteering at the Jeanne Jugan Residence during her college years.

In her new role, Katie collaborates



with the Little Sisters on Resident admissions, ensuring smooth transitions for new Residents and their families. "My grandfather lived in a nursing home," she said. "The transition was a big change for him and my family." Understanding that moving into a care environment is daunting, she is committed to providing emotional support. This spring, Katie assisted several new Residents in their transition to our Home. "My goal," she said, "is to meet people where they are and provide the support they need

during a challenging time."

From the initial inquiry to the moment a new Resident enters our Home, Katie is there to answer questions, alleviate concerns, and foster a welcoming environment. As a member of the care team, she helps facilitate Residents' care by collaborating closely with Residents, their families, Little Sisters, and care providers to develop and implement personalized care plans that meet individual needs. Her expertise allows her to manage transitions between hospitals and our Home, while offering emotional and social support that helps Residents navigate the challenges of aging and end-of-life planning.

"Katie is an inspiring addition," said Mother Patricia Mary. "She embodies the spirit of compassion and service that defines the Little Sisters of the Poor."

MOTHER'S MESSAGE

Dear Friends and Family,

Being welcomed a second time to our Home in Washington, D.C. was not just a surprise but an immense joy! Why do I say this? Back in the summer of 1982, I followed the Lord in his plan for me, to serve in Washington's, newly built Home. A few Little Sisters welcomed me – no Residents or staff, no volunteers or AJJ members. The building was not yet ready to welcome Residents. The interior of the Home needed cleaning, supplies, furnishings, beds, décor, and items to complete the move and welcome Residents, including a few who had previously lived in our original Home on H Street, before its closure.

On the front page we shared the story of my warm welcome – it seemed like a large portion of the Washington population was there along with many of our Home's Residents. What a JOY for me to meet so many staff, volunteers, AJJ, friends and benefactors of the Home!

Today, and ever since the first Residents' arrival on October 15, 1982, the Home is alive with the family spirit of St. Jeanne Jugan. I think of the many who have been welcomed through these doors and now are with the Lord. Many collaborate to make this possible, bringing security, warmth, and loving care to those who live here. I thank each of you and the many benefactors who provide for the needs of the Home. Together we can do "great things" in the family of Jeanne Jugan. Thank you!

On August 30 we celebrated the feast of our foundress, St. Jeanne Jugan. To her we confide your intentions. You are always in the grateful prayers of the Little Sisters of the Poor and our Residents.

May God bless you,
Sr. Patricia Mary



Planned Giving

Here at Jeanne Jugan Residence, we offer a home to this city's elders in need. Through your gifts, you too can touch their lives, bringing them hope, security and loving care in a safe and comfortable home.

Our foundress, St. Jeanne Jugan based her work on an evangelical challenge to rely on God's Providence, refusing perpetual endowments and other forms of guaranteed income. "If you'd like," she said to a businessman, "we can share the elderly today, you can feed them, and I'll take care of them."

Bequests have been one of the most meaningful sources of funds for the ministry of the Little Sisters of the Poor. Through the advance planning and generosity of others, we have been blessed to continue working with the elderly.

You can help ensure our future by planning a special gift – create a trust while you are

living, make a simple bequest to the Little Sisters of the Poor of Washington, D.C. in your will, or name them as the beneficiary of your life insurance or retirement plan. Funds generated through planned gifts are devoted to current funding needs as well as capital projects. In fact, we rely on legacy gifts, which often arrive just in time to pay unexpected expenses that are outside our regular budget.

We always suggest that you discuss your options with your estate attorney or financial advisor so that they can guide you on the most beneficial choice for your circumstances.

For more information on the ways you can help, or if you have a question about a donation you would like to make, or a service that you can provide, contact Heather Cave, our director of development, via email at devwashington@littlesistersofthepoor.org.

Save the Date

CFC

September 1 -
January 15,
2026



Support our mission to care for the needy aged by designating the Little Sisters of the Poor in your workplace giving. Our designation number is 53116. Federal workers, retirees, and contractors are eligible to donate through the CFC, the official workplace

giving campaign of the federal government.

Winter Fuel Fund/ Fall Sweeps

September 22 to December 21

Watch for Sweepstakes tickets due in mailboxes the first day of Autumn, September 22. All money raised will go to our Winter Fuel Fund to keep the lights on and our Residents warm!