



Grandchildren of AJJ member, Nancy Bateman, crown Our Lady

Our Lady of Fatima

On May 13, 1917, Our Lady appeared for the first time to three children – Lucia, Jacinta and Francisco – at the Cova da Iria in Fatima, Portugal. Five months later, on October 13, Mary appeared to them for the final time. During that apparition, the famous “Miracle of the Sun” took place, leading many people there and throughout the world to believe in the message of prayer and repentance that Our Lady of Fatima gave the children.

During this centennial year the Little Sisters created a spiritual “prayer chain” between the dates of May 13 and October 13. Each day one or two of our homes took their turn to honor our Blessed Mother and implore her to obtain many vocations for us. In Baltimore our designated day was Sunday, October 8. From morning until afternoon we prayed the Rosary hourly in the chapel including a special Rosary prepared by our chaplain, Rev. Stan DeBoe, O.S.S.T., at 4:30 before evening prayer. Residents, Associates, volunteers and friends joined us in prayer throughout the day. At our morning Eucharistic Celebration, three special visitors entered the

chapel in the entrance procession: the grandchildren of Nancy Bateman, AJJ, dressed as Lucia, Jacinta and Francisco. At the end of Mass, Francisco had the honor of crowning the statue of Our Lady of Fatima with a beautiful crown of fresh flowers symbolizing our love for her. We are confident that our loving Mother will hear and answer the fervent prayers we address to her for vocations. Please join us in continuing to pray for this intention.



Our Lady of Fatima

Serving the elderly
poor in Baltimore
since 1869.



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 for Life
Family Spirit
Humble Service
Compassion
Stewardship*

Little Sisters of the Poor

Main Street

As each area of St. Martin's Home is completed thanks to the generous donors who contribute to our capital campaign, *Caring Today – Building Tomorrow*, there is a high level of anticipation and excitement just before the "great reveal." However, very little can compare with the excitement of Main Street. With plenty of space to socialize, along with space for quiet reflection, Main Street provides the Residents of St. Martin's another homelike environment.

Begin with the activities area with a large kitchen area for cooking demonstrations. Stop in the beauty parlor then over to Sip & Chat for a cup of coffee and a gathering of your friends. Enjoy the private dining room for Residents' use. Enjoy the common areas, with the vaulted ceilings and cluster seating. And immerse yourself in books in the William Cardinal Keeler Memorial Library.

All that is accomplished at St. Martin's Home is possible thanks to the loyalty and devotion of our donors to the Little Sisters and our Residents. It is truly a blessing to know that God listens to our prayers and sends us such wonderful donors. We hope you visit soon and witness first hand all the good you do. Thank you for treating our Residents as family and for caring for them as your own.



Main Street and Cardinal Keeler Library

Happy Birthday, St. Jeanne Jugan!

Jeanne Jugan was born 225 years ago this past October 25 in Brittany, France, toward the end of the French Revolution. Parents often spend many moments during the months preceding a baby's birth wondering about their child or dreaming about the little one's future. Often unrealistic dreams, such as "Will this son of mine become President?" or "Will my daughter be beautiful, talented, and marry a millionaire?" come to mind. St. Jeanne Jugan's mother and father must have dreamt about her too, but their thoughts were

most likely more somber: "Will my child survive?" "Will we have enough to eat?" "Will she be able to see her father return from a perilous fishing trip to Newfoundland?"

On the day of her birth Jeanne's parents couldn't have imagined that 47 years later she would answer God's invitation to welcome a woman who was elderly, poor and paralyzed into her own home and care for her as she would care for Jesus. Nor could they have imagined that from that simple act of charity the Congregation of

the Little Sisters of the Poor would be born. And even if they had been able to imagine that, would they ever have guessed that 225 years later, in 2017, Jeanne's spiritual daughters, the Little Sisters, would be continuing her work in 31 countries?

Today, from all over the world the large family of St. Jeanne Jugan – Residents, Associates, Staff, Volunteers, Benefactors, Friends and Little Sisters – join together to say, "Thank you, St. Jeanne Jugan, and Happy 225th Birthday!"



Celebrating Jeanne Jugan's 225th birthday with Sr. Mary Matthew in costume as Jeanne Jugan

What a Run!

We were blessed with beautiful weather and an amazing turnout of over 884 runners, walkers, and Virtual Runners for our 4th annual Nun Run on September 9. This run is not possible without the generosity of our sponsors, donors and participants who support the Little Sisters and Residents. View our list of sponsors and our slideshow at www.littlesistersofthepoorbaltimore.org.



