



"It brought us all great joy to celebrate Teresa's one hundredth birthday with her. What a great example of celebrating life!" Sister Mary Matthew, I.s.p.

CELEBRATING 100 YEARS

Little Sisters, Residents and staff recently celebrated the 100th birthday of our Resident, Teresa Lehrer. A Resident since 2006, Teresa said, "I never expected to live to be 100, but life is in the Lord's hands!"

A Resident of Baltimore all her life, Teresa went to Holy Martyrs grade school through 8th grade, attended a year of high school and a year of "commercial courses." With a work permit, she started working at age 16 as a switchboard operator. Teresa and her mother cared for her paralyzed father who was confined to his room for

years. Marrying later in life, Teresa and her husband lived in her childhood home. They did not have children, and, with her husband's death in 1988, Teresa had no immediate family.

Teresa has no regrets in life and only thankfulness for the place she calls home for 12 years. When asked what she likes about St. Martin's Home, Teresa responded, "Everything!" She reads extensively and spends a good part of her day reading the local newspaper, which she says keeps her in touch with the world.

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



4.22.18 DESIGNER HANDBAGS, BRUNCH AND FRIENDS

Join us as we host our 2nd annual "IT'S IN THE BAG" handbag auction on Sunday, April 22 at Rolling Road Golf Club, 814 Hilltop Road, Catonsville 21228.

The event is from 11:30 a.m. – 1:30 p.m. and includes a brunch buffet and silent auction featuring new, designer handbags – some accompanied by a scarf, a piece of jewelry or gloves.

Mark your calendars for Sunday, April 22 and invite your mom, daughters, sisters, girlfriends and relatives to "IT'S IN THE BAG." Learn more about the Mission of the Little Sisters of the Poor, visit and dine with the Sisters and Residents and bid on beautiful handbags! Reserved tickets are \$60.

Please consider sponsoring one of our "IT'S IN THE BAG" handbags. Sponsors are asked to donate \$300 to enable the committee to purchase designer handbags for the Silent Auction. You will be acknowledged as a PURSE-A-NALITY PERSON!

Reserve your tickets soon (seating is limited) by sending your check to: Little Sisters of the Poor, Handbag Auction. Donations or purse sponsorships are also appreciated!

**Contact 410.744.9367 ext. 126
with questions.**

218 YEARS OF MARRIAGE World Marriage Day

Each year, on the second Sunday of February, the Catholic Church celebrates World Marriage Day. It is an opportunity to reflect on the beauty of the vocation of marriage and honors the husband and wife as the foundation of the family. It celebrates the life-giving relationship of one man and one woman united through the love of Christ. In 1993, his Holiness, St. Pope John Paul II, imparted his Apostolic Blessing on World Marriage Day and each year it continues to grow and spread throughout the world. At St. Martin's, we have the unique blessing of witnessing the love and devotion of three Resident-couples who were recognized at the February 11, 2018 Mass by our chaplain, Father Stan DeBoe, O.S.S.T.

Days before, on February 8, Eileen and Gordon Schultze celebrated 77 years of marriage. Both are active members of our Home, participating in many of the scheduled activities. This year, they were selected as our Mardi Gras King and Queen, presiding over our festivities before we entered into Lent.

In addition to Eileen and Gordon, we also celebrated the seventy-first anniversary of Dolores and John Malat and the seventieth anniversary of Ilah and John Jeffries. Our Resident-couples are beautiful witnesses to the permanent theme for World Marriage Day, "Love One Another." This phrase is the commandment given us by Jesus in John 15:12 and speaks to us of how our Father wishes us to live. Our couples spend their days together and we catch glimpses of them holding hands, sharing a kiss, and praying together – sharing with us the power of God's presence as they continue to live the sacrament of Marriage among us.



Eileen and Gordon, 2018 Mardi Gras King & Queen

50 YEARS OF CONSECRATED LIFE

50 years – half a century! A Chinese proverb says, “A journey of a thousand miles begins with a single step.” To paraphrase that proverb, one could say, “50 years of religious consecration begins with a single day.” Or more specifically, with a single “yes, Lord.” He called me and I chose to let myself be chosen by Him to belong to Him alone as a Little Sister of the Poor. I entered the Little Sisters in 1962 and came to Baltimore to do my nursing studies at St. Agnes before going to the novitiate in Queens, New York. In 1968 when I pronounced my first vows, I had no idea where the Lord would lead me, but I knew that He was all I needed or wanted. He was to lead me to serve the elderly in France, Singapore, South Korea and the Philippines

before calling me back to Baltimore. In every place I served as a Little Sister, I was very happy and felt very much at home. In discovering the beauty and diversity of the cultures and the elderly in these various countries, I also discovered many different facets of God’s own beauty and love. It was God who called me and it is He who has been with me and done everything for me during these years. My “yes”, repeated countless times each day throughout these 50 years, grows ever deeper and more sincere. I can truly say with our Foundress, St. Jeanne Jugan, “God has blessed me, because I have always greatly thanked His Providence.” Thank you for being a part of my journey!
Sister Lawrence Mary, l.s.p.



