



A Blessed Christmas to All



*May the spirit of Christmas remain in your heart,
fill your soul, and allow the light of love
to grace your efforts throughout the year.*

*Wishing you a very blessed Christmas rich with the gifts of joy
and laughter shared with those you love.*

Merry Christmas from our Home to yours!

New Resident Spotlight

After a presence of 41 years in San Pedro and 115 years in the Los Angeles area, the Little Sisters saddened many with the news that they would be withdrawing from the Jeanne Jugan Residence there. The good news was that Residents had the option of moving to other Homes run by the Little Sisters and continue as part of the family.

Thanks to the short reprieve in state mandated admission protocols earlier this year, four Residents from the San Pedro Home have joined the St. Anne's family. They moved to San Francisco not only with strong bonds of friendship with each other, but also with a deep connection to the Little Sisters. This undeniably eased the transition of the move to Northern California for the Southern California Residents, who have all echoed the sentiment expressed

by **Patty Beauchamp**, "I knew I wanted to go to San Francisco when I found out that Mother Marguerite would be there too!" Now that she is here, Patty can't wait to continue with her painting, a skill that she is thankful to have developed with the help of Sr. Anthony. She proudly displays two of her favorite creations in her new room at St. Anne's and hopes to add a few more. "I am happy to be here," she shares, "everyone is so nice. I really like the activities, especially bingo. I also love going to the beautiful chapel when I'm not watching old movies."



Pauline Burich was born in San Pedro and lived there most of her life. When she went to live with the Little Sisters in San Pedro,



she thought she would be there forever. "It was not an easy decision to leave," she says, "but I wanted to continue living with the Sisters. I came to live with them when I was not in the best of health. They made me feel safe and secure, and I have thrived since then. I am still getting used to San Francisco as home, but I am happy to be a part of the loving family atmosphere here." She has enjoyed seeing parts of the Bay Area that she had never seen before, and she muses, "I never thought I would be getting medals for sports at the St. Anne's Olympic Games or be part of a hula performance, but what a highlight, especially after such a long period of quarantine."

Mary Jane Mariani

was born and raised in Boston, Massachusetts, and spent several years teaching in Virginia before settling in Southern California.

She first learned about the Little Sisters when she brought her students to visit the Little Sisters Home in Richmond, Virginia. Those visits lead to her volunteering there during her summers off and, "It was during that time," she shares, "that I saw the Sisters praying around a Resident's bed. It struck me like an arrow when I realized the Sisters were accompanying that Resident during the last hours of life. I immediately knew I wanted that!"

The Jeanne Jugan Residence ultimately became her home. She loved the beauty



of seeing the ships go by and seeing the sunsets from her home in San Pedro, but adds with a smile, "I love the people at St. Anne's, and one person in particular has brought most welcome humor into my life, 'no phoney bones, just funny bones', I am so grateful for that."

Norma Ortiz claims the summer of 2021 as her foggiest summer experience ever.

"Luckily, we went on a scenic drive over the Golden Gate Bridge and that got us into what I recognized as summer weather," she shares with a chuckle. Although she waited for a bit before moving into the San Pedro Home, she knew it came at the right time. When she was given the option to come to San Francisco, she knew that was the right choice for her as well. She explains, "I have always lived or worked in a Catholic environment and living with the Little Sisters is where I am meant to be." In her first few weeks at St. Anne's, she found herself preparing to join in activities she never expected to do in her life, but which she describes as a fabulous experience, especially having another St. Anne's Resident as her talented dance instructor. She is happy to be making new friends here and delighted that her friends from San Pedro are here too because she loves having those friendships continue.

Welcome to the St. Anne's family
Patty, Pauline, Mary Jane and Norma!



Serving
the elderly
poor in
San Francisco
since 1901.



Our Mission

Our mission is to offer the neediest elderly of every race and religion a Home where they will be welcomed as Christ, cared for as family and accompanied with dignity until God calls them to Himself.

Making a Difference Together

The loving care of the elderly by the Little Sisters of the Poor has always differentiated St. Anne's Home as the wonderful place that it is, but there is no question that the common vision and shared spirit of its staff helps keep the legacy and vision of the Little Sisters alive. Testament to this is the blessing of an extraordinary number of long-term employees who have stood beside the Little Sisters through thick and thin contributing to a community where each person is valued, the solidarity of the human family and the wisdom of age are celebrated and the compassionate love of Christ is shared with all.

It is with deep gratitude and pride that we congratulate and acknowledge the contributions of the following employees for their devotion and commitment to the mission of the Little Sisters.



Left to Right; Top Row: Jenny Labit, Beth Powers, Steve Lewey, Kim Bemis, Cristina Taniguchi; Middle Row: Irene Gorin, Maria Cunningham, Tim Lobacz, Ng Pham; Bottom Row: Avelina Gonzales, Rut Yemane, and Alla Novak

OVER 30 YEARS OF SERVICE

Luz Carrillo, Josefina Damasén, Avelina Gonzales, Steve Lewey, Puri Valencia

OVER 20 YEARS OF SERVICE

Aurora Basas, Lilian Basas, Kim Bemis, Ricky Echon, Salve Fontelar, Menchet Garcia, Nonna Glukh, Irene Gorin, Angel Gumaru, Vanda Kravchenko, Sandy Kwong, Jared Manini, Cristina Taniguchi

OVER 15 YEARS OF SERVICE

Hermila Alvarez, Erzsebet Farkas, Tim Lobacz, Alla Novak, Nga Pham, Olga Sasonkin, Santana Thienviwat, Ai Yee, Rut Yemane

OVER 10 YEARS OF SERVICE

Yani Abarrientos, Frank Aquino, Silvia Contreras, Josefina Cruz Galera, Maria Cunningham, Mei Huang, Nana Hsu, Jing Petate, Bob Polkinghorn, Lorraine Renteria-Castro, Jiang Truong

OVER 5 YEARS OF SERVICE

Robert Azcona, Teh Castro, Huberto Falloria, Anna Gajewska, Sharon Johnston, Jenny Labit, Cynthia Lacayo, Robert Porras, Beth Powers, Olivia Roa

With heartfelt thanks for everything you do!

