



Wishing Mother Jeanne Mary a warm welcome!



Bidding Mother Joseph Caroline a fond farewell.

Joy and Sadness

Because of COVID-19, the usual annual obediences, or reassignments of Little Sisters, were delayed from 2020 to this year.

Eventually it came time for us to bid farewell to Mother Joseph Caroline, Sister Mary Veronica, Sister Lourdes, and Sister Christian. As each one left, so did a small part of our hearts.

However, we were happy to meet the new Little Sisters joining us at St. Martin's Home: Mother Jeanne Mary, Superior, Sister Albina, who will be caring for the Residents in Fatima cottage; Sister Francis Gabriel, who will assume responsibility for the nursing department; Sister Mary John, our new provincial secretary; and Sister Claire, who will be helping out with various community services.

We also welcomed back two Little Sisters who have rejoined our family: Sister Loretto, who will be serving the Residents in the Guadalupe Cottage; and Sister Mary Matthew, who has

taken responsibility for Lourdes Cottage. Sister Catherine has moved from Guadalupe to the Apartments and Sr. Bernadette has assumed other duties. The Residents are enjoying getting to know the new Sisters and are already at home with them.

The list of Homes where these Little Sisters have previously served is endless — from Asia and France to Ohio, Indiana, Colorado, Illinois, New York, New Jersey, Pennsylvania, Rhode Island, Virginia, Washington DC, New Orleans, and Alabama. Asked their first impressions of St. Martin's Home, the Little Sisters replied, "Feels like home" ... "Beautiful" ... "The spirit of Jeanne Jugan is alive here" ... "I'm excited to be part of this lovely home," and simply, "Paradise."

When Mother Jeanne Mary was asked how she would describe her role here, she replied, "JOY" which translates to "Jesus Only You."

**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*

“Nun” Running in Rome, the Philippines and across the United States...



While running in Rome, Rick Romero said, “Krystal took the photos while running circles around running partner Megan and me!”



St. Mary's seminarian, Khoa Anh Tran, takes a break after his 5K run.



Residents of St. Martin's Home and Sisters get ready to begin their walk to support the Nun Run.



A beautiful day for the Residents to participate in the Nun Run at our Home.

With close to 600 participants our annual Nun Run, in virtual format for the second year, was a success!

The Little Sisters received a kind email from seminarian, Khoa Anh Tran, at St. Mary's Seminary (location for the 2022 run) praising this year's blue Nun Run t-shirt. Blue is his favorite color, and it is also the color of the polo shirts at the seminary

this year. Khoa Tran shared, “Blue is the color of Mary and the color of Hope.” He went on to say, “We hope that through the intercession of Mary, we constantly bear much fruit and keep up the good work. Thank you for all you have done for the Church.” The Little Sisters are blessed to have such a following of good, kind friends who support the Nun Run, one of our

major fundraisers each year! It is a joy to follow where our friends and registrants are located. We reached out to one runner, Rick Romero, upon seeing the stunning photos he sent while running and posing against the beautiful historic sites of Rome in our “masked nun” shirt. Rick, a former parishioner of St. John the Evangelist in Columbia, joined fellow parishioners in supporting

the Little Sisters. He said he was delighted to continue supporting the Sisters through the run – from a significant distance! Rick participated in our in-person run in 2019 while assigned to the base at Ft. Meade, MD and stated that “Rome was an easier, flatter course to run.”

Rick is now assigned to the US Embassy in Rome and explained the embassy in Rome is a “Tri-

Mission” with ambassador-level diplomacy among Italy/San Marino, the Holy See, and the UN missions in the region of the world. He stated, “We are small cogs in the diplomatic world.”

While it is our hope to be “in-person” in 2022, many runners from out of state, along with Rick in Italy, have expressed interest in having us maintain and offer the virtual option next year. Rick

said, “We’d love to add another route through the Vatican/Rome.” And, the Little Sisters would love to see more amazing photos from Rome and the beautiful locations sent in by all our Nun Run friends!

Thank you to all of our state/country friends from CA, DC, FL, GA, IL, MA, MD, NJ, NY, OH, OK, OR, PA, TN, TX, VA, WA, Rome and the Philippines.



Parish Pride Winners

Large Parish:
St. Ignatius, Hickory

Medium / Small Parish (tie):
St. Francis de Sales, Abingdon
St. Katharine Drexel, Frederick

Flying Nun Trophy (school)

School of the Incarnation

THE JOY OF SHARING



For the past 18 months the Little Sisters did not go to the Jessup Wholesale Market for our weekly collecting rounds due to the pandemic. During that time, many of the market owners continued to support us by giving our needed produce donations to our driver. They missed seeing us, sometimes confiding their worries, concerns, and prayer intentions to us. It was with great joy that we returned to the market on September 29, renewing our contacts with our old friends and benefactors. Through our visits, they experience the joy of sharing, and they receive God's blessings for their generosity.



Sister Lawrence Mary and Sister Janette gratefully accept donations while reconnecting with friends and benefactors.

MOTHER'S MESSAGE



Dear Friends,

Thanksgiving is a blessed day filled with gratitude and surrounded by family and friends. What a joyful way to begin the Advent season. From the Latin "adventus" which means coming or arrival, Advent is the season in which we prepare for the coming of our Lord. The season is upon us and we look back at the first coming of Christ with anticipation of the Christmas season.

Advent is a reminder of how much we all need time for preparation, for hope, for light in the darkness. My prayer for you is a prayer which instills a "shining star" for all to follow, reminding each one of us to strive to find a way to remember what this season is all about. Pray that we find ways to pass on the message of Hope for there are so many among us who need to be lifted up. Pray that our hearts are filled with the Peace of Christmas. Pray we continue to live our lives with joy as we go about our day-to-day activities one joyful moment at a time! But mostly during this holy Advent season, let us always feel the Love of God!

I hope this Advent finds you and your family in good health. I have been at St. Martin's for only a few months so this is my first Christmas season with our Residents and you. My heart is full of gratitude to God for all the blessings he bestows upon us daily and for keeping our beloved Residents safe from COVID-19.

I wish you many blessings as we await the birth of Jesus.

Mother Jeanne Mary, Ls.p.



In addition to the numerous new faces of Little Sisters at St. Martin's Home this year, we also welcomed new seminarians (l to r) Franz Belleza, John Brusa and Julian Cuervo-Lozada at the beginning of this school year! The three seminarians from Mount St. Mary's in Emmitsburg began their pastoral field education assignments with us.

Our Residents look forward to their individual visits with these future priests whom they adopt spiritually and for whom they pray. The experience the seminarians gain working with the elderly here will be invaluable later in their future parish ministry.



Our annual Gala is hosted as a Nun.Gala again in 2021! The Sisters decided to err on the side of caution and host our annual event virtually instead of bringing 500 friends/supporters together in November. Watch for eblasts with directions to bid on some great items you definitely need in your life!

3 - Winner Raffle Tickets

Included with this newsletter is a raffle ticket with three winners taking prize money! Proceeds from the raffle go to our "Warming the Home" fund. Tickets are also available on our website.

Warming the Home

Please consider making a separate donation for the "Warming the Home" fund — we depend on your generosity and goodness. The money is used to offset the significant heating bills at St. Martin's Home during the winter months. A link is provided on our website for easy giving!