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AJJ Unites Generations in Spirituality and Service

The Association Jeanne Jugan is a powerful representation of how the charism of St. Jeanne Jugan unites generations through their love and service to the elderly.

Saint Jeanne Jugan envisioned hospitality as a humble, fraternal service uniting in one family those who wish to serve Christ in the person of the elderly. Established and approved by the Vatican in 1998, the Association Jeanne Jugan (AJJ) follows the path of "newness and hope" encouraged by Pope John Paul II. Today AJJ has more than 2,000 members worldwide.

JoAnn Zurlinden, a founding member of St. Paul's Home AJJ, recalls attending an informational meeting for the newly approved organization 15 years ago. The meeting was attended by Sisters, friends and

volunteers from diverse backgrounds and experiences — but all with a shared compassion for the elderly. JoAnn recalls, "There were just three of us in the beginning. We didn't know what it would become — we just did it."

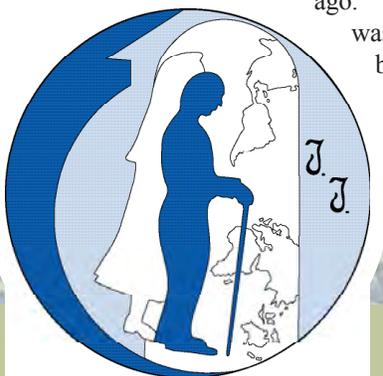
Jessica Herron recently began the year of spiritual preparation required to become a member of AJJ. The year includes an in-depth study of the spirituality of St. Jeanne Jugan and active participation in the mission of hospitality. Jessica explains, "Being a part of the AJJ gives me the chance to unite in a deeper way with the Little Sisters of the Poor."

The Association Jeanne Jugan is open to Catholic men and women aged 18 years or older. Members are retirees, professionals, stay-at-home moms, and young adults who participate in the Sisters' apostolate in different ways each according to his or her talents, interest and family/professional obligations.



Members of the Association Jeanne Jugan are an extension of the Little Sisters' hands and hearts.

For more information on AJJ visit our website or call Sr. Agatha at (513) 281-8001.



Picnics, Popcorn and Patriotism

Summer Celebrations have Everyone Wearing Red

Summer months offer opportunities to gather inside and outside St. Paul's Home — and to wear red! Whether sharing fresh popcorn while cheering the Cincinnati Reds, enjoying a grill-out on Independence Day, or simply reminiscing with ice cream or popsicles on the patio — everyone appreciates an opportunity to share in the joy of being with family and friends.



Theresa Froehle stays cool with ice cream on the patio.



Flo Wade shows her spirit for the Cincinnati Reds.



Leland and Mary Ann Schneider show their patriotism.

Eagle Scout Constructs Site for Sacred Heart Statue

St. Paul's Home Celebrates Feast with Dedication and Blessing

This year's feast of the Sacred Heart was especially meaningful with the dedication and blessing of a new site for the Home's Sacred Heart statue. The site was constructed by Tom Roth as an Eagle Scout service project. After the dedication, Residents, family and friends gathered inside and outside for an

ice cream social.

In addition to the feast of the Sacred Heart, which typically falls in June, the month of June is dedicated to fostering devotion to the Sacred Heart of Jesus. The Sacred Heart represents Christ's love for all mankind, and our devotion to it is an expression of our faith in his mercy.



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To receive this newsletter by email as well as information regarding events and activities at St. Paul's Home, volunteer opportunities, and more go to our website and click on "Register Here" or email Christina Waddle, Director of Development at devcincinnati@littlesistersofthepoor.org.

Celebrating the Joy of Life

Cross the Bridge Event Honors Little Sisters

On June 1 more than 4,000 tri-state residents gathered for the 9th annual Cross the Bridge for Life — an ecumenical event to show support for the protection of human life with a walk across the Purple People Bridge spanning the Ohio River from Sawyer Point in Cincinnati to Newport on the Levee in Kentucky.

