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Stations of the Cross Dedicated

Most Reverend Samuel J. Aquila, S.T.L. Attending

**SAVE
THE DATE!**

**Thursday,
October 2nd**

Wine Tasting Fundraiser
See page 3 for details!



Our beautiful Stations of the Cross were blessed and dedicated by Archbishop Samuel Aquila as an appreciative crowd of guests, Residents, and Little Sisters gathered on the east lawn for the ceremony. A project that began in fall of 2012, the new Stations gleamed in the late afternoon sun as Archbishop Aquila sprinkled holy water on each of the 16 sculptures.

The Stations were designed and created by contemporary liturgical sculptor Lynn Kircher from San Luis Valley in southern Colorado. Lynn, who crafts sculptures for churches nationwide, included an angel in each of the Stations. "Angels don't come into our lives and leave," said Lynn, "but remain with us throughout it."

Over sixty guests and benefactors who made contributions for a Station in memory of a deceased loved one were able to attend.

One benefactor and his family came from Chicago. Their daughter had been a volunteer at the home before she died. The group walked from Station to Station in the company of the Archbishop as he offered a meaningful meditation at each. The Stations were installed along a beautiful walkway beginning with the Garden of Gethsemane and concluding with The Resurrection. Benches are interspersed along the path allowing

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Artist and sculptor Lynn Kircher works on projects in his southern Colorado studio.

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And the Winners Are ...

July 4th was a capital day for Residents, staff, and Sisters. After Mass, a tasty picnic with all the July 4th trimmings was provided and we thank the AJJ (Association Jeanne Jugan) members for all their help. Of course, the big anticipation was the raffle ticket drawing – some say better than fireworks! Prizes included: \$5,000 for first place; \$3,000 for second place; and \$2,000 for third place. The lucky

winners, all from Colorado, were: Lila-Anne Vallero of Denver; David Maurek of Aurora; and Barbara Alcorta of Westminster.

Congratulations to all our winners and a big thank you to everyone who participated in our raffle. Over \$50,000 was raised and will be used to upgrade our Residents' dining room. We are currently getting bids for the work and hope to start the renovation in the fall.



Sister Mary Emilie and Resident Angelina Hoof draw one of the lucky winners!

Sacred Heart Gives Residents a Reason to Swing

"I just want to swing!" exclaimed Resident John Landrum the minute he saw the new glider swing accessible to those in wheel chairs. And swing he did for a good hour as his family sat across from him enjoying the ride as much as he did.

This new fun-ride addition to the Mullen Home grounds is possible due, in part, to a generous grant from Sacred Heart of Mary in Boulder, CO. "The swing is not only calming for the Residents," said Judy Rodnick, Director of Nursing, "but provides light exercise since the swinging motion is caused from using the push-pull bar or by pushing with your feet." Residents easily recall their childhood years of swinging and the joy they had. Now, years later, this experience is once again possible. Thank you, Sacred Heart, for your generosity.



Full view of glider as it awaits another group. It's a wonderful way for Residents, staff, friends, children, volunteers, and family to have a fun experience "together."



Resident John Landrum enjoys the ride with his wife, Ida Mae, and daughter Peggy Dietz.

Alpacas Delight and Take a Bite!



Resident Anita Duran enjoys an afternoon visit from two sweet alpacas, Cisco and Beaujangles. The visit was made possible by Taha Alpaca's in Golden, CO which specializes in raising "Suri" alpacas.



Stations of the Cross Continued...

visitors a place to sit and absorb the love and compassion the Stations provide.

Mother Patricia Mary expressed her appreciation, "On behalf of the Residents and all at Mullen Home, we extend a heartfelt thank you to the many people who generously support this beautiful memorial of the Lord's Passion."

The Stations are available to all and can be visited at Mullen Home for the Aged, Little Sisters of the Poor, 3629 W. 29th Ave. If you have any questions, please call us at 303-433-7221.

Archbishop Samuel Aquila sprinkles holy water at each of the Stations.

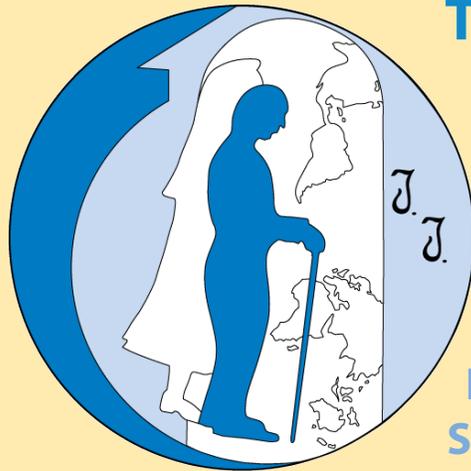


WINE TASTING

"Around the World with the Little Sisters"

Thursday, October 2

5 p.m - 7 p.m.



**In the east garden of Mullen Home for the Aged
3629 West 29th Avenue | Denver, CO 80211**

Entrance Fee: \$40 per person

**Sponsorships: \$400 includes 10 reservations
and listing in event program. Call 303-433-7221 ext. 127.**

To reserve your name on the guest list do one of the following:

- Go to www.littlesistersofthepoordenver.org - click on "wine tasting event."
- Send specified check indicating "wine tasting event" to address above
- Call 303-433-7221, ext. 127, Peggy Dietz

Please join us! Help the Little Sisters celebrate the flavor of some of their Homes from around the world. Taste a variety of wine and foods from various regions.

Silent Auction • Raffle of a case of wine • Music

Mark your calendar. Please RSVP by Thursday, September 25.

A Simple Note

By: Sister Patricia Mary



Dear Friends,

With grateful hearts, the Little Sisters of the Poor are eager to share with you many events that have taken place the last several months. Featured in this issue is a piece about the dedication of our beautifully handcrafted Stations of the Cross. Our foundress St. Jeanne Jugan would faithfully pray the Way of the Cross every day, even in her old age. All visitors to Mullen Home are welcome to share in the riches of this prayer and to enjoy our new Stations of the Cross.

As we approach the season of harvest, we are particularly mindful of the words St. John Paul II directed towards the world's elderly in Munich in 1980 when he said, "Old age is the crown of the steps of life. It gathers in the harvest, the harvest from what you have learned and experienced, the harvest from what you have done and achieved, the harvest from what you have suffered and undergone. As in the finale of a great symphony, all the great themes of life combine to a mighty harmony. And, this harmony bestows wisdom."

Your support of our ministry shows respect for the lives of our elderly. The Sisters and Residents pray daily for all those petitions that are dear to you, and we ask God to bless you abundantly. You hold a special place in our hearts for sharing with us the ministry to the elderly poor.

May God bless you.

Sincerely in Christ,
Sr. Patricia Mary

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From the Archives...

As we celebrate over 97 years of service and look forward to our 100 year anniversary in 2017, we thought it would be fun to share some of our old photographs and news items with you, our dear friends and benefactors who have helped the Little Sisters keep the Mullen Home doors open. Enjoy!



March 21, 1933 – The dignity of service was exemplified Monday at the J.K. Mullen Home for the Aged when priests and nuns of the Roman Catholic Church, aided by the friends and benefactors of the Little Sisters of the Poor, waited on tables at a dinner for Residents of the Home. The dinner is an annual observance of St. Joseph's Day. Bishop Urban J. Vehr celebrated pontifical high mass before the dinner. Bishop Vehr and the Rev. Thomas F. Gorman of St. Thomas seminary are shown here standing behind the table with Mrs. John L. Dower and Mrs. Ella Mullen Weckbaugh, daughters of the founder of the Home.

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Our foundress Saint Jeanne Jugan