



Serving the elderly
poor in Baltimore
since 1869.

Little Sisters proudly accept the "Life is Beautiful" award from the Archdiocese of Baltimore.

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Life is Beautiful

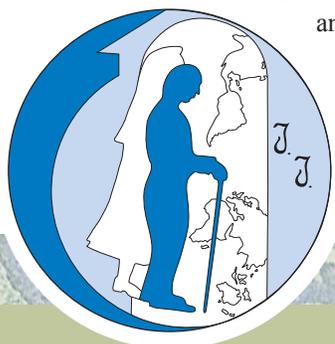
The Archdiocese of Baltimore celebrated life across the generations on January 22, 2017 with Mass at the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary. Mother Joseph Caroline accepted the "Life is Beautiful" award from His Excellency, Archbishop William E. Lori on behalf of all the Little Sisters.

The award is presented to those who exemplify a response to the call of St. Pope John Paul II who wrote: "Because we have been sent into the world as a 'people for life', our proclamation must also become a genuine celebration of the Gospel of life. This celebration, with the evocative power of its gestures, symbols and rites, should become a precious and significant setting

in which the beauty and grandeur of this Gospel is handed on." (E. V. 83).

Receiving a standing ovation, the Little Sisters present were called to the altar by Archbishop Lori where he explained that their mission of caring for the elderly poor truly epitomizes the celebration of life. The Sisters were honored to receive this award and were humbled by the response of those attending Mass. They were humbled again as they were surrounded by well-wishers as they left the Basilica.

Sister Lawrence Mary gave a reflection on the theme of the day at the reception following Mass. Pondering the impact of St. Jeanne Jugan and the Little Sisters on the elderly whom they serve, she concluded in saying: "Yes, I can affirm that life IS beautiful. Let us all go forth from this celebration today renewed in this conviction. Let us proclaim by our actions and our words that we are a people of life, that life is beautiful from conception through the door of natural death into eternal life."



Our Mission

Continuing the work of Saint Jeanne Jugan, our mission is to offer the neediest elderly of every race and religion a home where they will be welcomed as Christ, cared for as family and accompanied with dignity until God calls them to himself.

Reverence

Family Spirit

Humble Service

Compassion

Stewardship

Our Lady of Fatima

This year the Church celebrates the 100th anniversary of the apparitions of the Blessed Mother at Fatima, Portugal, to Lucia Santos and her cousins Jacinta and Francisco Marto. Since then, thousands of pilgrims have visited the shrine at Fatima seeking Our Lady's intercession. The Residents of St. Martin's Home are taking their own pilgrimage – 100 Days to Fatima with Our Lady! Permanent Deacon-candidate, Steve Sarnecki, is presenting a series of talks on some of the many apparitions of Our Lady from well-known visits such as Our Lady of the Miraculous Medal and Our Lady of Lourdes to the more obscure Our Lady of Akita, Our Lady of Kibeho, and Our Lady of Zetioun. Along with the talks are handouts, prayers, and projects such as making sandwiches for the homeless, helping us better understand Mary's message as she visits her children. The virtual pilgrimage includes a real

pilgrimage to the National Grotto of Our Lady of Lourdes, Emmitsburg, MD scheduled for the spring.

Since one of our cottages is dedicated to Our Lady of Fatima and many of the Residents have a great devotion to her, we are also planning special Rosaries and prayers to assist us as we prepare to celebrate the anniversary in May and continue the celebration until October.

We include our friends and benefactors in our prayers during this special celebration and ask Our Lady to intercede on our behalf for the many intentions we carry.



Adorning Our Lady of Fatima.



Residents make sandwiches for the homeless.

Happy 100 years!

On April 25, St. Martin's Home Resident Sallie Holden celebrates 100 years! Sallie resides in our assisted living cottage with minimum assistance. Although her eye sight is poor, she feels very blessed with the support of her loving family and "knowing the Lord will provide."



Sallie Holden relaxes in her fan back chair – a purchase made with her husband in 1941.

Born and raised in the Baltimore area, Sallie was baptized, confirmed and married in the old St. Joseph Passionist Monastery Parish in Irvington. Amazed at the world of technology and the concepts of the iPhone and Google, she remembers the challenge of transitioning from a manual typewriter to an electric model during her office career. When speaking of the advancements of the iPhone, Sallie recalls walking to a neighbor's home to use the phone since her family didn't have one at the time – and waiting for an open "party line."

Sallie said she never dreamed she would live this long – her husband died when he was 51 and she has outlived two beloved daughters. She feels the song, "Take My Hand, Precious Lord" helps her get through difficult times. "The Lord is my strength and motivator," says Sallie. She attends Mass in our chapel, and when physically not able to go, prays as she listens to Mass and other prayers on St. Martin's Chapel Channel.

St. Martin's Home is blessed to help Sallie celebrate a life well lived and a life full of love and faith! Happy 100th Birthday, Sallie!

Sharing Kindness

St. Martin's Home is blessed with the kindness of our volunteers who assist the Activities Department and our Residents!

Individuals and groups currently offer weekly programs for our Residents including hand massage, exercise, balloon volleyball and bingo. Musical volunteers share their special talents by playing the piano, violin, guitar and flute. Volunteers assist with Birthday socials, pizza parties and sunset cocktail/supper hour which draw a large gathering of our Residents. In addition, through a partnership with the Pets on Wheels Organization, two separate families share their pets with our Residents.

