

A Simple Note from Mother Cornelia



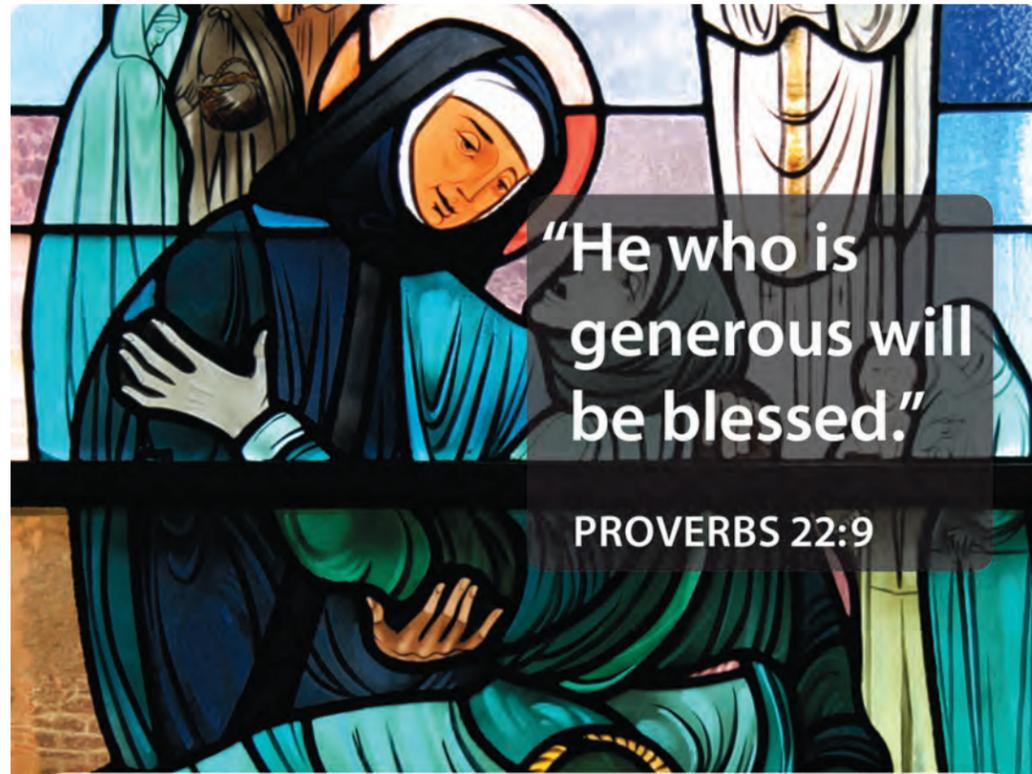
Dear Friends,

Summer is approaching, after a long, long winter, and the Residents are eager to go out and on outings. In this newsletter you'll see us on a few pilgrimages as we take advantage of the spiritual graces connected to the Year of Faith as proclaimed by Pope Emeritus Benedict XVI. It's also a great opportunity to get to know some of the beautiful Churches in the Archdiocese of Denver. Even if you did not have a chance to make a pilgrimage before Pentecost, there is still time to receive the plenary indulgence and receive many spiritual graces. The Year of Faith ends on November 24, 2013.

We are also planning outings to the Zoo, the Botanical Gardens and other Denver attractions. And, of course, we'll have our famous Patio BBQ once a week where staff and Residents get to share lunch.

Every day of every week, we have so many faithful volunteers who devote themselves tirelessly to the Residents, and we are happy to recognize some of them for their service. We are especially grateful for the members of the Association Jeanne Jugan who share in a special way in the charism of St. Jeanne Jugan, and we invoke her intercession for all our friends, benefactors and volunteers.

May God bless each of you abundantly!



"He who is generous will be blessed."

PROVERBS 22:9

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Items may be brought directly to our Home. Thank you for your generosity.

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Association Jeanne Jugan Welcomes New Members

A cold, snowy day in May could not keep the warmth and excitement away as four new members were inducted into the Association Jeanne Jugan. Archbishop Samuel Aquila presided over a beautiful Eucharistic Celebration in our chapel as the new members made their promises to support the Little Sisters in their mission of hospitality to the aged poor.

Approved by the Church in 1998, the Association Jeanne Jugan reflects Saint Jeanne Jugan's vision of hospitality as a humble, fraternal service uniting the Little Sisters, the elderly and lay collaborators who wish to serve Jesus Christ in the person of their elderly brothers and sisters. At Mullen Home AJJ members perform a variety of services including participating in certain tasks of hospitality, and the strengthening of pastoral, recreational, and cultural activities.

Preceding the Mass on May 1st, all the AJJ members gathered with Mother Cornelia for a presentation that highlighted the mission, vision, and values of the Little Sisters. A favorite high point was a visit to Saint Jeanne Jugan's room, a replica of the small apartment in France where she welcomed the first needy elderly woman in 1839. "It was truly awe-inspiring," said Sandy Hoffman, an AJJ member, "as we reflected upon what the Lord was calling us to do."

