



In Gratitude – Our Silver Linings



Each and every day we thank God for our many blessings. These days, especially, we are very grateful for our friends and benefactors who have contributed so generously throughout the coronavirus crisis. Over the course of these many months of the pandemic, we have received many donations and in-kind deliveries of much needed supplies.

For example, our faithful friends, the Knights of Columbus, provided PPE and additional funds to fill our pantry. A member of our Advisory Council posted our needs on social media and collected two trunk loads of personal care products and sundries from family and friends. Countless deliveries have filled the carts and shelves placed in the entrance of our Home.

Equally as meaningful, there has been an outpouring of letters, calls of concern, and assurances of prayer. This daily “contact” has been a source of great encouragement during these challenging days. You have helped our Home in countless ways and your thoughtful, hope-filled messages have lifted our spirits.

In “Great Expectations and Silver Linings,” a recent blog posted by Sr. Constance Veit, director of communications for the Little Sisters of the Poor, Sister pointed to the sense

of disappointment and loss of control many of us may feel as a result of this pandemic. But as Sister Constance offered, “the virtue of Christian hope should keep us from allowing our personal hopes and aspirations to be dashed. Humble trust in God’s Providence should help us to accept our own poverty and to find the silver lining in our current situation.”

Silver Linings... there are many indeed: quality time with family, more

time to pray, an outpouring of care and concern for our neighbor, an abundance of creativity, ingenuity, heroism, and generosity.

You have been our silver lining!

Your thoughtful words and genuine acts of kindness have been a blessing. Thank you for all you have done and for all you are doing for the Sisters and our Residents! Stay strong and trust in the Lord. Please continue to pray for us and be assured of our prayers for you.

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“Thank you for all you do for all the Residents at the Little Sisters of the Poor. You attend to all the details that bring joy and comfort. This is such a challenging time for everyone with this pandemic. Our faith enables us to know that God is with us every moment. God bless you and your whole staff with renewed faith and hope, good health and resilience.”

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“Please accept our gift in appreciation for the great work you do with our seniors. Only our Lord Jesus Christ will reward you appropriately.”

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“In these turbulent times, it comforts us to know that the Little Sisters are a source

of peace to the community and continued support to those in your care.”

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“Here is a small gift to help during this time of crisis. You do amazing work! Please stay safe. You will all be in our thoughts and prayers.”



God's Love in the Garden

It is widely known that flowers are an integral part of the culture of India, and for Sister Jeanne, flowers are in her DNA. Because of Sister's floral arranging talent, our sunlit chapel is adorned with fresh and beautiful displays on the altar, next to the tabernacle, and to honor our Mother Foundress.

In the spring and summer, with the help of our green-thumbed Residents, Sr. Jeanne plants, tends to, and harvests the flower, herb, and vegetable gardens at our Home. Zinnias, marigolds, daisies, and lilies are everywhere and the bounty of leafy greens, tomatoes, squash, and string beans augment our summer dinner menu.

In any season the grounds of Jeanne Jugan Residence are inviting, but during summertime they are especially welcoming and our Residents enjoy the outdoors and the warmth of the summer sun on their shoulders.

The landscape is lush, the flowers in bloom, and the garden path that leads us through the Stations of the Cross is comfortably shaded for a serene, contemplative walk. St. Joseph stands watch and Our Lady's grotto is a wonderful place to rest and pray.

God's love is present everywhere and the bounty and beauty from His garden brings nourishment and joy to our hearts and to our Home.



Tree of Life Memorial



The Tree of Life Memorial at Jeanne Jugan Residence is a beautiful and permanent way to honor the memory of your loved one. Your gift of a handsome engraved brick will become part of a collection of memorial messages placed atop the stone wall at the entrance of our Home. Each 8" x 4" brick accommodates up to three inscription lines personalized by you. For more information, please call us at 401-723-4314.



This Is Not Good-Bye, Just Farewell

Years ago, during one of our “begging” rounds visiting neighboring Pawtucket businesses, we made a stop at McCoy Stadium. We were welcomed into the PawSox Front Office and were introduced to then team owner Ben Mondor (may he rest in peace), along with team executives Mike Tamburro and Michael Gwynn.

In good humor, Mr. Mondor asked what it was we were there for, knowing all the while the reason for our visit. After light-hearted conversation, we received a generous donation and we later learned that Mr. Mondor told his staff, “Whenever the Sisters visit this office give them whatever they need.”

Thus began a beautiful friendship with Mr. Mondor and a relationship with the PawSox spanning nearly fifteen years. Cultivated and fostered by Mr. Tamburro and Mr. Gwynn, the partnership continued through the current PawSox organization. We remain deeply grateful to Mr. Larry Lucchino and the current PawSox Management Team for their enduring and generous support.

What wonderful memories we have of the annual Little Sisters of the Poor PawSox Family Fun Day at McCoy — summertime barbecues, ceremonial pitches, “Play Ball” announcements, and Sister Elizabeth singing God Bless America during the 7th inning stretch.

