



## Looking back over the 150th anniversary



Father Stan DeBoe, Mother Joseph and Mother Provincial Loraine with the Jubilee Bell for the close of the 150<sup>th</sup> anniversary celebration.

Looking back over the 150th anniversary year of the Little Sisters' arrival in Baltimore, several Little Sisters share their reflections:

- "Throughout the entire year, I became more deeply aware of the courage and love of our first Little Sisters who left everything to serve God and the elderly in the United States. Had they not answered God's call, perhaps we would not be Little Sisters ourselves today. Now it is our turn to be strong and holy links in this unbroken chain of humble service to the elderly so that we may transmit this flame which burned so brightly in the hearts of our founding Little Sisters to the Little Sisters of tomorrow."
- "St. Jeanne Jugan was able to bid farewell herself to the first Little Sister

missionaries to North America and prayed for the success of their mission. They faced the same hardships she experienced in order to launch this work of charity with the elderly on foreign shores. These Little Sisters were the image of St. Jeanne and history reveals they lived and worked as she did. The Archdiocese of Baltimore welcomed the Little Sisters who, with the assistance of benefactors and volunteers, prepared a Home to welcome, serve and love the needy elderly. This anniversary in Baltimore was an echo of a long history of working for the greater glory of God and the salvation of souls."

- "Being present at Danko Foundries for the casting of the bell commemorating our 150th anniversary

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**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*

## A Journey of Love

*Celebrating the 150th Anniversary of the Arrival of the Little Sisters of the Poor in Baltimore*

By Angela Baroch  
Resident, St. Martin's Home

One hundred and fifty years ago, women filled with love and devotion  
made a voyage to America across that frightening blue ocean,  
Carrying God's precious cargo.

The Sisters were praying and singing  
praising God almighty for this wonderful new beginning.

Finding a place to call their own,  
each one having a chore —  
Laundry, cooking, and cleaning, and Lord there was so much more.

The sick and elderly and homeless joined the Sisters there within,  
as a strong need, for all to feed,  
Now the begging would begin.

And one by one the people came;  
the handicapped, hopeful, despondent, and lame.

Over the years, faith, hope and tears kept them all together.  
Caring for the ill, doing God's will, conquered the stormy weather.

By and by they settled in a home that all would adore.  
So "Thanks be to God" for everything, and for the Little Sisters of the Poor.  
That your legacy will go on and on,  
We pray to you Saint Jeanne Jugan.

Mary Elizabeth Olin, an assisted living Resident, said a special highlight of our 150<sup>th</sup> anniversary celebration was the opportunity to learn more about the history of Little Sisters and St. Martin's Home. She even used the information during a weekly activity, "The Reading Circle," which she conducts for the Residents. Mary Elizabeth said she started her first discussion with the opening of the Brooklyn home and took the Residents on the same journey the Little Sisters followed as they opened their Homes in the United States.

The Apostolic Nuncio's visit was especially meaningful for Mary Elizabeth, who said the Mass was impressive and beautifully celebrated. Mary Elizabeth said it was so meaningful that Archbishop Christophe Pierre, Apostolic Nuncio, was born in the same area as Jeanne Jugan! Resident Jerry Lynch had the same feeling, saying the Nuncio was "gracious to all the Residents." Jerry also commented that it was impressive to see the priests and seminarians from the archdiocese who supported the opening of the 150<sup>th</sup> celebration.

Jerry and Mary Elizabeth both had strong childhood connections to the Little Sisters. Jerry remembers Valley

Angela Baroch, a Resident at St. Martin's Home since 2015, is the unofficial poet laureate of the Home. Angie, a parishioner from St. Margaret's Church, raised her family in Belair, MD and worked as a lab technician at Mercy Hospital.



Fr. Stan DeBoe and Angela Baroch

Before coming to St. Martin's, Angie said she had nothing, and during the time she waited to move here, she appreciated the social worker who assisted her in so many ways (that social worker is now a Little Sister of the Poor, Sister Angela Marie Clare).

Angie has been writing poems since she was a child. In elementary school a teacher assigned the task of writing a poem for Christmas. The next day Angie was asked to read her poem but the teacher gave her a failing grade because she thought Angie could not have written the poem without help. The teacher never relented and never apologized, but Angie never stopped writing poetry. She now writes a poem each month for the Resident newspaper, "The Bell Ringer," and for all the special occasions at the Home.

When asked how she does it, she humbly replies, "It's a gift that God has given me. God guides the pen and I feel the words in my heart." As St. Jeanne Jugan might say, "Thanks be to God, Angie. Blessed be God!"



Residents Jerry and Mary Elizabeth discuss the journey of the Little Sisters.

Street's large chapel. As an altar boy from St. John the Evangelist Church on Valley Street, he attended May Crowning Masses and remembers the Little Sisters wearing their now outdated habits. Mary Elizabeth recalled the Little Sisters as kind and loving. She knew them as a child living on York Road and recalled the Little Sisters as they went "begging" from house to house for collections, the start of their parish collections that the Sisters now make weekly.



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was a fascinating experience. After the molten metal was poured into the mold and allowed to cool and harden, the mold was broken, never to be used again. This bell, then, was unique. Blessed on August 30, the feast of St. Jeanne Jugan, the bell was rung in turn by each Little Sister. The ringing of a bell has often been used as a call to prayer; that is why I think the inscription on ours could not be more appropriate. It is the text of the advice St. Jeanne Jugan gave to one of the Sisters: 'Jesus is waiting for you in the chapel. Say to him, 'Jesus, you know exactly what is going on. You are all I have, and you know all things. Come to my help.' And then go, and don't worry about how you are going to manage. That you have told God about it is enough. He has a good memory.' As each Little Sister rang the bell, each in a different manner, unique as the bell itself, I couldn't help but hear in as many different ways the words of St. Jeanne Jugan inscribed on the bell, 'Jesus is waiting for you in the chapel... Jesus is waiting for you in the chapel.'

