

# Little Sisters Of The Poor

Serving the elderly poor  
in Cincinnati since 1868.

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A sketch of the "old way" of collecting for Residents



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## Celebrating 150 years in America (Pt 2) Fr. Ernest Lelièvre: An Advocate to the Sisters



### SAVE THE DATE

#### Spaghetti Supper

Sauce To-Go  
Friday, June 22

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Saturday, June 23

#### 150th Anniversary Mass

Saturday, October 20

#### Christmas Boutique

Friday, November 9 &  
Saturday, November 10

#### Giving Tuesday

Tuesday, November 27

"I feel pressed to say in justice to God that his mercy exceeds his promises. One can't imagine what a foundation made by the Little Sisters is like, and how, arriving with nothing, one finds oneself in the end provided with everything," said Fr. Ernest Lelièvre on his devotion to the Congregation of the Little Sisters of the Poor.

Born in Valenciennes, France on April 13, 1826, Fr. Ernest Lelièvre was a great enthusiast and devoted advocate to the Little Sisters of the Poor and their mission. If it were not for his efforts, the Congregation would not be where it is today, across 30 countries caring for the elderly poor around the world. Let's continue our journey into the history of the Little Sisters during this historic year as we celebrate 150 years in America.

Fr. Ernest Lelièvre was part of an industrial dynasty. The Lelièvre family owned textile and metallurgic establishments throughout the north of France. Fr. Lelièvre was a millionaire because of his family; he was a doctor of law by his own studies, and he spoke and wrote very well due to his upbringing. He knew that he was called for something greater. At the age of 26 he entered the ecclesiastical Academy of Nobles with the intention to become a priest.

On June 2, 1855 Ernest Lelièvre was ordained and immediately requested that he join the young Congregation of the Little Sisters of the Poor. He joined as an auxiliary priest when the Little Sisters had nearly forty homes throughout France, England,

and Belgium. Parallel to their mission, Fr. Lelièvre was a great advocate of the poor, especially the elderly poor. He devoted his life to the Little Sisters and advocated for the spread of the Congregation throughout the world.

As the principal organizer, he helped the Sisters open over 200 homes throughout France, England, Belgium, Algeria, Spain, and Italy. With the spread of the Congregation in Europe, it was then decided he would take the mission of the Little Sisters to America. Fr. Lelièvre landed in New York on the Cuba May 31, 1868. His first stop was to visit Bishop Jean-Marie Odin to discuss opening a home in the capital of Louisiana. Together the two decided the Little Sisters would come to New Orleans after the "worst heat and fever season were over."

On his way back to New York from Louisiana he made several stops to visit with bishops throughout America in hopes that the Little Sisters of the Poor would be welcomed in many of the cities: St. Louis, Chicago, Detroit, and Baltimore.

Fr. Lelièvre made his way back to New York and soon welcomed the first group of Sisters on September 13, 1868. The first Home of the Little Sisters of the Poor opened in in three brick houses on DeKalb Avenue in Brooklyn, N.Y. With the building ready to inhabit, the Sisters went out on their first day of "collecting" in America. Their efforts were very well received and the Sisters were gifted with all the items needed to make



From a humble heart, a great wave of charity

Little Sisters of the Poor  
150 years in America

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# LITTLE SISTERS OF THE POOR

## More than a Resident of the Home

Claire Crawford: Store Clerk, Volunteer, and Resident



Claire (left) with longtime volunteer Lucy

Claire Crawford has been a Resident at St. Paul's Home for 16 years. She has 11 wonderful children, 20 grandchildren and 7 great-grandchildren, which in her words "is really nothing!"

When her youngest was in 4th grade and after the riots in Cincinnati hindered her husband's place of work, she went back to work to help make money, "I worked in the food services area at the University of Cincinnati and worked there for 22 years." She worked at what was called the Rhine Room, which is now known as the Catskellar on campus.

Claire runs the gift shop on the main floor of our building, but she also continues to volunteer at St. Monica-St. George Church. "Please come in to see me!" she says of the gift shop. "Many people don't realize that the shop is here or think it is only for Residents, but the Gift Shop is for everyone!" In fact, the shop is open from 1:30-3:30 p.m. daily. If you are ever here and find it closed, don't hesitate to ask the front desk to call Claire. She is more than happy to come down so you can explore the great items inside!

