



# 100 Years as Little Sisters!

This summer there was much to celebrate at our home. After the excitement of our 150th Anniversary Mass in June, we started preparing for two Little Sisters' Jubilees in July.

Sister Jeanne de la Croix marked her 75th anniversary as a Little Sister in December 2021, but the challenges of the pandemic prevented a celebration until summertime. Sister was able to join her religious family, the Residents, her two biological sisters and many nieces & nephews to celebrate the joy of her vocation. She is originally from Ireland and has been here in Pittsburgh since 2014. We are all blessed by her selflessness and thankful to God for leading her to this vocation as a Little Sister.

Sister Rosana of the Cross celebrated her 25th anniversary as a Little Sister. Sister was born in the Philippines and first met the Little Sisters in San Francisco where she had immigrated with her sister.



Sister Jeanne with her family.

Sister Rosana's commitment to the Residents and boundless energy is appreciated by all. Family, friends and Residents were present at her Jubilee Mass. The Jubilee's theme was family and she used this Bible verse as inspiration: John 19: 25-26 "When Jesus saw his mother there, and the disciple whom he loved standing nearby, he said to her,



Sister Rosana renews her vows at Mass.

'Woman, here is your son' and to his disciple, 'Here is your mother.' From that time on, this disciple took her into his home." It was a blessing to come together as family and celebrate this milestone with Sister Rosana!

Congratulations to 100 years of religious life for Sister Jeanne—75 and Sister Rosana—25! May God continue to bless you both!

## DOO WOP DOCTORS



Dr. John Pastin and Al Condeluci present a check to Mother Mary Vincent representing the proceeds from the July concert.

July 31<sup>ST</sup> was a beautiful day for an outdoor concert! The weather was perfect as the Doo Wop Doctors started their set at Clever Park Pavilion. Dr. Al Condeluci, a Phd in Psychology, and Dr. John Pastin, a Phd in music, performed hours of hits from the 50s, 60s and 70s for an audience of over 200 people.

John's cousin Anna was a Resident at the home and the Doo Wop Doctors (who had a band in high school in the 60s) are known in the area for having benefits for local non-profits. The Doctors, who literally "got the band back together" after retiring from their day jobs a few years back, approached the Little Sisters in hopes of planning a successful concert.

With the help of many, there were raffles, a delicious bake sale and food for purchase provided by Ambridge restaurant Penny's Delight. Residents and Sisters were in attendance as well. Altogether the evening raised over \$4,100! Many thanks to the Doo Wop Doctors for providing such a great evening!

# 150th Anniversary

A crowd of over 200 people attended the Mass of Thanksgiving at St. Paul's Cathedral in honor of the Little Sisters 150th Anniversary in Pittsburgh on Wednesday, June 29th on the Feast of Sts. Peter & Paul, the home's patron Saints. Attendees included Little Sisters, Residents, friends of the Home and Advisory Board members.

Prior to the Mass the St. Joseph the Worker Parish Bell Choir provided a prelude. County Executive Rich Fitzgerald presented a proclamation to the Sisters for their 150 years of service to the region.

The main celebrant, Bishop David Zubik, was accompanied by Bishop William Winter, Bishop Mark Eckman, and numerous priest friends from the diocese of Pittsburgh and beyond. Sister Robert, provincial pouncilor of the Baltimore province, addressed those gathered at the Mass and expressed the Sisters' gratitude to all the people of Pittsburgh for the

decades of support of this special mission.

Following the Mass, attendees gathered in the church social hall for delicious refreshments provided by Common Plea catering. A recording of the Mass along with a WTAE news story about the celebration can be found at [www.littlesistersofthepoorpittsburgh.org](http://www.littlesistersofthepoorpittsburgh.org).

“ Many thanks to all who attended our Mass and to all benefactors past & present who helped us to sustain our mission here in Pittsburgh for the last 150 years! ”

--Sister Mary Vincent,  
Mother Superior &  
Administrator



Photo by Madia Photography  
Bishop David Zubik processes down the aisle at St. Paul's Cathedral during the Mass of Thanksgiving.

