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A Legacy Honored

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Jeanne Jugan was a humble French woman dedicated to the care of the elderly in need during the tumultuous time of the French Revolution. The heroic virtues that she displayed throughout her life culminated when she rescued an elderly, blind and lame woman from living in poverty on the streets of Brittany. Jeanne carried the woman home and placed her in her own bed. The congregation of the Little Sisters of the Poor was born of that single act of kindness. The laity were always a vital part of the mission of Jeanne Jugan. She created a network of charity, knowing that she could not do it alone, she relied on the charity

of those in her community. At St. Anne's, we know we cannot do it alone in the 21st century anymore than St. Jeanne Jugan could in the 19th century, and we are thankful for the network of collaborators in our community, ranging from loyal benefactors and young student volunteers to our seasoned Triple A Partners — our Association Jeanne Jugan, our Advisory Board, and our Auxiliary.

Youth Inspired to Serve

The Little Sisters often welcome college students to St. Anne's Home for their summer service program. During this time, students have the opportunity to experience the Little Sisters' mission of care on a first-hand basis. Some students use this time as a discernment period to determine if religious life is the path for them, while others are nursing students, pre-med students or social service students seeking the opportunity to help while expanding their knowledge. Compound blessings frequently result from this service partnership.



August 30 is the Feast of St. Jeanne Jugan and the month of August is dedicated to her legacy at homes of the Little Sisters of the Poor around the world



Volunteer Emma Parks visiting with Resident Helen Fiedor

During the Summer of 2014, Emma Parks, a junior from Creighton University majoring in pre-med/biology, spent her summer volunteering at St. Anne's Home. She helped where ever she was needed, but she admits one of her greatest joys while at St. Anne's were the fast, strong relationships that she formed with the Residents. One Resident in particular, Helen Fiedor, served as inspiration for Emma's medical school application essay. Through the relationship that she established with Helen and during her time at St. Anne's, Emma learned that she loved spending time

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with the elderly, enjoying the beauty they radiated and the wisdom they shared. More than anything, she says, “I know I want to help the elderly stay strong, confident, and happy in their pursuit to continue living a full life as long as possible, and I know the best way for me to help the geriatric community is to become a doctor.”

This fall Emma will begin her first year of medical school at Creighton University, seeking a specialization in geriatrics. Maybe someday St. Anne’s can welcome Dr. Emma Parks back to our community!

This summer we were delighted to welcome Maddie Barry, a junior from St. Louis University as a volunteer to our social services department. Maddie has always worked with children, and this summer she wanted to branch out into areas of practice that might be suitable choices for her after graduation. She admits, “I didn’t know what to expect at first, but it was not long before I knew St. Anne’s was a great choice for me. There were challenges at times, and I learned from them, but the best part was getting to know the residents and talking with them.”



Volunteer Maddie Barry joins in Resident activity with Resident Vera Deronde

Her work involved assisting with activities, assisting in the dining room, and meeting with Residents to help complete required reports on each to better manage their care. She remarked, “Getting to know the Residents made it easy when tasked with meeting with them to note their moods, behavior, and concerns.” Her meetings with Residents led to more significant conversations that were both fulfilling and enlightening. Maddie left

St. Anne’s this summer with a newfound understanding of not just the care of the elderly, but of the pleasure gained through the human connections that bond us all, regardless of age. Maddie’s new friends at St. Anne’s enthusiastically look forward to future visits from her when she again visits San Francisco.

Our Triple A Partners at Service

The Triple A partners at St. Anne’s Home are indispensable members of the Little Sisters community. Each provides elements essential to the work of the Little Sisters.



Left: Auxiliary President and AJJ member Linda Grimes, always enjoys Resident Bob Steyer’s quick wit



Right: AJJ and Advisory Board member Barbara Anderson shares a special moment with long-time St. Anne’s Resident Terry Petrillo at AJJ reception for Residents

The Association Jeanne Jugan (AJJ) at St. Anne’s Home is comprised of 33 lay associates — women and men from all walks of life — who are drawn to follow the footsteps of St. Jeanne Jugan by actively assisting the Little Sisters in the care of the elderly. They assist with serving meals, feeding those who struggle on their own, accompanying Residents on doctors’ appointments, as well as a variety of other activities as needed. They also have the spiritual focus of continued prayer for the needs of the home and the Little Sisters, serving as lectors, singers, and Eucharistic ministers at Mass. They come to pray with the sick and with those who are preparing for their eternal reward. They are individual members of a group with talents and gifts to share. They have a strong “family connection” as they join in the spirit of St. Jeanne Jugan to serve with joy and humility alongside the Little Sisters.

Much like the AJJ, the Board of Advisors (Advisory Board) is formed by a diverse group of individuals from the business and professional community. Members range in number from 18 – 25 and share their areas

of expertise and experience to help fulfill the objectives of the Little Sisters and Residents at St. Anne’s Home. Whether it be in the areas of building maintenance, finance, healthcare, long term planning, law or outreach, these devoted members of our community are part of a valuable and integral resource that helps the Little Sisters maintain a home-like residence for the aged. Several members not only serve as members of the Advisory Board, but are also as members of the AJJ and Auxiliary.

