

# Loving Support from Across the Pond

It surely didn't seem like a normal quiet Sunday afternoon at St. Joseph's Home on May 3! An enthusiastic, flag-waving crowd of Residents, Little Sisters, staff and volunteers gathered at the front entrance to welcome Mother General María and Mother Joseph Christine, her vicar general, as they drove up with Mother Provincial Julie and her assistant, Sr. Christian Maria for a long-awaited visit. Mabel, an Argentinian Resident, welcomed Mother General (a native of Spain) with a beautiful bouquet of flowers and greetings in Spanish.

We continued the celebration on Monday, the 4<sup>th</sup>, as our visitors encountered as many members of the St. Joseph's Home family as possible. They met first with our Jeanne Jugan Associates, encouraging them in their obvious dedication to and love for the mission of St. Jeanne Jugan.

Later, Mother María and Mother Joseph Christine were pleased to meet with Archbishop Shelton Fabre after he celebrated the Eucharist in our chapel. He preached a beautiful homily about the place that Jesus



prepares for us, both in heaven and right here, right now in our hearts. He reminded the Residents that they have a ministry of prayer which is very important for the good of the Church and for the archdiocese.

After greeting the Residents in their dining rooms and distributing small gifts, Mother María and Mother Joseph Christine met with our employees, encouraging them in their important role as collaborators with the Little Sisters.

Soon it was time to gather in the auditorium for an entertaining program offered by Residents, Jeanne Jugan Associates, volunteers and employees. It traced the history of our Home in Louisville, from the founding initiatives of Father Ernest

Lelièvre to the building of our present Home, which opened in 1991. As part of the effort to give our visitors a taste of the unique culture of Kentucky, they were treated to a "mini horse race" with the official bugler of Churchill Downs, Steve Buttleman, playing the iconic "Call to Post" fanfare.

"The Queen of Argyll," a ballad sung by Father Troy Overton, honored the Scottish heritage of Mother Joseph Christine.

The Resident bell choir then wrapped up the program with a rendition of "This Land is Your Land," heartily sung by the audience, which included Little Sisters' families from the area. Residents presented Mother General with a spiritual bouquet and a check representing our latest fundraising efforts for our mission Homes.

Before leaving our Home on May 7 to continue their travels, Mother María and Mother Joseph Christine expressed their profound thanks to all. We know, however, that we are the ones who owe a debt of gratitude to them for their zeal in caring for the large family of St. Jeanne Jugan in 31 countries around the globe!



## Mother's Day

Celebrating Mother's Day is a favorite occasion at St. Joseph's. Family members join our lovely ladies as they enjoy a special "High Tea" complete with fussy tiny sandwiches and delicious desserts. Thank you to our extraordinary activities department and dedicated volunteers.



## Turtle Derby News

The combination of the spring season and Ohio Valley weather always makes this outdoor event a nail-biter. But what started out as a dreary morning ended up being a beautiful afternoon for games, music, fried chicken, local celebrities and

of course turtle races! Thank you to the more than 100 volunteers, Holy Family & St. Stephen Martyr Churches, Preston Poultry, Louisville Metro District 10 and all the booth sponsors for making Turtle Derby 2026 a wonderful success!





**Little Sisters  
of the Poor**

## **Rock'n & Roll'n with the Little Sisters October 17, 2026**

**Appearing**

**Uptown Band**

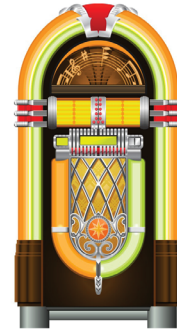
**Momma's, Mustard, Pickles & BBQ**

**Elvis Impersonator - Jonathan Maxwell Gilbert**

**Doors open at 5:30 pm**

**Event Tickets \$50.00**

**Sponsorships Available**



**The Saffin Center - 3938 Poplar Level Road**  
*Good Food, Good Music, for a Great Cause!*  
**All Proceeds benefit the Mission of the Little Sisters of the Poor**

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## **Top Down Classic Cruiser Raffle**



1966 Rotisserie Restored Ford Mustang  
289ci-Automatic Convertible

**Two Chances One Raffle**

**\$100 per ticket**

**Drawing**

**Night of the Event**

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Vehicles are AS IS - No Warranties

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1962 Rotisserie Restored MG MGB  
Manual/Convertible

**Proceeds from the Top Down Classic Cruiser Raffle WILL cover the cost of  
NEW Boilers for St. Joseph's Home. Now that's Providential!**



## **Little Sisters of the Poor 34th Annual Golf Scramble Classic**

**September 28, 2026**

**Woodhaven Country Club**

**Early Registration Starts July 1st**



## MOTHER'S MUSINGS



This year has been marked by many happy occasions, but, as you can surmise from the first page of this newsletter, there's one that will linger in our hearts long after this year has passed. It was the visit of our Mother General María and her Vicar, Mother Joseph Christine, from May 3–7 this year.

Some persons may have been puzzled, wondering "What's all the fuss about?" or "What's a Mother General?" To answer these questions,

it is helpful to understand that, in our Congregation of Little Sisters of the Poor, the government is primarily spiritual. Our Mother General is elected by a diverse international gathering every six years after much prayer and discernment. She is invested with primary authority over all the Little Sisters in the world, and she works hard to guide and support us in the spirit of humble service handed down to us by St. Jeanne Jugan.

As a guardian of the unity of the Congregation, she travels to as many of the 17 provinces of Little Sisters as she can during her six-year term. These journeys help her to familiarize herself with the various cultures and local situations in which the Little Sisters find themselves. Her priorities are to encounter each of the Little Sisters personally, and to meet our Residents, Jeanne Jugan Associates and other collaborators, since they all make up the large family of St. Jeanne Jugan. For our part, in a spirit of faith, we Little Sisters look to her to help us respond with greater love and dynamism to our vocation.

Therefore, when Mother General "comes to town," we try to do all we can to show her our gratitude, which I think was very apparent during this visit. Thank you to the many of you who shared these days with us!

Just as Mother María has been visiting her Little Sisters around the world, Pope Leo has been visiting his flock also. Two moments that have given all of us great joy were his visits to our Homes in Istanbul, Turkey in November and to Annaba, Algeria in April. His words to the Little Sisters there have beautifully echoed the spirit of St. Jeanne Jugan that Mother General has had at heart to share with us: "The secret of Christian charity is that before being for others, we must first be with others in a communion based on fraternity" (Istanbul). "I am happy because God dwells here, because where there is love and service, there is God" (Annaba).

Please pray for us, that it may be so in all our Homes.

God bless you,  
*Mother Mary Richard, Lsp*

## Leave a Lasting Legacy

*Without You ... Where Would We Be?*



**Please remember  
the Little Sisters  
in your  
Estate Planning.**

### Immediate Needs:

Colored washcloths  
Body wash  
Shampoo  
Hand sanitizer (pump bottles)  
Mouthwash  
Individually packaged  
snacks & candy

Kleenex  
Gift cards for Kroger  
and Walmart  
Copy paper

**Larger Need:**  
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