## Summertime Fun



Apartment Residents Ed Gregor and Jeannie Grogan enjoy the Hawaiian Luau.



Sister Margaret Angeline sits with Resident Dorothy Rolek at the July 4th picnic.



Christmas in July Tree—Activities Assistant Kelly Krah greets Resident Marie Weaver.

This summer felt close to normal for many of us! As the smiles in the photos above show "Making the Residents happy—that is what counts!"

The apartment Residents were treated to a wonderful Hawaiian Luau organized by staff and volunteers. There were plenty of grass skirts, colorful decorations,

floral leis and delicious island treats and drinks.

Fourth of July was celebrated this year with a flag raising ceremony and prayer service in the front parking lot. Afterward the Residents and Sisters came together for a picnic in the auditorium along with a patriotic sing-a-long. It was a joy to be

together to celebrate our country.

Summer fun continued with the annual Christmas in July party. This year Santa visited the Residents while we played Christmas trivia, opened gifts, and even decorated activities assistant, Kelly Krah, who was dressed as a Christmas tree with paper ornaments.

## World Day for Grandparents

July 24th was World Day for Grandparents and the Elderly. Pope Francis asked for prayers: "for the elderly, who represent the roots and memory of a people; may their experience and wisdom help young people to look towards the future with hope and responsibility."

We know firsthand here at our Home that the elderly are a special gift. Grandparents can influence the life of a grandchild immeasurably and having interactions with them enriches our lives!

In advance of this worldwide day recognizing the elderly, Pope Francis granted plenary indulgences to elderly who participated in the solemn celebration on July 24th. We thank God for the gift of the elderly and recognize the joy grandparents give and receive.



Resident Charlene McQuillan with her great-grandchildren Matthew and Kinsley.

## MOTHER'S MESSAGE



Dear Friends,

As you can tell from the contents of this newsletter, we have had an exciting summer here at our home.

A highlight every year as summer winds down is the celebration of Saint Jeanne Jugan's Feast Day on August 30th. Our Mother Foundress continues to inspire all the Little Sisters here in Pittsburgh and throughout the world. We celebrate her simple act of taking in an elderly blind woman and giving that woman a home that led to the foundation of our congregation. Today our mission continues to serve the elderly in countries throughout the world. Please join us in keeping the mission of Jeanne Jugan alive, by praying for more young women to answer God's call to religious life, especially as Little Sisters of the Poor. It is a joyful life and I know the two Sisters celebrating jubilees would wholeheartedly agree.

Thank you for your continued support of our mission. Together we can accomplish great things. May God bless you.

*S. Mary Vincent SSP*



Almond the squirrel visits Resident Virginia Harberth. The Residents of St. Anne's household enjoy these daily visits to the garden on the porch. Read more about Almond's adventures on our website's blog.

## Attention—Cash Raffle Error

Unfortunately, the machinery at the mail house that prepares our bulk mailing had an issue which resulted in some double-feeds of our cash raffle mailing sent in late July, leading to confusion for many.

Due to this you may not have received any tickets. We sincerely apologize for this issue. The good news is that there is still time to purchase tickets and a sheet with three tickets is enclosed. The raffle is Friday, November 11th. \$5,000 to the first randomly selected winner and \$1,000 each to six additional winners! \$20 per ticket or \$50 for all three tickets. Only the first 7,000 tickets returned will be entered into the raffle. All the proceeds benefit our home!

## SAVE THE DATES

- September 23rd-October 14th **Online Fall Craft & Ceramic Sale** *Unique & Beautiful items made at the home*
- November 11th **Big Cash Raffle** *(tickets enclosed)*
- November 29th **Giving Tuesday** *Stay tuned for match details*
- December 10th **Meat Drop** *10:00am-2:00pm*

Visit [littlesistersofthepoorpittsburgh.org](http://littlesistersofthepoorpittsburgh.org) for details on any of the above.

Please help keep the Little Sisters going by remembering us in your will or estate plans.

## 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.

