

LITTLE SISTERS OF THE POOR

*Serving the elderly poor
in Denver since 1917.*

Winter 2014

MULLEN HOME
FOR THE AGED
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“No Room for Them in the Inn”

Sisters Shelter Old Folks Evicted From Their Home

You're Invited!

December 13

Cookie Exchange from 9 – 11 a.m.

December 24

Christmas Eve
Midnight Mass at 7:30 p.m.

December 25

Christmas Day
Mass at 10:30 a.m.

December 28

Feast of the Holy Family
Christmas Open House at 3 p.m.

December 31

New Year's Eve
Holy Hour at 4:30 p.m.

January 1

New Year's Day
Mass at 10:30 a.m.

1952. Christmas Eve. The old Navajo Hotel in Denver is condemned and forced to shut its doors:

“Its proprietress, Mrs. Gariboldi, a Christian woman, was left to find homes for 30 old men and women who had been given food and shelter for \$60 a month from their monthly pensions. She called Mother Julianna at the Little Sisters of the Poor. Could she take 11 old persons right away, 10 of them men, one a woman? Mother Juliana could, and did. It was about 6:30 in the evening when the bedraggled group arrived – one had a broken leg, one a broken arm; two were on crutches; one was

almost blind; one had a badly burned hand. They all needed clean clothing, which the Little Sisters furnished them. They had received no supper, and, although it was past the dinner hour at the Mullen home, a hot meal was prepared for them. Beds were dragged down from the attic, many of them placed in the halls. They were the most wonderful beds these old



*Four Who Found Shelter: from left to right:
John Potter, Julia Pentacost, Joseph Hillan, and Joe Caroly*

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Sister Therese Marie and Mother Provincial Maria Christine, visiting the home at an opportune time to enjoy the event, are shown here with guests and sponsors Dorothy and Dick Campbell and their daughter-in-law, Deb.

Supporting the Little Sisters with Every Pour Wine Tasting Event a Big Success

Travelling “around the world” couldn’t have been easier – or tastier – than it was during the Little Sisters’ fall fundraiser in October. Celebrating their international congregation in over 30 countries, the Sisters chose five locations that exemplified the best in wine and food: Spain, France, Australia, Italy, and the U.S.A./California. At their arrival guests were each given a wine glass etched with the Little Sisters’ logo and then escorted to beautifully decorated “around the world” tables of fine wines and ethnic cuisines.

A silent auction gave the guests an opportunity to bid on a variety of travelling and self-pampering items: noise cancelling head phones for air travel, sailing on Lake Dillon, a 2 hour pontoon adventure, travel accessories, and a day at the spa. The highlight that gained a lot of interest was the raffle drawing which presented the winner with a case of all the wines that were poured during the evening.

“The evening was just perfect,” said Mother Patricia Mary. “Everyone really worked hard on the event and we’re especially appreciative of our

staff, our event committee members, volunteers, members of the AJJ, and the musical entertainers. And, of course, all our supporters – new friends and old – who attended and expressed their enjoyment. We’re already planning something similar for next year.”

A special thanks to our sponsors: Mile High Wines & Spirits; Sushi Hai Japanese Steakhouse and Sushi Bar; Sir Speedy at 9th & Lincoln; Mr. & Mrs. Richard Campbell; Horan & McConaty; Archtek, Inc.; Ms. Cynthia Haws; and, Ms. Barbara Rink.



Happy raffle winners of the case of wine were Janice and David Berger, shown here with Mother Patricia Mary.



Event committee members, Vicky Jacobs, far right, and Priscilla O’Leary, take a moment’s rest from their successful efforts to share a ‘photo op’ with Sister Mary Augustine, far left, and Sister Caroline.

Just When They Thought They Could Win!

Wiffle Ball! What a great idea! The Little Sisters and Residents will match their athletic powers against Staff members and of course they will win! As game day approaches tensions mount; some even pray for rain or snow! But, alas, the day of confrontation is a beautiful fall day, the bases are carefully placed, strategies considered, and it's batter up! "Easy win,

easy win," shouts the Staff as the score looks like a shut out at 7 to zero. But it's not over yet. The Sisters give the bat to Resident Ishmael Corrillo and he hits a big one! Not only does he bring runners home to score but he manages to steal each and every base to score another run. Unfortunately, it isn't enough. Staff puts it away 11-7. Maybe next year. It's okay to dream!