## The Blessings and Love of Our STNAs

Sometimes we tend to overlook the dedication it takes to be a State Tested Nursing Aide (STNA). STNAs are a large piece of the puzzle that is direct care for Residents in nursing care facilities. At St. Paul's Home we have fifty-two aides on staff. All shifts — mornings, evenings, and nights — are in need of coverage to provide the best care possible for the Residents. We are blessed to have aides who not only take care of the expected needs of our Residents, but who treat them as if they were caring for their own family.

In a normal day's work our STNAs assist Residents in a variety of care tasks — helping them get dressed, assisting with grooming, serving meals and getting them ready for bed. A very special aspect of their work is the ability to lend the Residents a listening ear. Something it's as simple as knowing their routines and building trusting relationships with them; this fosters a positive quality of life for each Resident. Many tasks not included in their official

"job description" — and which many of us might overlook — also occupy the STNAs' days. You can walk around and see aides helping tidy up a Resident's room, taking extra care to assist Residents in dressing up for a party or event, or even time to share a conversation as if between friends.

Anna Ramos, our Assistant Director of Nursing, said she never has lovelier conversations than with our STNA staff. "They have so many different backgrounds, but they all share the spirit of St. Jeanne Jugan," Anna said. "They care about the Residents like their own family and the Residents truly love them in return. I am amazed at their dedication, respect, and compassion toward the elderly!"

STNAs are a necessary part of the care team and we know that their work is not always easy. That is why we would like to say a HUGE and heartfelt thank you to all our STNAs! You are special and this place would not be the same without you!



STNA Crystal with Residents L'Jean, Helen, Janet, and Mary Ellen



STNAs Lacie, Monique, and Loretta



## Fr. Ernest Lelièvre: An Advocate to the Sisters continued from the front page...



**Fr. Ernest Lelièvre**

Brooklyn feel like a home for the first American Residents of the Little Sisters of the Poor.

Come October another group of Sisters arrived in America destined for Cincinnati; on the 14th they were welcomed with open arms by Sarah Peter. She was the first to request the Sisters come to America; eleven years later, her wish was granted as the Sisters began their mission in Cincinnati.

The Little Sisters of the Poor continued to grow throughout America with the help Fr. Lelièvre. A third home was opened in New Orleans, December 11, 1868. Over the course of four years he was a leader in helping open another ten homes for the Little Sisters. Father returned to Europe after his American endeavors but continued to advocate and support the Little Sisters from afar.

On July 3, 1889, the Sisters mourned his passing at age 63. Fr. Ernest Lelièvre devoted over 35 years to the mission of the Sisters. At the time of his ordination and association with the Congregation there were approximately thirty homes. In 1889, at the time of his passing, the Sisters were caring for the elderly in over 260 homes through the world!

As you can see, the Sisters have had many friends along the way to bring their mission to different parts of the world. If not for Sarah Peters and Fr. Ernest Lelièvre's efforts, the mission would not be alive today. We will continue our journey through the history of the Little Sisters with the Fall newsletter as we explore the Cincinnati Home throughout the years.

References:

*Ernest Lelièvre: 1826-1889, Have the poor ever had a greater friend than he?*, Little Sisters of the Poor, Publications Office

# Spaghetti Supper

Saturday, June 23 • 3 p.m. - 7 p.m.



## Sauce To-Go

Friday, June 22 • 1 p.m. – 7 p.m.

Our annual Spaghetti Supper has become the largest fundraiser for our home. Friends and family of come in to enjoy some of the best Spaghetti sauce made by Sr. Mary Imelda. There are also raffle baskets and other attractions to draw you in!

Sr. Mary Imelda is the cooking legend here at St. Paul's. She is a tremendous baker, making thousands of items for the annual Bake Sale, and her kitchen skills carry over into multiple types of food. If you haven't tried her famous spaghetti sauce you NEED to try it now!

Each year we offer take home sauce and meatballs so you can make your own spaghetti at home. After the event each year we often have leftover quarts of sauce, so if you missed the event, you can call Sarah Steffen, the event coordinator, to buy some after the event.

Sarah has been with the Little Sisters for three years now. "Since taking on the coordination of the Spaghetti Supper, we have raised almost triple what we did when I first began. I think that word about how good the food is has spread and more and more people come to try it out!" she recently noted.