50 DAYS OF EASTER *SHARING THE JOURNEY*

During Lent the Residents of St. Martin’s Home had the opportunity to travel the world and meet people who live the Passion, Death, and Resurrection of the Lord in their lives. Through the power of technology, and using a program designed by Catholic Relief Services, the Residents visited Iraq, Nicaragua, Burkina Faso, Haiti, and Malawi and encountered people from those countries, learning of their experiences, their hopes and dreams, and how the work of CRS is providing not just material assistance, but building up the kingdom of God. After watching the videos each week, the Residents shared a simple meal with food from each country.

They also shared Jesus’ journey as they celebrated the Stations of the Cross each Friday afternoon. The Stations allow us to walk in Jesus’ footsteps from his condemnation by Pilate to His burial. But the stations also reflected some of the journeys experienced by many in our world today – refugees, the elderly, the ill, the unborn. The last Stations allow us to witness Jesus’ journey through the eyes of the Blessed Mother.

Without leaving Home we shared the journey of Jesus and walked with our sisters and brothers, sharing their lives and their food filling us with God’s love.

A Simple Note

By: Mother Superior



Dear Friends,

As we look forward to the season of spring, we always associate the feast of Easter with new life. The snows of winter are absorbed by the earth and plants begin to sprout. Birds build their nests and they soon fill the air with springtime music. Our churches are filled with "Gloria", "Alleluia" and "He is Risen!" Most importantly, the joy of new life is then for all of us to experience throughout the whole year.

At St. Martin's Home, our Residents set aside their time of fear and doubt, as you do, and rise once again renewed with hope. We are a Resurrection people who go through our ordinary lives filled with faith and a certainty that never disappoints. And because of you and your continued support of our Home, our Residents never doubt if they will be fed, never doubt if they will be safe, and never doubt if they are loved. Yes, as we move into this new season of spring time, may we experience the abundant new life of Christ poured anew into our hearts, through his generous self-giving.

Let us enjoy fully the relationship we have with the Risen Lord and may He bless you abundantly for your generosity to us! Happy Easter to you and your loved ones.

Sister Joseph Caroline

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Superior

SO MANY WAYS TO HELP!

Thank you for your continued support of our Activity Department and our Development Department's special events (Handbag Auction, Nun Run, Gala) which benefit our Residents! Our 2018 wish list is below if you would like to donate:

DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT:

2018 Gala Wish list:

Bottles of wine (\$40+ value)

Gift cards to:

Restaurants
Sporting Events – Ravens, O's,
Nationals – any local teams, any sport
Concerts, movie theaters, plays
Flower shops, jewelry stores,
boutique venues

2018 Nun Run Wish list:

Gift cards to grocery stores or BJ's, Sam's
Club and Costco to purchase beverages
and snacks (any value appreciated)

ACTIVITY DEPARTMENT

2018 Resident "Auction" Wish list:

Gift card to Walmart, Dollar Tree or
McDonalds (\$10 value)
Stamps (roll or small book)
Ravens / Orioles gear (new scarves,
hats, caps, t-shirts – in all sizes)

These items may be dropped off in the Development Department or left at the reception desk marked: Attention Sister Lawrence Mary, 2018 WISH LIST and include your name and information to acknowledge your donation. Contact Carol at 410.744.9367, ext. 126 with questions!

Please support the Little Sisters and Residents by
attending/supporting our 2018 events:



2nd annual Handbag Auction, It's In the Bag Sunday, April 22, 11:30 am – 1:30 pm

Rolling Road Golf Club, 814 Hilltop Rd.,
Catonsville 21228



5th annual Nun Run Saturday, September 8, 2018, 8 am start, registration 6:30 am

Cathedral of Mary Our Queen, 5200 N. Charles St.,
Baltimore 21210



14th annual Gala – Celebrating the Gift Saturday, November 10, 2018, 6:00 pm

Sheraton Baltimore North, 903 Dulaney Valley Rd.,
Towson 21204

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involved and be a part of the Mission of the Little Sisters!

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