Good sports all! Members pose for a group shot and promise to return next year!

Fall Activities Abound!



Water color class is a big favorite for Residents. Here, Isidora Shirkey exhibits a master stroke of the paint brush.



Pumpkin carving contests, accordion music, and tasty food delights offered Residents, staff, and families a perfect introduction to fall. The winning pumpkin, seen here, by 1st floor nursing staff won the prize!

Residents Angela Hoof and Katherine Leslie enjoy a "down home" afternoon of western fun including panning for gold!



No Room for Them Continued...

persons had slept in for a long time, they said. They had not been accustomed to innerspring mattresses and clean sheets." (excerpted from The Catholic Register December 25, 1952)

In the 175 years since the founding of the Little Sisters of the Poor our mission of caring for the needy elderly has never waived. Our foundress, Saint Jeanne Jugan, ignored the skeptics who thought it foolish to care for those in need when she herself did not have the means. But she would say, "If God is with us, it will be accomplished." She also repeated over and over, "Give us the house – if God fills it – God will not abandon it."

Today, our "houses" number 195 in 30 countries around the world. And our Home, a memorial gift of J.K. Mullen and his wife, Catherine, in 1917, will soon be celebrating its 100 years of service to Denver's elderly poor. While the care of the aged has become more sophisticated with new medicines and equipment, the care and the concern is still the same. We honor our Residents through our vow of hospitality and receive them as family. How truly blessed we are at this Christmastime to see the joy and peace reflected in the beautiful faces of our Residents. And how truly grateful we are to have the wonderful support of our dear friends and benefactors who so generously allow us to provide this continuity of care each and every year.



Mullen Home Chapel offers a beautiful sanctuary for observing the true meaning of Christmas. All are welcome.

A Simple Note

By: Sister Patricia Mary



Dear Friends,

Greetings and best wishes this Holy Season! May the peace of love that Jesus made known in our world by his birth be abundantly yours.

As we celebrate the birth of our Lord, we are reminded of the origins of our Congregation and our work here in Denver. For it was during the winter of 1839 that Saint Jeanne Jugan welcomed an elderly, blind woman into her home, and it was on December 22, 1917 that the Little Sisters of the Poor began work at Mullen Home for the Aged. The similarities of Christ's birth and his journey to our own beginnings suggest that God chooses to manifest himself in the midst of humility and poverty.

The mission and spirit of Saint Jeanne Jugan have been kept alive in great part to the generous support of charitable and concerned persons like you. Your financial assistance has permitted us to provide our dear Residents with a secure and peaceful level of care...thank you. We also extend our appreciation and deep gratitude to our volunteers, Association Jeanne Jugan members, and the Mullen Home staff, who share their time and talents to help us in our apostolate.

May Christmas 2014 be for you and your loved ones a feast filled with light, grace and divine mercy, and may you experience that serenity and joy which he alone can give. We assure you of our daily prayers, and our hope that the New Year will draw abundant graces upon you and your family.

May God Bless You,
Sr. Patricia Mary, lsp

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Our Christmas Wish List This Year

Copy Paper

Body Lotion/Body Wash

**Mouth Wash/Dental
Cleansers**

**Paper Products:
Kleenex, Large and Small
Plates, Napkins, 8 oz cups**

**Soft drinks Reg. and Diet:
7 Up, Root Beer, Coca Cola,
and Ginger Ale**

**Gift Certificates:
King Soopers, Safeway,
Walgreens, Wal-Mart
(any gift card welcome!)**



Merry Christmas & a Happy New Year from
Resident Jeannette Simpson and Sister Mary Gerard.

If you can provide any of the items listed above, please call us at 303-433-7221 or bring them by our home at 3629 W. 29th Avenue. Thank you for your generosity and charitable spirit! God bless you and Merry Christmas.

**You're Invited to our First Annual Cookie Exchange
Saturday, December 13 from 9 – 11 AM**

For Details: email Sister Mary Emilie at cldenver@littlesistersofthepoor.org

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**Our foundress
Saint Jeanne Jugan**