The more the merrier! Each year there are at least thirty raffle baskets up for grabs and great Italian food. Sales from the feast of salad, spaghetti, dessert, and refillable drinks helps support caring for our Residents.

If you were not able to attend the event this year, please stay tuned for information on the event in years to come and plan to pick up a quart of Sister's amazing sauce!

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## A Simple Note

By: Mother Superior



Dear Friends,

It's unbelievable that it's already June! Time is precious and we are only able to continue our journey during this time because of our friends and family ... You!

As you have been reading, 2018 is a special year to commemorate the arrival of the Little Sisters of the Poor in America 150 years ago! We are excited to celebrate this joyous occasion with America and especially with our supporters in Cincinnati this October.

Cincinnati was the second location in the United States where the Sisters opened a home for the elderly; we have been following in the footsteps of our foundress, St. Jeanne Jugan ever since. Please stay in touch with us through our website and publications as we will be sharing more information about our celebration plans.

It is always a blessing to be able to say you are a part of our family. I cannot express enough how our mission to care for the elderly poor around the world would not be possible without your generosity and love. When you give to us, know you are helping all of our homes to be able to continue all this good work.

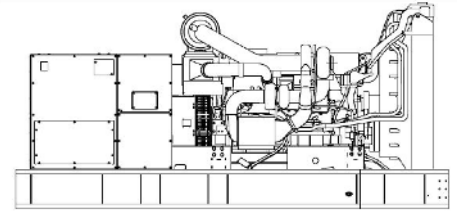
May God bless you and may you feel the strength of our prayers and gratitude throughout your life.

*S. Mary Sylvia L.S.P.*

## Our Needs

Power Team Update, the generator has been ordered! We will begin work on the long awaited Power Generator project this year. We hope to have the new one installed and ready for use by November 2018. Our current back-up generator was installed when the current building was built, 43 years ago. This project is a complete electrical and power project for the building. It will increase the safety and comfort of the Residents in the event of an unplanned disaster. With the current climate in the world today, it is important that we are prepared for anything in order to maintain the care we provide to our Residents.

All of this only happens through your support! Those in the Power Team have



contributed close to 50% of our requested \$500,000. This amount is only our goal for the Power Team. Overall, the generator project will cost more. Join the Power Team by sending in a donation towards the new installation of the generator. We have been blessed to receive a matching grant of up to \$300,000 on top of any donations you provide. You can double your money for this project! Any questions contact Karen Amend at 281-8001 or [devcincinnati@littlesistersofthepoor.org](mailto:devcincinnati@littlesistersofthepoor.org).

## 150th Anniversary Spotlights

St. Paul's Home in Cincinnati is one of 30 homes for the elderly poor run by the Little Sisters of the Poor in the United States. The website for the Little Sisters in America is [www.littlesistersofthepoor.org](http://www.littlesistersofthepoor.org). Each location has its own website as well; ours [www.littlesistersofthepoorcincinnati.org](http://www.littlesistersofthepoorcincinnati.org). The main website for the Sisters has many great features for our friends: a blog, informational videos, a listing of all the Homes in the US, and online versions of the Serenity magazine. Learn more by exploring both websites as our Anniversary approaches!

## Upcoming Events



### Spaghetti Supper *Saturday, June 23*

3 p.m. – 7 p.m.

Join us for our 8th Annual Spaghetti Supper. Over 30 raffle baskets on display starting May 1, a great plate of spaghetti, and wonderful company. Sauce and meatballs will be on sale on June 23 and the day before, June 22 from 1 p.m. – 7 p.m.

### 150th Anniversary Thanksgiving Mass *Saturday, October 20*

More details about the Mass to come. We ask anyone with stories about your experience with the Little Sisters of the Poor to help us in our celebration.

Contact Sarah, email and number below.

Visit our website for more details on events: [www.littlesistersofthepoorcincinnati.org](http://www.littlesistersofthepoorcincinnati.org).

**\*\*Did you know you could receive ONE giving receipt for all your donations at the end of the year? You can request to receive a year-end receipt only: check the box on the envelope attached or contact Sarah Steffen.\*\*** [prcincinnati@littlesistersofthepoor.org](mailto:prcincinnati@littlesistersofthepoor.org) | (513) 281-8001