



# Red, White and Blue Traditions

Many of our summertime traditions are painted in red, white and blue. From Memorial Day to Flag Day and Independence Day, we remember, honor, and celebrate with the American flag central to our gatherings.

This year, Maintenance Director Dan put together two patriotic presentations for our Residents. A former Marine assigned "trip leader," Dan managed the fleet of Marine Corps helicopters, including Marine One, the official White House transport. On Memorial Day, Dan shared a collection of memorabilia from his military service during the Ronald Reagan, George H.W. Bush and Bill Clinton presidencies, including medals, awards, even his military boots and Christmas cards from the White House.

On Flag Day, Dan detailed for us the history of the American flag, the particulars of the thirteen folds of a military flag folding ceremony, and how to properly display and dispose of an American flag that becomes torn or tattered.

We gathered in the garden and enjoyed Dan's very educational and interactive demonstration. The program began with a beautiful prayer by Sr. Mary Vincent and concluded with a flag raising ceremony with patriotic songs.

Our final red, white, and blue event was the Fourth of July Mass and barbecue. First, we thanked God for the freedoms we enjoy as citizens of this great nation and prayed to Our Lady of Guadalupe for peace and protection. After Mass, we enjoyed a delightful barbecue complete with ice cream cones!

God Bless America!



# Little Sisters of the Poor



## O Mary, We Crown Thee

*O Virgin most tender, our homage we render, Thy love and protection, sweet Mother, to win; In danger defend us, in sorrow befriend us, And shield our hearts from contagion and sin.*

*O Mary! we crown thee with blossoms today, Queen of the Angels, Queen of the May, O Mary! we crown thee with blossoms today, Queen of the Angels, Queen of the May.*

## Bring Flowers to the Rarest

On May 31, Little Sisters, Residents and staff processed to the grotto of Our Lady of Fatima for the annual May Crowning. Mother Patricia Mary opened the ceremony with the first decade of the Rosary and then passed the portable microphone among Residents, who continued to lead the group in prayer. Kate and Janice were privileged

to place the crown on Our Lady's statue, a fresh flower garland hand-made by Sr. Elizabeth Anne. After the ceremony Mother Patricia, Richard and John served ice cream floats. Everyone enjoyed each other's company in the warmth of the late afternoon sun under the protection of Our Lady of Fatima.



## Diocese of Providence Sesquicentennial and Meeting the Apostolic Nuncio

It was a privilege to attend the solemn Holy Mass for the closing event of the yearlong sesquicentennial celebration for the diocese of Providence at the Cathedral of Saints Peter and Paul. We offer heartfelt congratulations to Bishop Thomas J. Tobin on the occasion of the Diocese's 150th anniversary.

After Mass, we were delighted to meet Archbishop Christophe Pierre, Apostolic Nuncio to the United States. A native of France, Archbishop Pierre grew up in the village of Saint-Servan, the village where St. Jeanne Jugan founded our Congregation.



## Thank You – Little Sisters Big Bucks Raffle – Kitchen and Laundry Equipment

**THANK YOU!** Because of your generous response to the 2022 Little Sisters Big Bucks Raffle, we will be able to purchase the replacement laundry and dishwashing machines. We thank everyone who purchased a ticket (or tickets) and all who sent donations to help us with this project.

We look forward to the drawing on August 30, the Feast of Saint Jeanne Jugan, and we cannot wait to notify the winners! Thank you again for your extraordinary support. Good luck!



## Youth and Elderly - Evening Concert

If ever there was an event representing the spirit of Pope Francis' message of bringing the youth and elderly together, it was a special evening in June!

Our Resident Ray's grandson and his band delighted everyone with a wonderful selection of music. Singing, reminiscing, and even dancing, we all had fantastic time.

More photos at: [www.littlesistersofthepoorpawtucket.org/blog](http://www.littlesistersofthepoorpawtucket.org/blog).



## Why I Give

Many who are familiar with the Little Sisters of the Poor often speak about the family spirit in their Homes. We know this firsthand, as we are part of that family, as well as ardent supporters of the Little Sisters for more than twenty years.



Our affiliation with the Little Sisters of the Poor actually dates back to the 1960's. My Aunt Leona was a Resident and I remember, even as a young boy, the excellent care the Sisters provided. My memory of the kindness shown by the Little Sisters has stayed with me ever since.