After the Mass and group pictures, all the AJJ members – with the fine company of Archbishop Aquila, Fr. Book, Fr. Mucha, Fr. Kreman, the Little Sisters, and the kind spirit of Saint Jeanne Jugan – enjoyed a celebratory lunch in the beautifully decorated auditorium.



Most Rev. Samuel J. Aquila welcomes the new AJJ members: from left, Patrick Sartorius, Ruthie Horton, Susan Vallero, and Brian Dehan. Father Tim, Mullen Home's chaplain, is seen next to Patrick.

Catholic men and women, eighteen years and older, are invited to join the Association. After a year-long formation program, new members are inducted in May of each year. If you are interested in more information about the AJJ, please see our website www.littlesistersofthepoordenver.org or call us at 303-433-7221.



“Year of Faith” Pilgrimage Keeps Mullen Home on the Go!

“Wonderful.” “Inspiring.” “Beautiful.” Just some of the exclamations that have been heard as Sisters, staff, and Residents visit the sites designated by the Year of Faith Pilgrim Passport and Map. The pilgrimage sites, seven churches and a shrine, were selected by Archbishop Samuel Aquila.

So far, the pilgrims have visited Cathedral Basilica of the Immaculate Conception in Denver; Spirit of Christ in Arvada; St. Francis of Assisi in Longmont; and Our Lady of Peace in Silverthorne. Future visits include: Mother Cabrini Shrine in Golden; St. Michael

in Craig; St. Helena in Fort Morgan; and, Our Lady of Loreto in Foxfield.

“The pilgrimage is a chance to take some time from our hectic life,” said Mother Cornelia, “and to enjoy all the beauty the Lord has created.” A favorite, awe-inspiring site was the Spirit of Christ in Arvada. “It was newly constructed,” said Resident Theresita Polzin. “They spent many years planning and researching the structure, and assembled rare materials and special workers to provide the best of what could be found for this House of God. It was absolutely breathtaking.”



Cathedral Basilica of the Immaculate Conception, Denver.



The pilgrims – staff, Sisters, Residents, and volunteers – enjoy the warmth and hospitality of the Spirit of Christ in Arvada.



Our Lady of Peace in Silverthorne.



Members of the AJJ gather together following Mass; Mother Cornelia is far right, and Sister Mary Agnes is in front.

Our Newest Members Reflect on What the AJJ Means to Them

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“I am so humbled to be called to be part of the AJJ. I enjoy being with the elderly ... they are souls filled with gratitude and peace.”
– Susan Vallero, new AJJ member

“I would like to try to follow her principles in the care of the elderly. I would like, in some small way, to follow in her foot steps and follow the principles she lived by.”
– Patrick Sartorius, new AJJ member

“My personal desire is to serve the elderly Residents of Denver... and thus the Lord, in a Catholic ministry based on the life and example set by Saint Jeanne Jugan.”
– Brian Dehan, new AJJ member

“I was excited to join the AJJ because I wanted to associate with a group of people who represent the heart of the Home. Members of the Association have been an inspiration to me and I was drawn to be a part of a very spiritual and giving group of individuals.”
– Ruthie Horton, new AJJ member

A Thank You From the Heart

National Volunteer Week was a great way for us to thank and celebrate our volunteers at Mullen Home. We are blessed to have over 120 active volunteers helping our staff and Sisters in the care of the Residents. It was a wonderful occasion to recognize and honor them with a special evening of thanks.

The annual festivity began with a wonderful dinner that was prepared and served by volunteer Cee David who chose her native Pilipino cuisine to delight our guests in the Home’s auditorium. Everyone was touched to see on the tables homemade cards of thanks made and written by our Residents. After dinner, Vicky spoke to every one of the importance of their work, no matter how hidden it may seem, in the true family spirit, so dear to St. Jeanne Jugan. Certificates were presented to those with 50, 75, and 100 hours of service. Cathy Burzynski was ‘volunteer of the year’ with 316 hours, and Sandy Closken was second with 200 hours of service.

Volunteers spend tireless, unselfish hours helping the Residents: serving meals; transporting them to and from doctors’ appointments; getting them to activities and special outings; and, more importantly, spending one-on-one time to help them enjoy the hours, and that is important no matter how old we are, as we all know!!! Our youngest volunteer, Kate Espinola, is now in 10th grade but started volunteering when she was in 6th grade! And Jackie Thaler, another tireless volunteer, has given 25 years of caring and service. “We are truly blessed,” said Mother Cornelia, “to have such wonderful and enthusiastic volunteers.”

As the evening came to an end, each volunteer was presented with a small earthen pot and a package of seeds to plant – Forget-Me-Not seeds because, as everyone knows here at Mullen Home, “volunteers are unforgettable.”



Volunteer coordinator, Vicky Braun, gets a grateful hug from Cee David who cooked her native Pilipino cuisine for the honorees!



Volunteer of the year, Cathy Burzynski, with 316 hours of service, is presented a certificate of recognition by Sister Mary Agnes.

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