



World Youth Day Pilgrims

World Youth Day (WYD) is a worldwide encounter with the Pope which is celebrated about every three years in a different country. This event is an opportunity to personally experience the universality of the Catholic Church, and to share with the whole world the hope of many young people who are committing their lives to Christ and His Church.

This year's event was held in Portugal where the Little Sisters have two homes. Our very own Sister Georgia was selected to chaperone five young women from the United States who were associated with various Little Sisters Homes. The group arrived in Portugal and met up with pilgrims from all over the world including Ireland, Spain, England, Phillipines, Nigeria and Kenya.

The young ladies had the opportunity to stay and serve in the Libson Home for a week prior to the start of WYD festivities. The international group also visited the shrine at Fatima for Mass and a



Sister Georgia along with Archbishop Pierre d'Ornellas of Rennes, France and many other Little Sisters and World Youth Day Pilgrims in Portugal.

special rosary.

Our Residents stayed connected to the pilgrims through daily updates and watching the opening WYD Mass on TV. Sister Georgia and the young ladies from America handed out rosary packets filled with prayer cards, rosaries and notes from our

Residents to pilgrims they met attending WYD.

"It was a joy to come together with our international family and grow closer to Christ. I will keep all the pilgrims in my prayers as they discern their life's path," shared Sister Georgia.

VOLUNTEER SPOTLIGHT



Volunteer Jack Stockman operates the bus chair lift on a recent Resident outing.

In the popular series “*The Chosen*” the Blessed Mother says “I’m here to help in any way that I can.” This sentiment is how volunteer Jack Stockman describes his feelings toward the Little Sisters. Years ago Jack was recruited by a friend and former volunteer Tim Bauman. After coming to the Home he was instantly “hooked.” From Resident outings to picking up donated food to playing cards with the Residents one-on-one and even peeling potatoes & vegetables in the kitchen—Jack truly helps in any way that he can.

As a retired retreat center director and current cow farmer, Jack realized he had time to serve others. Getting to know each Resident individually is his favorite part. Not only does Jack share his contagious spirit with our Residents, but he also actively recruits friends and fellow parishioners from his church, St. Killian’s, to join him as volunteers. Thanks to Jack at least eight new volunteers have followed his footsteps to our Home and have become regular helpers. We are so grateful to Jack for all he does to help our Residents!

If you would like to volunteer please contact Volunteer Coordinator Valerie Beam at (412) 307-1139 or volpittsburgh@littlesistersofthepoor.org.

Published Poets

For the last few years John Conte, from *Advanced Home Health & Hospice (AHHH)*, has been visiting the Jeanne Jugan Pavilion Residents monthly to collaboratively create a poem. The results of their creativity were recently published in a book entitled “Visions of the Past Through Poetry, a captivating collection of poems showcasing the creative talents of residents from personal care homes across Western Pennsylvania.” John’s workshops with the Pavilion Residents foster social interaction, relaxation, and the evocation of cherished memories through poetry and captivating storytelling. Six poems from the Little Sisters are included in this publication!

Recently a team from *AHHH*, visited the Home for a book release party. They brought cupcakes and donated a copy of the book for the Home’s library and encouraged each participating Resident to sign the published work. Everyone

involved was beaming with pride.

“Visions of the Past Through Poetry” is available for purchase on Amazon. Visit our website’s blog to find the link. Proceeds benefit a local non-profit organization, Helen’s Heroes, helping individuals as they return home after a hospital stay. Below is an original JJP Poem:

School Memories

In school- you can have fun
But- walk! Don’t run!
Have your lessons done!!
There are classes most of us sat in
Math, Science, History, and Latin
That was back when mass was said in Latin
There’s something we all liked best...
Recess! We all loved recess!
We’d go outside and jump rope
We played “release”
We played hop-scotch
We played capture the flag
At the end of the day, we were glad
We’d come home from school
Open the door and smell something baking

Written by:

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Our Poets (L-R): Apartment Residents Kathy LeBlanc, Lorna Colosimo, Pat Squires, Gloria McNabb, Sr. Janet Winogrocki, Carol Crawford, Rosemary Gilfillan and Dolly Pannuci pose with Sr. Mary Ellen, employee Veronica Bryan and John and Jon from *Advanced Home Health & Hospice*.