Our Little Sisters of the Poor Auxiliary was

formed in 1981 by a group of 20 visionary women. Today numbering about 600 members, this group of dedicated women of all ages and from all parts of the Bay Area continues to partner with the Little Sisters. The level of membership participation varies based on the ability of each individual, but all members share the same devotion to the work of the Little Sisters and the needs of the elderly. Members assist through hands on service, fundraising events, and as outreach ambassadors who stand by their belief in the importance of the work carried out by the Little Sisters.

The timeless vision of the humble French woman, who over 175 years ago defied countless personal and social obstacles in the interest of helping the elderly in need, lives on today through these extraordinary members of our community.

“St. Jeanne Jugan’s canonization will show once again how living faith is prodigious in good works, and how sanctity is a healing balm for the wounds of humankind.”

Pope Benedict XVI

St. Jeanne Jugan Award Dinner

On September 15, 2016, we will host a gala fundraising event at St. Mary's Cathedral to present the first St. Jeanne Jugan Award in San Francisco to Yvonne Sangiacomo. This award is presented by the Little Sisters of the Poor to an individual who, honoring the legacy of their foundress, St. Jeanne Jugan, values the solidarity of the human family, the wisdom of age, and with kindness of heart embraces the importance of care for the elderly.



Our Honoree, Yvonne Sangiacomo

Yvonne Sangiacomo has been a friend, volunteer and benefactor to St. Anne's Home since the 1980's, when she began her devotion to supporting the work of the Little Sisters of the Poor. She is known to many as the founder of the Little Sisters' Red Tie Gala, but Yvonne has been so much more than that.

For over three decades she has consistently worked alongside the Little Sisters to help keep alive their legacy of care for the elderly, begun in San Francisco in 1901. Yvonne has understood well that the mission of the Little Sisters was founded with full faith in community — community living, community support, and community prayer. She knows that funds are always needed to help make ends meet, but that it is not funds alone that give breadth to their work. It is the hand lent and the heart opened to daily needs; it is the hospitality shared and the willingness to serve as ambassador to their mission that propels their vision and keeps it vibrant and significant in a changing world. This is the friend the Little Sisters of the Poor have in their 2016 St. Jeanne Jugan Award recipient.

We hope that you join us for this very special evening of celebration.

For more information, please visit our website www.littlesistersofthepoorsf.org.



A Swing and a Prayer 7th Annual Golf Tournament

On the last Friday of April, in following with what is now a tradition, the Little Sisters of the Poor Auxiliary together with perennial Co-Chairs Dan Burke, Pete Crudo and Bill Terheyden, hosted the 7th Annual Swing and a Prayer Golf Tournament. This year, for the first time, the tournament was held at the beautiful Peacock Gap Golf Club in San Rafael, and it was a great success! We had a sold-out event, and all the players thoroughly enjoyed the beautiful course and the day's festivities. Even more guests attended the dinner to honor a



Mother Theresa with the wonderful Swing and a Prayer Volunteers



Mother Theresa and Sr. Anna Marie with master of ceremonies, John Abendroth and honoree, Tony Sanchez-Corea III enjoying the beautiful location of the 7th Annual Swing and a Prayer Golf Tournament

most deserving friend of St. Anne's Home, Antonio R. Sanchez Corea, III, who was presented with the St. Anne's Award for Hospitality and Service by Mother Theresa and Pete Crudo. Tony humbly accepted the award for his decades of service and support for the Little Sisters of the Poor in his role as friend, supporter, and for the last several years, as chair of St. Anne's Home Board of Advisors. Thanks to the generosity of so many, the tournament raised over \$85,000 for St. Anne's Home.

A Simple Note

By: Mother Superior



Summer time, when schedules are a bit more relaxed to include time for vacations and having children home from school, is a wonderful time for renewal. The simple definition of renewal, “to make something new, fresh or strong again,” applies to all of our lives at one time or another. For us at St. Anne’s, renewal takes on many forms. For our elderly, it means engaging in activities that refresh them spiritually, mentally, and physically each day. For our Home, in the last several months, it has meant the beginning and completion of many projects intended to enhance the comfort and safety of our Residents. The replacement of beds, the upgrading of bathrooms for ADA compliance, the updating of our nurse call and telephone systems, and the refurbishing of our Resident dining room — all labors made possible through Divine Providence as manifested through the generosity of our benefactors and extended family.

St. Jeanne Jugan expressed it best when she said, “Our Benefactors: Where would we be without them?” Thankful for you and thankful for the legacy of our foundress, we dedicate the month of August to her, not just at St. Anne’s, but in all of our Homes around the world. There are many activities, both spiritual and otherwise, like St. Jeanne Jugan bingo, in which our Residents and staff alike can celebrate the vision of the woman who gave birth to our Congregation through her single act of kindness.

On behalf of all of our Little Sisters and Residents at St. Anne’s Home, I thank you for your ongoing support and wish you a summer full of personal renewal and special memories.

Looking forward to seeing you at our St. Jeanne Jugan Award Dinner in September!

May God bless you,

Mother Theresa

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2016 Calendar of Events

St. Jeanne Jugan Award Dinner

Honoring Yvonne Sangiacomo
Thursday, September 15
Cathedral of St. Mary of the
Assumption
San Francisco

For more information visit
www.littlesistersofthepoorsf.org

Fall Carriage House Sale

Friday, October 14 and
Saturday, October 15
10 a.m. to 3 p.m.
St. Anne’s Home
San Francisco

Fall Auxiliary Luncheon

Tuesday, October 25
11 a.m. Cocktails
12 p.m. Luncheon
Olympic Club - Lakeside
San Francisco

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