



A joyful celebration in July when ten Little Sisters of the Poor professed their perpetual vows at our motherhouse in France.

## True Beginning

On July 9, ten Little Sisters professed their perpetual vows at our motherhouse in France. All Little Sisters spend a year of spiritual formation at La Tour in preparation for their final vows. What a blessing to walk on the same paths that St. Jeanne Jugan, our foundress did; to pray in the Chapel where she spent countless hours; and to live and study with our Sisters from all over the world.

We are delighted to welcome Sister Bernadette Rose to our community in Chicago and rejoice with her

that she has said her solemn “Yes” with conviction and joy. Originally from Nebraska and a graduate of Benedictine College, she possesses a contagious joy. When asked to sum up her response to the Lord’s call she shared the following:

“*Refuse God Nothing.* These words of Saint Jeanne Jugan have marked me and inspired me all along my formation as a Little Sister of the Poor and as I start this new stage of my life in the Province of Chicago – where my vocation journey all started 10 years ago – these same words continue, more



We welcomed Sr. Bernadette to our community in Chicago after her final Profession in July.

than ever, to accompany me, guide me and give me the courage to say ‘yes’ to the Lord and to serve Him forever in His elderly poor. It is the example of Saint Jeanne Jugan that shows me the way to follow the Lord and to be available wherever He needs me.”



## Special Occasions

On Monday, June 12, after a long hiatus due to the pandemic, Habits on the Green returned to where it first began over two decades ago: Midlothian Country Club. A picture-perfect day welcomed our eager foursomes for a round of championship-caliber golf. Following a day on the course, golfers and other guests enjoyed a cocktail party, dinner, and dessert. As a part of the evening, we were delighted to honor the memory of Cathie Ryan, who has helped us greatly over the years. She was a friend, benefactor and a valued advisory board member.

This year, Habits on the Green was truly special. We thank Richard Tufo and his colleagues on our advisory board for a wonderful event. With the help of our generous supporters, Habits on the Green raised over \$220,000! Of course, without our good benefactors like you, we would never be able to offer the loving care and happy home that we provide. From our very beginnings, the Little Sisters and those who support us combine our efforts to care for those in need. Thank you!

We are grateful that, out of several possible charities to assist, the Chicago office of Deloitte chose to lend a helping hand at St. Mary's Home as part of the annual Deloitte "Impact Day." Earlier this summer, hardy volunteers spent a Friday prepping and painting our library and a lounge next to it. They transformed these spaces, not only with fresh paint, but with window treatments, beautiful artwork, and new lighting. After busy hours of work, these volunteers joined our Residents on the patio to enjoy a well-deserved ice cream. We thank our friends at Deloitte for their impact at our Home and for our Residents through their annual day of service.

To help celebrate the Fourth of July, several energetic and enthusiastic parishioners from St. Josaphat were on hand to help serve the hot dogs and hamburgers and all the fixin's—but not before Father Carlos Rodriguez, pastor of St. Josaphat, blessed the food. The weather was warm and dry; the conversations were animated; the laughter was unrestrained and the smiles were broad and many on such a bright and beautiful day. We thank our friends from St. Josaphat for joining our Residents to help celebrate America's birthday!



Kate McAdams, Allan Ryan, Mother Margaret, Joe Duffy, Mary Beth Ryan, and Kathleen Sellow pose with plaque remembering Cathie Ryan.



Seamus Nondorf and his brother Bill with the steaks he won at the golf outing.



Mother Margaret and Sister Amy practicing their putting on the green.



Employees from Deloitte transformed our spaces during a day of service.



Friends from St. Josaphat Parish pose for a "quick pic" before heading outside to help with the cookout.



# Summer Celebrations



Summer means pool parties! Alex Losowy was the first to “take a dip” and get the party rolling. Residents, Staff and Sisters participated in a highly competitive volleyball game, while spectators enjoyed the pools and barbeque.



We are blessed with a wonderfully diverse Staff, and celebrating various cultural holidays is of great importance to us. Juneteenth was no exception. A potluck dinner was enjoyed by all. Staff outdid themselves and we had dishes from every culture imaginable as we celebrated this important event. Pictured in the forefront (L to R): Mimi Washington, Diane Sain, Theresa Sotka, Willie Dalton, Jonathan White. In the background: Roberta Washington, who helped organize the event, and Melissa Wierzgac, our administrator.



In June we hosted a group of young women from Minnesota participating in a vocation trip affectionately known as a “Nun Run.” While here, they were able to interact with the Residents, pray with the Sisters, and learn about the mission of Jeanne Jugan.



Our Oldest Resident, Jane Kacen celebrates her 102nd birthday with daughter Kathy — who treated the Residents to 102 purple cupcakes in her Mother's honor!



## MOTHER'S MESSAGE

Dear Friends,

Many good things have happened in the past few months!

Our wonderful advisory board pulled off another great golf event. With the help of our good volunteers we've had picnics and other enjoyable activities for our Residents. The Sisters have welcomed new members into our community. And most importantly, we've been able to welcome several new elderly Residents into our family.

During the 10-week raffle, every Friday a group of us gathered to pull the winning ticket. We had more fun calling the winners and having everyone cheer in the background as we announced their good fortune. It was simple, maybe a little crazy, but so good. And we met some lovely people whom we'd never spoken to before. We were touched by their stories, how they had heard about us and why they help support our work; and we're deeply grateful.

In preparation for the feast day of our Foundress, St. Jeanne Jugan (1792-1879), the Residents and Sisters prayed a Eucharistic-centered novena. During this time of Eucharistic Revival in the Church in the United States, we wanted to focus on St. Jeanne's faith in the Blessed Sacrament. In testimonies written after her death, Little Sisters who knew her said, "She always seemed to be in the presence of God...she had a great spirit of faith...she was so humble and trusting in prayer." As early as 1852, our Rule of Life stated: "The Little Sisters of the Poor will make of Holy Communion their delight." We certainly still do. And you are always in our grateful prayers as we gather before the Lord!

God bless you.

Gratefully,

*Mother Margaret Charles*



## To serve is to reign. discernment retreat

October 6-8, 2023

Join us at our Home in Chicago's Lincoln Park neighborhood for a weekend of prayer and discernment as we celebrate the feast of Our Lady of the Rosary with our elderly Residents.

Open to Catholic young women ages 18-35

Overnight accommodations provided Friday, Oct. 6 through Sunday, Oct. 8, with the possibility of staying until the 9th for those who wish.

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St. Mary's Home  
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For more information or to register contact Sr. Christina,  
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"Mary became the first of those who, 'serving Christ also in others, with humility and patience lead their brothers and sisters to that King whom to serve is to reign.'" JPII



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