



Merry Christmas

*From the Chapel of Jeanne Jugan Residence,
the Little Sisters of the Poor and our Resident Family
wish you a most Blessed Christmas
and Peace and Joy in the New Year.*

Summer Soirée

God blessed us immensely for our first annual Summer Soirée. Because of an expert event committee which helped with many months of planning, we were able to create a delightful culinary stroll in the garden of our Home. It was our pleasure to welcome friends, benefactors and families — more than 200 in all — to enjoy a summer evening sampling elegant wine, craft beer, and a delectable selection of small bites and sweets. We remain ever grateful to participating restaurants, bakeries, businesses, event sponsors, and dedicated volunteers, all helping us to raise more than \$30,000 to help with our general operating expenses.

Thank you!



Visit our website for the complete Summer Soiree Photo Gallery, courtesy of Laura Kilgus at 9ten Photography.

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At The Heart of Who We Are

Today, in addition to our daily collecting rounds, the Little Sisters of the Poor continue to invite those they meet to help care for their brothers and sisters in Christ through church collections. COVID-19 brought a pause in our visits to local churches and this year, 2023, has been the first time we have been able to share our mission at many parishes since pre-COVID days.



It has been a tremendous joy for us to be able to invite so many people to share in our mission through these visits. Our visits are enriching in many other ways as parishioners share stories of previous Little Sister beggars, particularly Sr. Gertrude de Notre Dame, who touched so many lives.

We are so very grateful to all who have been so very generous to us. We so appreciate the kindness of the many pastors who welcome us and the parishioners who are so welcoming and open to our needs. As I say in closing my little talk, you have our sincerest thanks and that is a thank you that comes from the heart! God bless!

– Sr. Mary Vincent

Rest in Peace, Good and Faithful Servant

Sr. Bernadette de Marie Auxiliatrice, lsp



Little Sisters Big Bucks RAFFLE

Thank you! Blessed once again by the response to the Little Sisters Big Bucks Raffle, your generous support helped to raise more than \$60,000 for the purchase of new Auditorium Chairs. We are so very grateful!



Why I Give

Love is beautiful, but when it is lived out, it's magnificent!

My sister, Irene, was a typical teenage girl. With a wonderful fashion sense, sharp, and active in school, no one would have ever known of her deep desire to give up the things of this world in service to God. When announcing to my mother that she wanted to become a nun, my mother responded gently saying that she was too young but, "If on your 19th birthday you still have a calling, I will give you my blessing."

One day when at local chicken farm to purchase eggs, she met the Little Sisters of the Poor during their daily begging rounds. For the next few years, Irene would visit the Holy Trinity Home in Pawtucket and I would tag along. I could see how much she loved to be with the elderly. She sensed something unique there - the Sisters and their residents were like one family. Growing up in a home filled with love, she knew all about family. After her 19th birthday and with my mother's blessing, she entered the novitiate and for 44 years Sr. Xavier de St. Dominic lived her life as a Little Sister of the Poor.



Sr. Xavier de St. Dominic and my mother, Philomene Lapointe, at the Novitiate in Queens, NY

Sr. Xavier served in Homes in New Orleans and St. Louis. I remember long drives from South Attleboro to St. Louis with my mother and siblings to visit her. These were long journeys but we were able to witness the love she spread to the elderly. The Residents would call out, "Sister Xavier! Sister Xavier!" They loved her and she responded with her whole heart, spreading her love around them.

My affiliation with the Little Sisters of the Poor dates back to 1940 when I was just 14 years old. I am 97 today and it has been my privilege to faithfully support their mission. I have never missed an event hosted by the Little Sisters – St. Patrick's Day Dinners, PawSox Outings, Christmas Bazaars, even attending Mass in the Chapel there on Fridays. Just recently, I attended the Summer Soirée.

Throughout these many decades – because of Sr. Xavier as well as daily visits with my sister Jeannette, who lived at Jeanne Jugan Residence for a time – I have a unique perspective. You could say these Little Sisters of the Poor are of the world, but not of the world, that is, they navigate the complex world of healthcare, expertly manage nursing homes with limited means and provide exceptional care. Mostly, they create an environment of love.

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Alice

MOTHER'S MESSAGE

"All depends on confidence in God. The further I go, the more I am convinced that the life and work of the Little Sisters is entirely supernatural." – Father Ernest Lelièvre ~ 1826-1889

In the mid-19th century, as 'ambassador' of the Little Sisters to the New World, Father Ernest Lelièvre worked tirelessly and with great faith assisting the Little Sisters of the Poor. As a priest auxiliary of our Congregation, he paved the way for the first Little Sisters to travel to America, and due to his indefatigable efforts, helped to establish foundations to serve the elderly poor here in the United States.

Fast forward to 2023, Father Lelièvre was especially remembered during Sister Ophelia's Silver Jubilee celebration. For her holy card, Sister chose the quote above, "All depends on confidence in God." Is that not true for all of us? Confidence in God. Confidence in Divine Providence. In the midst of trials, in the midst of uncertainty, in the midst of financial insecurity, we Little Sisters of the Poor remain confident that God will provide.

As we approach Christmas and the New Year, we look back on 2023 with great confidence! The coronavirus is "officially" over. Masks off! Smiles on! Resident parties, music, and dancing, and many milestones! We celebrated Dorothy's 100th Birthday! Staff members, Skip and Brenda, retired and we celebrated the gift of their 60+ years of service combined. We welcomed Father James Ruggieri from St. Patrick's Church in Providence for Corpus Christi Sunday and newly ordained Father Patrick Ryan to say Mass in our Chapel. And while several members of our Resident family returned



Newly ordained Father Patrick Ryan blesses our Resident family. For more photos from Jeanne Jugan Residence, please visit our website, www.littlesistersofthepoorpawtucket.org.

home to God, confident in His love and mercy, we welcomed new Residents to our family, confident in God's plan for them.

Following the path traced out by our Mother foundress, St. Jeanne Jugan, unconditional confidence in Divine Providence is the guarantee of the Spiritual and Apostolic fruitfulness of the Congregation of the Little Sisters of the Poor. "God is with us, the work is His." St. Jeanne Jugan

We thank God for all that He has done for us and we thank God for YOU, an instrument of His work and love among us. He is present daily in our life. Our gratitude abounds.

On behalf of the Little Sisters and our elderly family, I offer you our deepest gratitude. We wish you and your family, many blessings this Christmas and in the New Year 2024.

May God bless you,
Sr. Patricia Mary



Our Wish List

The Little Sisters of the Poor would be grateful for your donation of

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VERY MERRY CHRISTMAS RAFFLE



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