This year's event honored the Little Sisters of the Poor and Mother Francis Gabriel was invited to ring the World Peace Bell to signal the start of the walk.

Following the walk, attendees enjoyed a free picnic courtesy of the JTM Food Group, as well as musical entertainment, jugglers and balloon artists.



Thousands cross the Purple People Bridge filling it with the joy of life. Sr. George, nearing the end of the Bridge, receives a high-five from an event volunteer.

Hospitality Abounds at Spaghetti Supper

Annual Event Raises Funds and Friends for St. Paul's Home

St. Paul's Home welcomed visitors of all ages for its annual Spaghetti Supper. Guests had the opportunity to meet Residents, Sisters and volunteers, and many took advantage of opportunities to tour the Home. In addition to a meal featuring Sr. Mary Imelda's famous sauce, there were Italian items for sale and assorted raffle baskets featuring dining certificates, theater tickets, kids items, specialty food products, and more.

This year's event experienced a more than 25% increase in ticket sales over last year. Special

thanks to Event Sponsor Lithko Contracting, Inc., and Dinner Sponsors JTM Food Group and Madison's Gelato.

For nearly 150 years the Little Sisters of the Poor have offered Greater Cincinnati's neediest elderly a home where they are cared for like family. About 60% of the funds needed to operate the Home come from the Residents — mostly Medicaid reimbursements for nursing care. The remaining 40% is generated through church collections, mailings, grants, planned gifts, and events like the Spaghetti Supper.



AJJ member, Lynn Lyon, represents the Home's spirit of hospitality as she serves plates of hot pasta, sauce and garlic bread.

A Simple Note

By: Mother Francis Gabriel



A welcome sign greets all visitors to St. Paul's Home. We genuinely treasure the diversity of individuals and groups who pass through our doors to cheer our Residents, assist with an event, help in the kitchen or laundry, or simply offer a gift. With each visit we are blessed and enriched.

Highlighted in the newsletter are our closest collaborators, the members of the Association Jeanne Jugan who stand ready to assist in any need. United with the Little Sisters their service in hospitality is founded on the spiritual attitudes of St. Jeanne Jugan.

Our extended family includes volunteers who share their time and talents with us as well as those who contribute to help keep our doors open. Whether "hands on" or more distant in offering financial support all are appreciated.

When we give we receive. Rewards can be as simple as a thankful smile, an encouraging word, an offered prayer. It is the Lord who promises a bountiful return. He says, "Give and gifts will be given to you; a good measure, packed together, shaken down and overflowing ... (Luke 6:38).

May the love and peace of the Lord overflow in your lives. You are in our thankful prayers!

Sr. Francis Gabriel, l.s.p.

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Mother Superior

Volunteers Needed – Come as you are!

St. Paul's Home has a range of volunteer opportunities available for individuals and groups, students and adults, with special skills or general interest, once a week or once a year. Possibilities for the upcoming season include:

- **Family Picnic (September)** – Help with food service or kids' activities.
- **Canned Food Items** – Launch a canned food drive sort the goods received.
- **Resident Events and Activities** – Assist with games or seasonal events.
- **Meal Service** – Help serve the mid-day or evening meal in the dining room.

For more information visit our website or contact Jerri Szlizewski, Volunteer Coordinator at (513) 281-8001 x131 or admsscincinnati@littlesistersofthepoor.org.



Longtime resident Tom Trimpe explains, "People don't realize how fortunate we are to have the volunteers we have. We are truly blessed. They make the home what it is. Like heaven on earth."

Raffle, Special Gifts Fund New Security System

The generous response to our Winter Raffle, combined with special gifts, funded the installation of a new security system for St. Paul's Home.

The old security system was more than 40 years old and consisted of only 4 cameras — cameras on the brink of failure — providing limited coverage of the home and its grounds. The new system provides increased coverage with improved clarity of parking areas and entrances. In addition, inconspicuous cameras inside our building help assure the safety of Residents and visitors.

We are deeply grateful to those whose generosity provided the necessary funding for this important project.