



# Welcome Mother Loraine!

With great anticipation we welcomed Mother Loraine Marie Clare to the Home this June! She was greeted at the front door by the Residents, Sisters, staff and volunteers and presented with flowers along with a gift basket of Pittsburgh specialties. Mother Provincial Alice and Sister Robert, Provincial Councilor, were also present for her arrival. After an installation ceremony, which took place in the convent, Mass was celebrated for Mother's intentions in our Gloria Chapel. The Residents and staff then performed an entertaining show in the auditorium entitled *All About Pittsburgh*.

Mother Loraine might be a familiar name to you. From 2008 to this April she was the Mother Provincial of the Baltimore Province so she knows the Pittsburgh home very well. Mother Loraine, a Southern California native, met



Mother Loraine Marie Clare is welcomed at the main entrance.

the Little Sisters while working as a registered nurse. Over the years, she has been a director of nursing at various homes prior to being named the local superior in both St. Paul, MN and St. Louis, MO. She was also very involved in the HHS Mandate that brought the Little Sisters to the Supreme Court in

defense of Religious Liberty.

Everyone was excited to welcome Mother Loraine and begin working together to continue the legacy of this Home. We are thrilled to welcome her here to the Burgh and to continue to provide the excellent care that our elderly Residents deserve.



## AU REVOIR SR. MARY VINCENT



Sister Mary Vincent with Residents Anne Dolansky and Margaret Mitchell at Scripture Sharing in 2019.

In April, Mother Mary Vincent received word that she was going to be transferred to the Washington, DC home. She had been the Pittsburgh Mother Superior from 2002-2011 and again from 2017-2023. While we were sad to see her leave we know that she will be sharing her loving kindness with others in her new community.

In her parting letter she shared the following from Archbishop Oscar Romero, "It helps, now and then to step back and take the long view. The kingdom is not only beyond our efforts; It is beyond our vision....No sermon says all that should be said. No prayer fully expresses our faith. No confession brings wholeness. No program accomplishes the church's mission. No set of goals and objectives includes everything....This is what we are about: We plant seeds that one day will grow.....We cannot do everything. And there is a sense of liberation in realizing that.....This enables us to do something, and do it very, very well."

"Your work with me and the Little Sisters in Pittsburgh has not been in vain. Thank you for the tiny fraction of God's Kingdom that we have shared, and for all you will continue to do for our needy elderly in the future."

## Arts Alive!

One of the many events we have missed over the last few years of Covid was the Resident *Art Show*. This May we were thrilled to hold a reception to showcase the talents of our Residents throughout the home. Each month volunteer Maria Prascak works with the nursing home Residents while volunteer Tammy Tobac hosts a painting class for the apartment Residents to create their very own masterpieces. These works (the ones that haven't already been shared with family and friends) were on display for all to enjoy. At the reception each participating Resident stood next to their work along with a written biography.

Over and over again at the reception Residents remarked that they never painted before moving into the Little Sisters. These hidden talents are brought forth through some encouragement from the volunteers and staff. This year the art show not only included

paintings, but also displayed beautifully painted ceramic pieces, creative writing selections and poems.

God has truly blessed our Residents with many gifts! It is a joy to see how proud they are of their accomplishments. For more photos of the artwork and a virtual tour of the show, please visit our website's blog.

"I am 93 years young and never knew I had the ability to paint. I very much enjoy the monthly painting class with our volunteer Tammy."

—Rosemary Gilfillan, Apartment Resident



Apartment Resident Rosemary Gilfillan in front of her work at the Art Show.

## Highmark Walk



Sisters and Staff at the Little Sisters Tent.



Resident Violet Gaydos with Employee Kelly Krah at the Home's Walk.



Resident Rick Hart with Housekeeping Supervisor Dean Fornauf.

Walkers braved the rain Saturday May 13th to participate in the Highmark Walk for the Little Sisters. The walk raised over \$8,000! Sister Mary John and Sister Georgia (both new to the Pittsburgh Home) were happy to attend along with some volunteers and staff.

Additionally, a strong contingent of walkers from Federated Hermes Inc. were present for the walk. This May would have been the 100th birthday of Richard Fisher, one of the founders of Federated and a past Advisory Board member and benefactor of the Little Sisters. It was wonderful for

all to come together to honor his memory.

Prior to the walk on the North Shore, the Residents were encouraged to walk around our campus with the help of Sisters, volunteers and staff. The day ended with novelty ice cream treats for all on the front patios.

## Night at the Races

The Association Jeanne Jugan, a group of lay people committed to the mission of the Little Sisters, resolved to have more interaction with the Residents this year. As the Covid restrictions have lessened, more opportunities have risen that allow for in-person functions. The activities department suggested to the Association to host a "Night at the Races" where old footage of horse races is viewed and Residents can place bets prior to each race.

The Associates organized a great night. They provided the snacks and fun prizes for those who chose the winning horses. It was a festive evening and all in attendance had a great time!

In related news, the Association welcomed three new Associates on May 1<sup>st</sup>. Employee Gerry Ferraro-Hellett, and volunteers Jack Loebig and Gemma Lundberg completed their year long formation and made their annual promises May 1st at Mass. They join a group of 33 Associates



Resident Audrey Heinlein with Associate and Volunteer Marlene Loebig.

(volunteers, friends and employees) who renewed their yearly promise to wholeheartedly collaborate with the Little Sisters in their mission.



## MOTHER'S MESSAGE



Dear Friends,

What a wonderful welcome I have already received in Pittsburgh! There is a wonderful spirit and it has been a joy to meet everyone thus far.

I'd like to share some Congregation news. In April, Mother General Maria visited the US from France. Her purpose was twofold—to oversee the merger of the three US Provinces into two and to help launch a national *Vocations Team* composed of Little Sisters from around the country to nurture vocations and make the Congregation as widely known as possible.

Now the Pittsburgh Home is part of the newly created Baltimore-Brooklyn province whose headquarters will be in Baltimore and includes all East Coast homes. The Chicago Province will be headquartered in Palatine, IL and includes all homes west of Pittsburgh.

While change can be challenging, we know that our mother Foundress St. Jeanne Jugan is with us and we look to the future with hope. Our unwavering belief in Divine Providence and dependence on the generosity of friends will always be the guiding light of our mission! I look forward to working together with you to serve our elderly Residents in the best way possible!

*St. Louise Marie Clare, Lsp*



Matthew Tarbuk, aspiring Eagle Scout and Brighton Heights neighbor, recently delivered 10 new benches for our grounds. He raised funds to purchase the materials and assembled them with the help of his father Brian and even donated his surplus funds to the home!

## It's Easy to Help

**August 1st, 2023** is The Pittsburgh Foundation's *Critical Needs Alert Day*. The Foundation is providing an incentive pool of funds to increase gifts made on that day for the Little Sisters through [pittsburghgives.org](http://pittsburghgives.org).

A link to our **Amazon Wishlist** is kept current on our website.



Remember the Little Sisters of the Poor is an eligible charity to accept your **Qualified Charitable Distribution** from your IRA. Distributions made directly from an IRA to us will reduce your 2023 taxable income. Visit [www.littlesistersofthepoorpittsburgh.org](http://www.littlesistersofthepoorpittsburgh.org), scan the QR code to the left or call (412) 307-1268.

## SAVE THE DATES

- July 14-15<sup>th</sup> **Rummage Sale**  
9:00am-3:00pm daily  
**Saturday is the Bag Sale**
- August 1 **The Pittsburgh Foundation Critical Needs Match Day**
- September 24<sup>th</sup> **Doo Wop Doctors Concert** (see insert for details)

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.

