

Jeanne Jugan Award x3

Each year, the Little Sisters present the Jeanne Jugan Award to a person who exemplifies the spirit and mission of our Mother Foundress, St. Jeanne Jugan. During this Jubilee Year of Hope, our happiness is tripled as we present this award to three members of one family: Charles, Mary, and George Amback.

All three – George, Mary, and her husband Charles – were working in retail when they began their long relationship with the Little Sisters.

It all started when a friend invited George to the groundbreaking for the new Home (the original Home had to be closed in 1977). Within four months of its opening in 1991, George was hired as a driver for the collecting Sister. His brother Charles had already been helping with the Home's fundraisers when he was hired in 1993 to head the laundry department, and later the maintenance department. Soon after, his wife Mary, attracted by the spirit at the Little Sisters', came aboard first in the dietary department, then in the activities department, and finally as the front desk receptionist.

As the years went on, their involvement with the Little Sisters only deepened: a certain zealous



Little Sister was instrumental in all three becoming Jeanne Jugan Associates. George remembers, "After working so closely with Sister Bernard, when she asked me to join I immediately said 'yes'. She was a great role model for me. Her love and care for the Residents, and everyone she met, taught me a lot." Being an Associate, George says, has meant "spiritual growth and a closer connection to God. It has helped me to become the person God intended me to be."

For Charles, it has helped him down a spiritual path which led him to become an extraordinary minister of Holy Communion. His favorite part of serving at the Home, he says, is the way "the Sisters and staff, volunteers, and Associates all work together for the Residents."

For Mary, being an Associate "means I will forever be a part

of the mission of the Little Sisters of the Poor. Whether it is at the Home or out in the world, the true gift is what the elderly have shown and given to me. To love and serve the elderly is serving Christ."

Since all three retired from their jobs at the Home in recent years, they seem busier than ever! No request is too much to ask of Charles and George. Whether it means decorating the Home inside and out for Christmas or setting

up for the Home's State Fair, the Turtle Derby, and other fundraisers, driving to the airport or organizing storerooms, they're "on it," and with a smile. As for Mary, she "makes the Residents happy" (as Jeanne Jugan wanted us to do) by maintaining the Gift Shop and Country Store to perfection, and being available for countless other services. She echoes the sentiments of all three recipients when she remarks: "I walk down the halls reminded of why God put me here: to love and serve the elderly."

Mary, Charles and George, we're very glad that the Lord "put" the three of you in our midst here at St. Joseph's. Our hope in honoring you during this Jubilee Year is that your witness may inspire many more persons to come and experience the joy of self-giving in the spirit of St. Jeanne Jugan!

Little Sisters have a New Logo – Hospitality At Heart

Here is an explanation of our new international logo:

“Hospitality at Heart”:

Hospitality, the fourth vow of the Little Sisters of the Poor, is at the heart of our mission, our Homes and our life.

The Home: Jeanne Jugan welcomed the Elderly into her own home and this is what we continue to do today in different ways. The house with rounded edges evokes more than a building and brings out the welcoming aspect that our Homes should have.

The logo uses fundamental symbols which are highly evocative: two hands and a dove.

The hands: The mission of the Little Sisters of the Poor is symbolized by an outstretched hand, which can represent welcome, assistance, support, accompaniment and openness. This hand may be the hand of a Little Sister or of a lay person working or volunteering alongside us.

It is a natural gesture that perfectly expresses the



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spirit of the Congregation: simplicity and universality.

The hand holding a walking stick illustrates the Little Sisters' commitment to the Elderly.

The dove: It symbolizes the Holy Spirit and the charism received by our Mother, St. Jeanne Jugan,

for welcoming the Elderly Poor. The dove, which is both present in the Home and flying out of the Home, evokes openness to the outside world.

The dove also symbolizes peace: the peace that the Residents should find in our Homes and the peace that should radiate within our Homes and to the outside.

The choice of primary colors – orangey red and golden yellow – is based on their warm embracing nature, in resonance with our mission, characterized by the welcome and kindness it offers to the most fragile. These colors also express the vitality of the Congregation.

Golf, BBQ & Shopping – Three Great Fall Events



Golf Scramble
Monday, September 29



Rock'n & Roll'n
Saturday, October 25



Falling Into Christmas
Saturday, November 22

Everyone Loves the Fair

The Summer months bring longer days, making time for sipping lemonade on the porch, visiting with family and friends and the Little Sisters Annual Fair!

Each year the activities department pulls out all the stops, creating a week-long event, resembling, as close as possible, our beloved Kentucky State Fair including, of course, Freddy Jr. Farm Bureau! This year's fair opened on Monday, with fair games, fair food and a delightful clown, whom locals may recognize: Brother Phil. He greeted everyone with a "Share Bear," created and filled with candy by St. Gabriel Students.

On Tuesday, the Residents enjoyed a lively game of Bingo, a crowd favorite.

Wednesday we were back in full fair mode with contests: cow milking, corn shucking and pie throwing as well as several furry friends to pet and visit.

Thursday was all about our sweet tooth with a cake baking contest. Judges scored the cakes on texture, appearance and taste. It was a tough decision, but our guest judges were up for the challenge. Our own cook, Olena, walked away with this year's blue ribbon. Special guests, Turner Circus performers, were in the building along with everyone's favorite, Elvis!

By Friday we were all ready for some beautiful music after such an exciting week. Our Dominican Brothers, Philip and John shared their talents, singing and playing the piano and guitar.

Thank you to all of the sponsors, volunteers and of course our own amazing activities department for such an incredible week!



A NOTE FROM MOTHER

As you read this newsletter, we will be in the "Season of Creation" which will culminate with the feast of St. Francis of Assisi on October 4.

Our Mother Foundress, St. Jeanne Jugan, was in many ways a "kindred soul" with St. Francis, in particular by the way she found God in all creation. We have testimonies from novices during the time of her long retirement at our Motherhouse, La Tour Saint Joseph, a place of great natural beauty. More than once she pointed out a spring flower, for example, saying, "Do you know who made that? My Spouse did!"

As Little Sisters, our respect for the lives of the elderly flows seamlessly from our obligation to care for all creation. Pope Leo remarked at his first Mass for the Care of Creation: "Our mission to care for creation, to foster peace and reconciliation, is Jesus' own mission, the mission that the Lord entrusts to us. We hear the cry of the earth and we hear the cry of the poor, because this plea has reached the heart of God."

In an effort to maintain our beautiful campus here at St. Joseph's Home, last spring we began a project of renewing and beautifying our flower beds, which are visible to our Residents from their first-floor rooms. The Residents were very happy with these improvements. The second phase would include servicing our trees, several of which are in a dangerous condition. A landscape designer who has been helping us has a plan to add 75 trees to the property this fall, which would enhance life here and in our neighborhood in a multitude of ways. We know that trees release oxygen, reduce pollution and greenhouse gases in the atmosphere, boost both health and mood, and provide cooling shade.

If you would like to contribute to this project, we would be most grateful, as would our Residents. Without the help of our benefactors, we will not be able to move forward with this project.

God bless you, and know that we pray for your intentions every day!

Mother Mary Richard



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