- "Thirty years after St. Jeanne Jugan welcomed Anne Chauvin into her

**“Now we begin, day by day, the path to our next milestone anniversary.”**

home and cared for her as for her own mother, the Little Sisters arrived in Baltimore. Their service continues here today. The beautiful celebration in the Basilica in Baltimore presided by Archbishop William E. Lori was an expression of encouragement and blessing for all of our Little Sisters. The presence of a young Little Sister from Baltimore who pronounced her first vows last year, accompanied by her parents and relatives, made the day even more significant. St. Jeanne Jugan is alive in Baltimore today!”

- “Now we begin, day by day, the path to our next milestone anniversary. Looking to the future we realize that undoubtedly many advances will be made in technology and medical care for the elderly. What must remain constant in our service will be giving our Residents a warm and welcoming Home where each one feels loved, respected, and part of the family begun in 1839 by Jeanne Jugan until God calls them home to heaven.”



## We thank you for your support

To all of you who shared in this our 150th anniversary year in Baltimore, we thank you for your support and participation!

Whether you attended the anniversary Mass at St. Martin's with the apostolic nuncio, Archbishop Christophe Pierre, or our Mass and reception at the Basilica, sent an offering to our cemetery project or offered to help clear the graves of our deceased Little Sisters, or participated in the Purse Auction, Nun Run, or Gala, please know that your presence at these special occasions was appreciated by the Little Sisters and the Residents of our Home.

The Little Sisters' arrival in Baltimore in 1869 began a wave of charity that has lessened the burden of old age for over 15,000 needy elderly. Upon their arrival from France, the Sisters were aided in their mission by the goodness of the people of Baltimore. Within days, they had five Residents and a home complete with furnishings.

Since that time, you have not stopped supporting the Sisters' mission of caring for God's most vulnerable children, the elderly poor. Please accept our heartfelt thanks and know that our family prays for your family daily!

## MOTHER'S MESSAGE



Mother Joseph and Mother Provincial accept a citation for the work of the Little Sisters from Governor Hogan's office.

Dear Friends,

On that first Christmas, the angels praised God, saying "Glory to God in the highest, and peace on earth to men of good will." The shepherds came and adored the newborn Savior. St. Luke wrote, "And Mary treasured all of these things and reflected on them in her heart."

As we reflect on this past year, which has celebrated the arrival of the first Little Sisters in the United States and in Baltimore 150 years ago, our hearts are filled with the deepest gratitude for the continual support of our friends and benefactors over these many years. Without your heartfelt care and concern for the poorest we could not provide a warm and loving home for the elderly we care for here.

The Residents and Little Sisters at St. Martin's Home treasure the gift of you and the dedication, sacrifice and hard work you have shown to make our Home a beacon of Christ's love. On behalf of the St. Martin's family, I wish each of you a blessed and joyous Christmas and New Year. Please be assured of our prayers for your intentions.

As the light and warmth of the Christ Child enters our world anew, may the peace, joy and love of the Holy Family be present in your lives each day of the New Year.

Sister Joseph Caroline, I.s.p.  
Superior

*Sister Joseph Caroline*



Sabine and Jim Hanks (seated, right) celebrate the Little Sisters with their guests.

The Little Sisters, honored guests and attendees had the opportunity to celebrate the closing of the 150<sup>th</sup> Anniversary on October 19. Our 15<sup>th</sup> annual gala was hosted at the Delta Marriott in Hunt Valley with Jim Hunter and Jonathan Melnick as MC and auctioneer. Silent Auction items were available for bidding, and the popular Wine & Dine offered 91 colorful bags filled with a bottle of wine and a gift card. The Live Auction was hugely successful as the audience competitively bid on: Steamboat Springs and Telluride condo packages, a two-night stay at Kingsbay Mansion, a Beer and Barbeque (Mission BBQ) package for 20 guests hosted at the home of the Trinitarian Fathers, a MASN suite package, a wine tasting package with an overnight stay at the Historic Boar's Inn, VA, and a dinner with Archbishop Lori. A highlight of the auction was a framed watercolor by Mrs. Yumi Hogan.

Apollo Quartet provided music throughout the evening.

The winner of the 50/50 raffle won over \$14,500.

The Little Sisters acknowledge with gratitude Sabine and Jim Hanks, Presenting Sponsors for the 2019 Gala.

Special thanks to the Little Sisters' Board members, our sponsors, donors, attendees, and evening support.

## SAVE THE DATE

**SUNDAY, APRIL 26, 2020 / 11:30 a.m. — 1:30 p.m.**

**IT'S IN THE BAG HANDBAG AUCTION**

Rolling Road Golf Club, 814 Hilltop Road, Catonsville, MD 21228

**SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 12, 2020 / 8 a.m. start**

**NUN RUN**

**St. Mary's Seminary and University**

5400 Roland Avenue, Baltimore, MD 21210

**SATURDAY, OCTOBER 10, 2020 / 6 p.m. — 11 p.m.**

**16<sup>th</sup> ANNUAL GALA**

Delta Marriott Hunt Valley, 245 Shawan Road, Hunt Valley, MD 21031