Our foundress, Saint Jeanne Jugan, told us our mission is making the elderly happy. With the help of the 200+ volunteers who lovingly share their talents with us, we accomplish this! Our Resident, Angela, who attends most activities, said, "The volunteers are wonderful and make an impact on our lives. They become our friends and become part of the St. Martin's Home family."

Kitty Bowles, ADC, Director of Activities, stated, "We are currently looking for volunteers to assist us with our Linked Senior programs (computer based activities program for seniors), with one on one visits and with the transportation of Residents to and from special events within



Archbishop Curley students volunteer time with Residents.



and outside the Home." Kitty praised the efforts of all our volunteers saying, "I am very grateful for our volunteers; they are instrumental in making St. Martin's activities program a huge success!"

Contact Sister Lawrence Mary at colbaltimore@littlesistersofthepoor.org for information about volunteer opportunities. Volunteers must attend an orientation and complete required paperwork before participating as a volunteer in the social and spiritual activities of the Home.

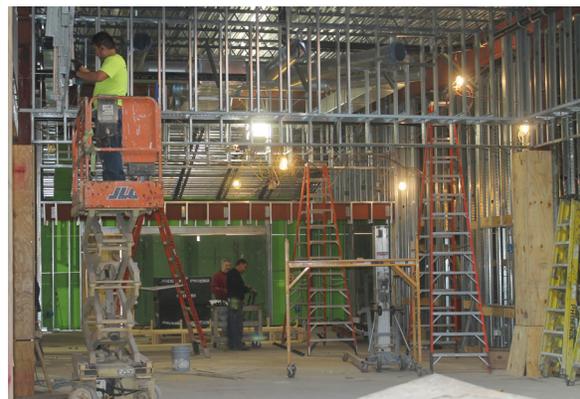
Construction Updates

Remember your home in the building process? You watched in awe as each room took shape; you pictured your family in the home and imagined all the memories you would make - the family dinners, the holidays, the special occasions. It was a magical feeling and one that filled you with joy.

The little Sisters watched in awe as St. Martin's Home took shape in 1969. Those Little Sisters and Residents imagined all the memories they would make and they had the same magical feelings and joyful hearts.

St. Martin's Home is undergoing a major transformation because of your generosity to our capital campaign, Caring Today, Building Tomorrow. Our Residents live in beautiful, newly renovated cottages; the Sisters are safely housed; we lift our hearts in prayer in our beautiful chapel; Physical Therapy enjoys a spacious area with a view of the garden; the postulants returned to Baltimore and happily live, work and pray in the new postulate; and the administrative offices are bright and comfortable.

Now is the time for us to move forward – continuing the St. Martin tradition of family and faith. Currently work is nearing completion in Main Street where Residents will enjoy a coffee shop, a beauty parlor, space for games, and relaxing gathering spaces. Plan a visit soon. We promise to lift your spirits and fill your heart with joy.



Main Street construction progresses.

A Simple Note

By: Mother Superior



Dear Friends,

On Sunday, February 7, Pope Francis stressed the sanctity of life and encouraged us to fulfill Christ's command "to be salt of earth and light of the world." Two days earlier, while speaking to the crowd in St. Peter's Square, he said, "May no one be left alone, and may love defend the sense of life."

How prophetic that the words of His Holiness on two separate days reflected the work done by the Little Sisters of the Poor at St. Martin's and in all our homes throughout the world! As Little Sisters, we have the precious duty and responsibility to share the light of faith with those nearing the end of life through acts of charity. And as salt enhances the flavor of food, being the salt of the earth is giving 'flavor' to life with the faith and the love that Christ gives us.

As spring approaches, won't you consider the words of our Holy Father and join the Little Sisters and the Residents of St. Martin's Home by becoming the "salt of the earth and light of the world?" We invite you to join us for daily Mass and to consider becoming, in some way, part of our family.

Sister Joseph Caroline

Sister Joseph Caroline, Superior

Naming opportunities

The Gospel mandate, and an unwavering emphasis of Pope Francis, is that our love for God must be reflected in our love for one another, especially the weak and vulnerable. Responding to that call, the Little Sisters remain fully committed to the needs of the elderly poor.

Our historic capital campaign, Caring Today, Building Tomorrow, is making great progress. Thank you to all of you who made or pledged your gift. If you have not yet done so, please ask our Lord how He desires you to help.

Is there a better way to remember a deceased loved one than by a gift in their name? We have many commemorative opportunities at St. Martin's and look forward to discussing them with you. From the smallest item to entire areas, we will tailor the naming opportunity to your needs. Please contact our Director of Development at 410.744.9367 ext. 122 to discuss providing love and support to those in need.

Please add the following 2017 events to your calendar and support the Little Sisters of the Poor and Residents of St. Martin's Home!

It's In The Bag



Our inaugural handbag auction, IT'S IN THE BAG

Sunday, April 23, 2017 • 11:30 a.m. – 1:30 p.m.
Rolling Road Golf Club
814 Hilltop Road, Catonsville 21228
(Seating limited...reserve now!)



4th Annual NUN RUN

Saturday, September 9, 2017 • 8 a.m. start
Cathedral of Mary Our Queen
5200 N. Charles Street, Baltimore, MD 21210



13th Annual CELEBRATING THE GIFT Gala

Saturday, November 11, 2017 • 6 p.m. - 11 p.m.
Turf Valley Resort
2700 Turf Valley Road, Ellicott City, MD 21042

Details for these events are on the website
or contact 410.744.9367 ext.126 with questions.

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