



Wisdom of a Forgotten Generation

World Day for Grandparents and the Elderly

As soon as we learned that Pope Francis announced the institution of World Day for Grandparents and the Elderly, which will take place each year on the fourth Sunday in July, we were eager to participate. “Grandparents are often forgotten, and we forget the wealth of preserving roots and passing on,” exclaimed the Pope in his announcement. We agree very strongly with Pope Francis that our elderly have much to share and must be celebrated!

Our first celebration of World Day for Grandparents and the Elderly inspired ideas from everyone to help our Residents feel special. We wanted each one to know how much we appreciate grandparents and all the elderly, but especially those who live with us. A large banner was printed and on display outside our front gates to shout the good news to the world!

Since we have been able to enjoy group activities again, we filled the week with some of our favorites — Bingo, making crafts together, and a special trip to one of our local favorite ice cream spots — Putz’s Creamy Whip!

A highlight of the week came through our Residents’ own stories about their grandparents. These were gathered



and displayed with family pictures. Our Residents reminisced about their grandparents and what they meant to them:

“My grandmother used to take me out to restaurants and to the movies. Our favorite places to go were The Colony Restaurant and the Albee Theater.” – Mary Janet C.

“My grandfather was from Palermo, Sicily. He was a great cook. My favorite meal was his lasagna.” Carol S.

“In the summers and during the Thanksgiving and Christmas holidays, we would go to my grandparents’ house in Grand Rapids, Michigan. A special

treat in the summer was getting to eat dinner on the boat at the lake.” – Evie H.

Special treats were enjoyed throughout the week leading up to Sunday; the best activity was saved for last when we held a special Mass of Appreciation for all Grandparents. Beautiful music and special prayers from Father helped bring our week of celebrations to a close.

It was an extra-special week of reminiscing together. So many stories, advice, and wisdom come from the generations we tend to forget. Take the time to talk to your grandparents or any of the elderly you meet. You will never regret those priceless conversations!

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.





Celebrating 50 Years of Service

Sr. Dorothy's Golden Jubilee Celebration

Sr. Dorothy Christine Marie's Golden Jubilee celebration in August spread a special joy in the Home that we have not seen for a long time. We were so happy to come together to show appreciation for Sr. Dorothy and her fifty years of service and commitment as a Little Sister of the Poor.

At St. Pauls' Home, we consider ourselves to be one big family but if these past few years taught us anything it would be the importance of family members. We were honored to be able to host some of Sr. Dorothy's family members, including her twin sister!

To begin the day, we celebrated with a special Mass in her honor with a few of our most devoted priests. Sr. Dorothy renewed her vows during the liturgy, affirming her commitment as a Little Sister of the Poor. After Mass we enjoyed a spectacular meal prepared by our very own talented and dedicated Kitchen staff. A fantastic feast for the occasion fed all the Residents, Sisters, staff, and guests for Sister's special day.

The electric atmosphere continued into the afternoon when Residents, staff, and volunteers performed a play about Mackinac Island in honor of Sr. Dorothy. This island, the location of some of her fondest memories, has a very special meaning to Sister and her family. She would vacation there often with her family, enjoying the breeze of the lake air! The



play, which featured the Resident Bell Choir, was a huge hit. The Bell Choir performed not one, but two songs for Sister! This was the first time in over a year that the Residents were able to perform together.

This was a day specifically for Sr. Dorothy, but it brought a sense of excitement to the whole Home. Even though she was the center of attention we were all so grateful to have the opportunity to get together; it was like old times!



Our Own Stop on the Marian Pilgrimage

Celebrating the Archdiocese of Cincinnati Bicentennial

The Archdiocese of Cincinnati celebrated their Bicentennial with the longest Marian Procession in the history of the United States. A small group of pilgrims began this historic pilgrimage on Sunday, May 16, 2021 with a Mass at Our Lady of Fatima Shrine in Russels Point, at the very northern tip of the Archdiocese. From there the small group began their procession with a special statue of Our Lady of Fatima that had been blessed by Archbishop Schnurr.

Overall the pilgrimage lasted for 33 days, making stops at parishes throughout the archdiocese. They traveled south on their way down to Cincinnati to close the procession at the Cathedral Basilica of St. Peter in Chains on the day of the Bicentennial, Saturday, June 19, 2021. Before the closing Mass, on Friday, June 18, we were blessed to be the location of the Pilgrimage's second to last stop here at St. Paul's Home for the Aged.

As the Sisters and Residents waited for Our Lady of Fatima, excitement rose and turned into great anticipation. After what seemed like hours, we could finally hear the recitation of the rosary and singing. Approximately 50 people came into view as the pilgrimage approached our Home with Our Lady of Fatima shining front and center.

Even though rain had been predicted, it stayed away as we began our short little ceremony. Together we said the rosary and prayers in honor of the Archdiocese of Cincinnati and their Bicentennial celebration in front of the blessed Our Lady of Fatima. Following, Mother Marie Edward shared with the pilgrims the story of St. Jeanne Jugan and how we, the Little Sisters, began.

Before they continued on to their next location, we



enjoyed some snacks together and shared our stories with one another. Many of the pilgrims were from out of town, areas of the Archdiocese that span across 8,500 square miles! Their journey had been long and we felt blessed to join them in their last leg of the pilgrimage.

The Archdiocese of Cincinnati has been of service to almost half a million Catholics in our region for 200 years! To celebrate such a wondrous occasion with parishioners throughout this expansive Archdiocesan region was historic.

MOTHER'S MESSAGE



To our extended Family,

We have a golden opportunity on this coming Thanksgiving Day to give thanks and render glory, honor, and praise to our Heavenly Father for having bestowed so many blessings upon all of us at St. Paul's Home.

Of course, you, our friends and benefactors are held in our thoughts and prayers each day. We Little Sisters have so often wondered, "What would we have done without the assistance of our extended family?"!

Before long, we will be approaching the season of Advent, which Pope Francis describes as a good opportunity to cultivate a personal relationship with the Son of God and we invite you to join us here at St. Paul's Home on our Advent Journey. In so doing we will be able to say together that we have prepared ourselves to welcome the Christ Child into our hearts and souls.

Blessed Christmas to you and all your loved ones.

Joyfully in Christ,

Sr. Marie

Sr. Marie Edward, Mother Superior



A HAPPY GOODBYE TO ONE OF OUR OWN

Our Development Director for close to seven years retired in September. Karen Amend was a blessing to our home, bringing a great spirit along with her expertise. We hope you are enjoying retirement Karen! You are dearly missed.

OUR NEEDS

We are always in need of help from our friends!
There are so many ways you can offer your support.

- Donate online at www.littlesistersofthepoorcincinnati.org or send in your donations!
- Buy tickets for one of our ongoing raffles.
- Check out our Wish List on our website.
- Link your AmazonSmile or Kroger Plus card to our home!

END OF YEAR TO-DO LIST

Due to the pandemic we were unable to commit to any in-person events. Instead we recommend completing this to-do list!

- o Buy tickets for our Fall Raffle
Winners pulled Tuesday, November 30!
- o Go on a drive to see the beautiful fall foliage and bright lights
- o Buy tickets for the Spaghetti Supper Raffle Baskets
Winners pulled Wednesday, December 15!
- o Donate to the LSP Snack Cart
- o Drink ALL the Pumpkin Spice and Peppermint Lattes!
- o Send Holiday treats or candy to the Residents
- o Count your blessings
- o Join us for #GivingTuesday on Tuesday, November 30!