Finally, we extend our deepest gratitude to Michael Gwynn, our esteemed Advisory Council member and PawSox Senior Vice President, who has provided valuable guidance and support over these many years. From Michael’s warm and friendly welcome upon our arrival at the stadium gate to keeping us on schedule with the various game-day activities, Michael has been our dear and faithful friend and counselor on and off the field.

This year the PawSox celebrate their 50th anniversary, a golden milestone that should have been marked by much fanfare before the team moves north to Worcester, MA. We were all looking forward to one final Family Fun Day, one more game, one more gathering, one more pitch, one more song. Mostly we were hoping to celebrate with our beloved team, their 50th year, and to say, “Thank You and Farewell.”

Enjoy more past Family Fun Day photos and video on our blog page: www.littlesistersofthepoorpawtucket.org/blog



Happy 100th Birthday Diva!

On any given day, pre-pandemic, one would find Diva in the arts and crafts room. Adept and imaginative, Diva’s love and talent for sewing, knitting and crocheting have kept her hands nimble and her mind sharp. From floral fabric tote bags, to sports-themed fleece throws and fisherman’s knit blankets, Diva has stocked our Gift Shop with handmade treasures for years.

But it is at our annual Christmas Bazaar & Craft Fair where you will find two very unique items — Diva’s whimsically “patented” Santa stocking and elegant beechnut wreaths.

Diva enjoys telling the story that as a young girl she and her friends used to collect the nuts that fell from the stately beech trees on the grounds of their church and meticulously glue the star-shaped shells, one by one, to form beautifully, delicate Christmas wreaths. Gifts from the heart, each made with loving and caring hands.

Diva — you have been giving of yourself through your talents, your faith, and your love. You are a gift to us, Diva, and you are an important member of our Jeanne Jugan Family. Blessings to you on your 100th Birthday!

MOTHER'S MESSAGE

Dear Friends,

Living through these days and months of Covid-19, in the United States and around the world, has brought forth not only challenges but support found through faith in God and His plans for us; support through prayer, hope, and the ability to strengthen one another.



Early in March we decided to move the statue of the Sacred Heart of Jesus to our front entryway to welcome all who come through the doors, to protect them and all who live here. Several of our staff mentioned their appreciation. They knew the words found in scripture: "Jesus said: Come to me, all you who labor and are burdened, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you and learn from me, for I am meek and humble of heart, and you will find rest for yourselves. For my yoke is easy and my burden is light" (Matthew 11:28-30).

Jesus' message encourages us to pray and to hope. He is with us always and we know it. He has given us rest in our weariness. Reflecting on the cover page you can read some of the many positive words, promises of prayer, and tangible gestures that have come to give support and strengthen all in our Home. The Residents are truly grateful to family and friends who have kept in contact with them through phone calls, video chats, and letters during these long months of "no visitors."

Once again I am urged to thank all our staff and Little Sisters publically as they come day after day to work, and tirelessly, day and night, give excellent personal, medical, and nutritional care to our Residents. They do all they can to maintain a clean, safe, and healthy environment, all the while raising the Residents' spirits, despite limited activities — all this because they care and bring their energy and love. Thank you for the joy, laughter and gratitude which are manifest on our Residents' faces and the through the sentiments that they share with me: "Thank you to all the Sisters and lay staff for their TLC and for helping us get through the lockdown these many weeks." The Lord is truly present.

We are still missing each of our volunteers — their smiles, conversations, listening ears, varied projects and work, the many parties and entertainment gatherings — they assist in so many ways, making a difference in all of our lives. We hope they will soon be able to return. Until then, Jeanne Jugan Residence remains blessed by the steadfast and daily presence of Janice Letendre, our devoted Volunteer Coordinator. For several hours each day, seven days a week, Janice stands ready to attend to any needs that arise. What a blessing to us and to our Home! Thank you, Janice. Daily we see many witnesses of Christ, whose heart is full of compassion and love. Readers of our newsletter are essential to the family of Jeanne Jugan Residence. Thank you for your care, your prayers, and your contributions! Without you, the family of Jeanne Jugan Residence would not be complete. May the Sacred Heart of Jesus welcome you and support you with His personal love. We promise you of our prayers for all your family and your intentions.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

Sr. Patricia Mary

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SAVE THE DATE BUT STAY TUNED

Novena to Saint Jeanne Jugan

Please send us your prayer intentions on the card enclosed

August 21-29

Saint Jeanne Jugan Feast Day

August 30

All Souls Mass of Remembrance

November 8

Christmas Bazaar and Craft Fair

November 13 & 14

Turkey and Ham Drop

November 15-21

Dear Little Sisters:

Please accept my contribution of \$ _____ in support of your mission. We realize that many fundraising events have been canceled and donations from various other sources have been delayed. We hope this will help cover some of the losses you have incurred during these challenging days.



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