



LITTLE SISTERS *of the* POOR

SUMMER 2016

Dear Friends,



As we journey on during this Jubilee year of Mercy proclaimed by Pope Francis, we reflect once more on this Extraordinary Holy Year. Pope Francis asked God to grant “a year of grace, a favorable time to love all our brothers and sisters in the joy of the Gospel.” He encourages us “to enter through the Holy Door, which means to rediscover the deepness of the mercy of the Father who welcomes all and goes out to meet everyone personally.” The Church feels the urgent need to proclaim God’s mercy to all and is called above all to be a credible witness to mercy, professing it and living it as the core revelation of Jesus Christ.

We, as Little Sisters, recognize this gift of living mercy towards our Residents through our daily humble service. St Jeanne Jugan, our Mother Foundress, provided a home for the most needy elderly of her time and it is with these same sentiments that we endeavor to do this at St Martin’s Home. This is truly the heart and soul of the Little Sisters’ mission, to bring this mercy and love into the lives of the elderly that we care for today in our Home. We count on your continued support and are so grateful for all that you do for the Home. As you enjoy reading our summer newsletter, please spend a moment considering how you can shower your mercy upon those less fortunate than yourselves by sharing your gifts, talents, or treasure with us for the good of the Residents in our care. Remember the Lord is never outdone in generosity and He will repay you for your kindness to the poor.

We remember you and your special intentions in our prayers. God Bless you!

Mother Joseph Caroline, I.s.p.
Superior

PLEASE CONTINUE TO PRAY FOR OUR YOUNG WOMEN IN FORMATION TO BE LITTLE SISTERS OF THE POOR!

May the Lord of the Harvest instill the spirit of St. Jeanne Jugan in the hearts of many young women, so that our dear Residents will always have a Little Sister close at hand to accompany them and to love them.

Sister Maria Grace, I.s.p.

EVANGELIUM VITAE AWARD

The Center for Ethics and Culture awarded the 2016 Notre Dame Evangelium Vitae Medal to the Little Sisters of the Poor and Mother Provincial Loraine Marie Maguire on April 9, 2016. The Evangelium Vitae Medal is the nation’s most important lifetime achievement award for heroes in the pro-life movement, honoring individuals whose outstanding efforts have served to proclaim the Gospel of life by steadfastly affirming and defending the sanctity of human life from its earliest stages. O. Carter Snead, Director of the Notre Dame Center for Ethics and Culture, stated: “Their work and witness embody the goods at the heart of the Evangelium Vitae Medal. Their unwavering defense of the unborn in the HHS mandate litigation, alongside their longstanding work to care for the elderly poor, offers a beautiful and powerful witness to the



Photo by Peter Ringenberg, courtesy of the Notre Dame Center for Ethics and Culture

unique, inviolable dignity of every person, from conception to natural death. Their work is a testament to the radical solidarity and hospitality at the core of the Gospel of Life.” Mother Provincial Loraine Marie said the Little Sisters were “honored beyond words” to receive this award. Mother Provincial mentioned the outpouring of love and support from so many people during these past two years has been a witness in itself and has brought us to “a new level of faith and trust in God’s Divine Providence over us.”

ST. MARTIN’S HOME, LITTLE SISTERS OF THE POOR

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INTRODUCING ST. MARTIN'S HOME CAPITAL CAMPAIGN BOARD

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CHAPLAIN'S SUMMER MESSAGE

Father Stan DeBoe, O.S.S.T

I wish you could see the beautiful gardens at St. Martin's. The variety of flowers, vegetables and fruits, and trees is astonishing. Through open windows, the scent of roses fills the hallways. God blessed us with a beautiful spring and early summer, and the great diversity of plants serves as a reminder of the beautiful garden that blooms inside the Home as well.

Our Residents are each as unique and beautiful as the many plants in the gardens. Here, tended by caring staff and volunteers, we can watch new Residents join our "family" and continue to thrive. St. Jeanne Jugan once told the young Sisters, "You see those rose bushes? They are growing wild. You too are growing wild, but if you allow yourself to be well formed, you will become a beautiful rose, fashioned by the love of God." The Residents, through prayer, daily Mass, the Rosary and the Divine Mercy Chaplet we celebrate each day, are formed by God and blessing our world with beauty.

Remember the Residents, staff, volunteers and Sisters in your prayers. Each day we pray for you. St. Jeanne said, "Turn toward God," like the flowers do each day.

INVEST IN SHARING



Anton Hermoso with Brendan O'Kane

When 13-year-old Anton Hermoso heard the Little Sisters speak at Wild Lake Interfaith Center, he was moved by their message of giving and helping the elderly poor. He brainstormed with his family and teachers, along with

Mr. Brendan O'Kane, Director of Campus Ministry at Loyola Blakefield, about ways to help the Little Sisters "deliver their message."

Through an on-line crowdfunding campaign, Anton created a t-shirt with his tag line, INVEST IN SHARING, and opened the site for others to purchase. The t-shirts were well received, and Anton graciously donated all money to the Residents at St. Martin's Home.

THE MAGIC OF MUSIC

In addition to the loving care provided by the Little Sisters, staff and volunteers, our Residents have an outlet that provides care through music with Sara Miller, Activities Assistant. A Board Certified Music Therapist and Neurologic Music Therapist, Sara shares her talent and love of music with our Residents!



Sara adds Sing-a-longs and Music Sessions for socialization and entertainment to the Activity Calendar every month. Individual Music Therapy Sessions and

Music Therapy Groups allow Sara to set specific goals for each Resident. Residents sing, play instruments and move or listen to music while improving or maintaining memory, motor skills, social and communication skills or other individual goals. Our Bell Choir members enjoy the benefit of being connected to a group while Sara incorporates maintaining skills such as coordination, attention, and upper body movements.

Sara explained working with each Resident musically creates a connection and allows her to provide something special to his/her life. She is honored to sit bedside with a Resident in the final stages of life. In addition to the Resident, music provides a positive experience for loved ones while providing a lasting, loving memory.

SAVE THE DATES!

SATURDAY, SEPT. 10, 2016

3rd Annual Nun Run

(5K and 1 mile run/walk)
Cathedral of Mary Our Queen,
5200 N. Charles St., 8:00 am
start. Join the 700+ runners/
walkers supporting the
Little Sisters of the Poor and
Residents! Race details and
registration found at:
www.charmcityrun.com



SATURDAY, NOV. 12, 2016

12th Annual Celebrating the Gift

Baltimore Sheraton North, 903 Dulaney Valley Rd., Towson, 6:00 pm. Our third Celebrity Chef "competition" features returning "champion" Msgr. Rick Hilgartner (St. Joseph, Cockeysville) and fellow priests: Fr. Matthew Foley, OFM Conv. (Archbishop Curley High School), Fr. Michael Foppiano (St. Agnes and St. William of York) and Fr. Steven Roth (St. Isaac Jogues). Their recipes are prepared by the Sheraton with the winner determined by the recipe receiving the most tips! Details found on our website: www.littlesistersofthepoorbaltimore.org

50/50 Raffle Tickets Enclosed!

Proceeds benefit the Winter Fuel Fund at St. Martin's Home where the fuel bills average \$35,000 through the winter months. The winner last year received a check for over \$16,000!