The Little Sisters welcome The Bird to the Nun Run



School of the Incarnation wins the 2017 Flying Nun trophy!

We congratulate:

2017 Parish Pride Winner
(Parish with the most registered runners/walkers)

St. Ignatius, Hickory

2017 Flying Nun Winner
(School with the most registered runners/walkers)

School of the Incarnation

2017 Blisters for Sisters Award
(Team with the best time)

Mt. de Sales Sailors Team

We thank you:

Runners, walkers, virtual runners,
sponsors, committee members,
volunteers and friends!

Celebrating the Gift with Celebrity Chefs

The Little Sisters hosted 370 guests at Turf Valley Resort for the 13th annual *Celebrating the Gift Gala*. 2017 was the fourth year for our traditional Celebrity Chefs event and featured recipes submitted by: Msgr. James Barker (St. Ignatius, Hickory), Fr. Frank Brauer (The Catholic Community of St. Francis Xavier, Hunt Valley), Fr. Michael Carrion (Immaculate Heart of Mary, Towson) and Friar Matt Foley (Archbishop Curley High School), who returned to defend his title as "2016 Celebrity Chef" winner. The priests' recipes were prepared by Turf Valley and guests determined the "winner" and recipient of the coveted 2017 winner's medal by tipping the chefs! Fr. Michael Carrion was our 2017 winner with the recipe of Chicken Riesling.

Our four Celebrity Chef winners from 2014, 2015, 2016 and 2017 agreed to meet for a Celebrity Chef Cook-Off competition at the 2018 Gala.

Proceeds from this event go directly to pay the winter fuel costs at St. Martin's Home which in 2015 and 2016 averaged \$30,000 a month.

Many thanks to our 2017 Gala Committee: Lidia Paz-Baker, Joanne Bauman, Kim David, Stephanie Hoyle, Shirley MacDonald, Amy Macko, Gat Meredith and Sharon Smith.

Be sure to visit our website for a slideshow of the evening!



With thanks to our 2017 Celebrity Chefs!

A Simple Note

By: Mother Superior



John and Dolores, with Mother Joseph, celebrate 70 years of marriage!

Dear Friends,

Advent, the great season of longing and hope, is almost over. We are approaching the final days of preparation for Christmas. During this holy season, we hear scripture readings speak to us of God's hope for us – the poor are fed in body and spirit, the blind see and the lame walk. We hear of light in the darkness and a world renewed. The lion and the lamb lie down together and a little child will lead them.

The birth of Jesus, like the birth of every child, is a sign that God continues to hope, dream and keep His promise of a world made new. Contemplating the child of Bethlehem, we are invited to see the world as God sees it, and to hope that His dream, longing and promise will be fulfilled.

With the hope and expectation of the New Year, the Little Sisters and Residents of St. Martin's Home, thank you for your kindness and generosity throughout this year and pray that God may renew in all of us the joy and wonder in our hearts and fill us with His blessings in the New Year.

Wishing you a joyful Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Sister Joseph Caroline

Mother Joseph Caroline, I.s.p.

Pilgrimage to Emmitsburg

On October 4 Residents, Little Sisters and volunteers, made a pilgrimage to the National Shrine Grotto of Lourdes and the National Shrine of St. Elizabeth Ann Seton. This was an extension of the "100 Days with Mary" spiritual pilgrimage celebrating the 100th anniversary of the apparitions at Fatima. Mass was celebrated at the grotto chapel and the group prayed the rosary at the open-air grotto on Mt. St. Mary's. This grotto is one of the oldest shrines of Lourdes in the U.S. Following the visit to the grotto, the pilgrims visited the Shrine to St. Elizabeth Ann Seton, the first American-born saint. They toured the houses in which Mother Seton lived and spent time in prayer in the basilica where her relics are enshrined. The pilgrims prayed for those from the Home who could not make the trip and all our friends and benefactors.



Welcome

Sister Maria Lourdes,
Sister Paulina and
Sister Mary Matthew
to St. Martin's Home!

Save the dates for these events to benefit the Residents of St. Martin's home:



2nd Annual Handbag Auction
Sunday, April 22, 2018



5th Annual Nun Run
Saturday, September 8, 2018



14th Annual Celebrating the Gift
Saturday, November 10, 2018

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