The 2021 St. Anne's Olympiad

By Maria Cunningham

In the words of Tim Lobacz, the creator of the St. Anne's Olympic Games, "The best thing about this event is the togetherness that it fosters." Since the inception of the games in 2008, they have been a hailed tradition at St. Anne's Home. This year, the games were the singularly most anticipated activity of the year. "It was the shot in the arm we all needed," was just one of the many enthusiastic remarks that reverberated among the Residents who glowed with delight for the two weeks of the competition. The 2021 St. Anne's Olympiad was, of course, extra special as it marked the return of a favorite activity, but importantly because it represented deliverance from the months of social isolation in the Home due to the pandemic.

The planning for this event took weeks of meticulous forethought. Medals were handmade, games were well-researched, and props were carefully designed to insure an even playing field for all participants. There were opening ceremonies and a lineup of frisbee, bowling, basketball, and golf to name a few of the competitive games that were then followed by the closing day awards ceremony. The result for the Residents was a personal sense of individual achievement and immeasurable camaraderie supported by laughter and



cheers by and for all. Sisters, Residents and staff came together to participate in the revelry. The family was together again, ever so thankful for being able to do just that!

A very special note of thanks goes to our Activities Department and coordinators extraordinaire, Tim Lobacz, Cristina Taniguchi, and Santana Thienviwat for skillfully and lovingly organizing a memorable event that was a gift for all!

MOTHER'S MESSAGE

Merry Christmas to you all,

It's been quite a year! My year started in San Pedro and ends in San Francisco — a wonderful blessing to know life in both of these Homes.



The last several months have been dedicated to getting to know everyone at St. Anne's, remaining vigilant about health and safety, and adjusting to ever changing protocols as we look forward with hope that as time goes on the pandemic that has impacted our world can become a distant memory. I am grateful for our very special group of Residents and our devoted staff who, together, weathered the storms of the last twenty months, and with whom I work collaboratively to have St. Anne's Home continue to be a nurturing oasis and safe haven for the elderly entrusted to our care. We are thrilled that we have been able to resume some of the activities so missed by our Residents and to see their shared joy.

Due to the protocols that remain in place to insure the well-being of everyone in our Home, I have still not been able to welcome back our volunteers or meet the loyal benefactors who have helped us through the many economic challenges we have faced. However, we are all hopeful that the coming year will bring us back to pre-pandemic customs and my personal gratitude, along with that of all of the Little Sisters can be most ardently conveyed to you personally. Thank you so very much for everything that you have done for us to help keep us going. Your giving hearts and the hands that you have lent us have allowed us to continue providing the best care that we can, despite the toils of the times. Thank you so very much for being there for us.

Until we meet, the Little Sisters join me in wishing you a most Blessed Christmas Season and a very Happy New Year filled with good health and happy memories topped with the love shared with family and friends. Be assured that you and your family will be remembered in our prayers as we pray that the spirit of Christmas remain in your hearts throughout the New Year.

May God bless you always,
Mother Marguerite



December 1, 2020

Dear Friends,

There are distinct things in life that leave impressions in our hearts. One of those things, for me, happens to be seeing the Little Sisters at work, caring for the elderly. It is not just the necessary care they perform, but the tenderness, respect, and even humor that goes along with it. There is beauty in all aspects of the kindness delivered, but most poignant is their presence in the journey to heaven during the final stage of life. It is then that the Little Sisters remain at the bedside of their Residents without interruption - they pray, they fill the room with the sounds of soft hymns, and they hold a hand or wipe a brow until the last breath is taken. Being witness to this is an extraordinary awakening to the magnitude of this tradition that is at the core of the Little Sisters charism. No less notable is the path of incomparable care that enables Residents to live their lives to the fullest, nurturing skills that may have been forgotten with the passage of time, while powering creativity that engages the mind and renews the spirit.

The last 20 months have posed some of the most trying challenges of recent history for St. Anne's Home. With health and safety at the forefront of all endeavors, modifications have been required for the protection of the family, but the human kindness that lives at St. Anne's remains intact even as the Home struggles to recover from a pandemic that has impacted every level of operation. Each year, the Little Sisters must raise a significant percentage of funds through fundraising to help them carry out their mission. Given the times we are living in this has been especially difficult for them to do.

I will be forever grateful for the life my mother has been able to live at St. Anne's Home. I am thankful that my mother has been inspired to continue dreaming and encouraged to embrace life at every stage. I am thankful for the laughter that has been kept alive in her days and the joy that is present in her heart. If you can, please join me in supporting the work of the Little Sisters at St. Anne's Home by sending a Christmas donation in honor of your most cherished elder. Let's be the Christmas Angels that help the Little Sisters continue doing what they do unlike anyone else.

Sincerely,

A Grateful Resident Family Member



Thank you from the bottom of our hearts for helping sustain our mission of loving care to the elderly. Your Christmas donation will help to offset our increase in expenses and decrease in income as a result of the Covid-19 Pandemic. May God bless you abundantly for all the good you share.