Decades later, we became part of the family once again. Gina's mother Eva has been in the care of the Little Sisters since 2014, and we are so grateful to call Jeanne Jugan Residence her home, since we live 3,000 miles away.

We grew up in Pawtucket and Lincoln and married after high school. We moved to Virginia, stationed there in 1976 and retired from the Coast Guard twenty years later. We now live in Carnation, WA, and even though we are far away there is such comfort knowing Mom is being cared for and loved by the Little Sisters of the Poor.

Fortunately, we have been able travel east every year and with each visit to the Little Sisters, our belief in their mission is reaffirmed. Like most people, we hope to be able to live independently as we age. If that is not possible there is no place we would choose to live than at the Little Sisters of the Poor. Our most vivid memory of Jeanne Jugan Residence is seeing 100+ year-old Residents moving along smartly with their walkers, with ear-to-ear smiles. It is obvious to us that the Residents know how fortunate they are to have the privilege of living there.

We have always been extremely impressed with the Mothers Superior we have met over the years, and the crackerjack operation they run. We marvel at how the Little Sisters have coped during the last two years with the coronavirus outbreak. Everyone at the Little Sisters is so upbeat, Residents and staff alike.

Blessed with success we could never have imagined when we married, we know it is our duty to share with others. We formed a charitable foundation, focused on supporting the Little Sisters of the Poor, Catholic education, and those who we believe are deserving of help.

Although we have made a long-term provision for the bulk of our assets to go to charity, we enjoy being able to support these many organizations now and see the impact of our contributions. With each visit to see Mom and the Little Sisters of the Poor, it is gratifying to know we can help today and in the future.

**Michael and Gina**

## MOTHER'S MESSAGE

Dear Friends,

For the second annual World Day for Grandparents and the Elderly on July 24, Pope Francis chose the theme from Psalm 92:14, "In old age they will still bear fruit."

In speaking with Dorothy, who will be celebrating her 100th birthday next year, I asked her to ponder this. Looking back on the many decades of her own fruitful life, she responds, faith and family were central to a lifetime of abundant love and joy. Annette, another Resident, recalled years

as a homemaker with ten children, as a grandmother and now a great grandmother — a very fulfilling period in her life which continues now in her later years.

Dedication to family, a lifetime of hard work, prayer playing an integral role in each of their lives — as Pope Francis explained, "Our trustful prayer can do a great deal: it can accompany the cry of pain of those who suffer, and it can help change hearts. We can be the enduring 'chorus' of a great

spiritual sanctuary, where prayers of supplication and songs of praise sustain the community that toils and struggles in the field of life."

Here at Jeanne Jugan Residence, it is my privilege to witness the deeply fruitful prayer life of our Residents. Each morning, we gather to celebrate Holy Mass and each afternoon we

return to the chapel for the rosary. Every day we thank God for our blessings before each meal. I am also quite certain of countless hours of personal prayer in the silence of

our Residents'

hearts. As Mother Provincial Alice Marie Monica once said upon a visit to Jeanne Jugan Residence, "This Home is a holy Home."

In August, our prayers will continue to be fruitful, fervent and fulfilling as we pray for your intentions during our Novena to our Mother Foundress. Thank you for your thoughtful and generous support.

May God bless you,  
*Sr. Patricia Mary*



Annette and Isabel pray to Our Lady in the Grotto.

### Novena to Saint Jeanne Jugan

As we prepare to commemorate the August 30th Feast Day of our Mother Foundress, we set aside nine days to offer prayers in petition and thanksgiving for all who support our work and the blessings we receive through them.

Please include your prayer intentions on the card enclosed and send them to us.

Your prayers will be included in our daily petitions.



### Novena Prayer

Jesus, you rejoiced and praised your Father for having revealed to little ones the mysteries of the Kingdom of Heaven.

We thank you for the graces granted to your humble servant, Jeanne Jugan, to whom we confide our petitions and needs.

- pause to voice your personal needs and intentions -

Father of the poor, you have never refused the prayer of the lowly. We ask you, therefore, to hear the petitions that she presents to you on our behalf.

Jesus, through Mary, your Mother and ours, we ask this of you, who live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit now and forever.  
Amen



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