Take Me Out to the Ballgame!



Resident Maureen Sobel with Volunteer Grace Cammarata.



Employee Kelly Krah sits with Resident Nora Tokarczyk.



Resident Judy Watts decked out in her best Black & Gold gear with employees Mary Callahan, Debbie Smith and Michael Wach.

This Summer we were thrilled to return to many of our pre-pandemic activities and outings. This included a day trip to PNC Park to watch a Pirates Game. All the Residents were dressed in their best black and gold for the afternoon. Staff and volunteers

accompanied the group to the park. Thanks to the Pirates Organization for donating the excellent lower level handicapped accessible seats! Everyone enjoyed ballpark fare as they cheered on the Pirates!

Unfortunately the Little Sisters

were not a good luck charm as the Pirates lost to the Cubs, but the real winners of the day were the Residents who enjoyed the outing and the chance to “root, root, root for the home team!”

Viva Las Vegas Party

To celebrate the Feast of Sts. Peter and Paul (our Home’s patron saints) this year the activities department planned a “getaway” to Vegas! “Viva Las Vegas” day paired each Resident with a volunteer or staff member who then escorted them to the auditorium, which was transformed with various gaming stations. There were fun dice & card games, horse races and even a photo station where Residents could place their face inside a cardboard cut out to become a life-sized playing card.

The carnival style games and a chuck a luck wheel added to the ambiance. At each game station the Residents were able to collect tickets for participation and winning the games. Those tickets were then “cashed” in at the prize room.

To complete the Vegas themed day, Pittsburgh premier Elvis impersonator Don Obusek performed Elvis’s greatest hits following the



Resident Lorna Colosimo with “Black Jack Dealer” Sister Mary John.

casino fun. Don even handed out scarves, flowers and teddy bears to the Residents in the audience. A great time was had by all!

MOTHER'S MESSAGE



Dear Friends,

In my first few months here in the Pittsburgh home I have witnessed wonderful Resident interactions with staff, volunteers and visitors. Connecting with the elderly and learning their personal history is a privilege that Little Sisters have the joy of witnessing all the time! This summer the excitement of World Youth Day, the visiting students from North Carolina, and World Day for Grandparents and the Elderly in July gave us the opportunity to share the joy of bringing the youth and the elderly together—a beautiful combination! We have been so blessed.

As we approach October, month of the Holy Rosary, I am asking all our friends and benefactors to join us in prayer for vocations to religious life. In order to continue these vibrant intergenerational activities, we need more young women to answer God's call to consider life as a Little Sister. Religious vocations are a beautiful way to serve Him by caring for others. Please join us by praying for more vocations and share our mission with the special young people in your life.

May God bless you and reward you for all that you do to help our mission in service of the elderly!

Sr. Lorraine Maria Chase, Lsp



Students from North Carolina spent a week serving our home this summer. The group helped to deep clean apartments, wash cars, paint, and spruce up the yard with Sister Josephine. Many thanks to the students and their chaperones!

Holiday Boutique with Jewelry

We are excited to announce that our Holiday Boutique will be an in-person event. Unique & beautiful Fall, Christmas and even Valentine's crafts and ceramics made at the home will be available on **October 13th & 14th 10am-3pm**. A lovely jewelry section with Sterling silver jewelry, Brighton jewelry, handbags, accessories, and Vintage costume jewelry- bagged/boxed and ready to give as gifts at Christmas will also be available.



Can't make it in-person? Visit our website www.littlesistersofthepoorpittsburgh.org or scan the QR Code starting October 20th to view, purchase & make arrangements to pick up the remaining crafts and ceramic pieces for sale.

SAVE THE DATES

- October 13th & 14th **In-person Holiday Boutique 10am-3pm** *Unique & Beautiful items made at the home*
- November 11th **Big Cash Raffle** *(tickets previously mailed)*
- November 28th **Giving Tuesday**

Visit 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.

