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A "Rocky Mountain High" Welcome for Mother Patricia Mary

Mother Patricia Mary, arriving in Denver for the first time, was greeted with a true western welcome! Residents and staff, outfitted in traditional cowboy gear of straw hats and colorful bandanas, gave her a hearty, down-home hello. As she stepped from the car and made her way toward the entrance, those who could kick up their heels broke into a rip-roaring western line dance. And, of course, to complete the greeting, everyone joined in and sang John Denver's celebratory hit, "Rocky Mountain High". Gradually, Mother made her way through the

welcoming crowd getting acquainted with new names and faces of staff and Residents.

The following day, accompanied by Mother Provincial Maria Christine Joseph, Mother Patricia Mary was entertained by an original, informative play, "Memories". Written by Debbie Miller in the Activities Department and performed by selected Residents and staff members, the play introduced Mother to the history of our Home from its beginnings in 1916. A real crowd pleaser was the "appearance" of the Home's original benefactors, J.K. Mullen

and his wife, Catherine, who offered to finance the Home in 1911. Historical highlights throughout the presentation were given musical accompaniment by pianist John Nadeu and the Home's chimes ensemble which is made up of Residents and volunteers. Root beer floats were served to a very satisfied and appreciative audience.

Mother Patricia Mary, originally from Grand Rapids, MI, comes to us from St. Mary's Home in Chicago, IL. We extend a warm welcome and hope your first visit to Denver will be a long and blessed stay!



Mother Patricia Mary receives a beautiful bouquet of flowers from Resident Jeannette Simpson as she arrives to Mullen Home.



Enjoying the "Memories" play from front row seats are, from left, Sister Joseph Marie, Mother Patricia Mary, Mother Provincial Maria Christine Joseph, and Sister Mary Grace who was recently transferred to our Home.



A favorite highlight was the "appearance" of our Home's original benefactors, J.K. Mullen and his wife, Catherine played by staff members John Kunkel and Debbie Williams. Approving the architectural plans for the Home's construction in 1916 is Sister Germaine played by our Home's administrator, Ruthie Horton.

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“Diamonds & Denim” A Glittering Success!

Thanks to many helping hands and “divine intervention,” the 95th anniversary gala for our Home was a sparkling evening of gratitude. On a weather-perfect June 8th evening, the History Colorado Center offered the ideal setting for recognizing the Little Sisters’ unwavering service to the elderly poor and two of Denver’s untiring community servants, Mary and Kevin McNicholas of K-M Concessions. Nearly 200 guests enjoyed the rare opportunity of touring the museum’s exhibits prior to seating for dinner. A heartfelt video, produced by Jack Creamer, gave meaningful insight to the everyday lives and activities of Mullen Home Residents, Sisters, and staff. The evening ended with a rousing auction of items to benefit the Residents and needs of our Home.

A special thanks goes to our Advisory Board, volunteers, friends and benefactors of the Little Sisters of the Poor and Mullen Home, and to all those who made our anniversary celebration a wonderful evening:

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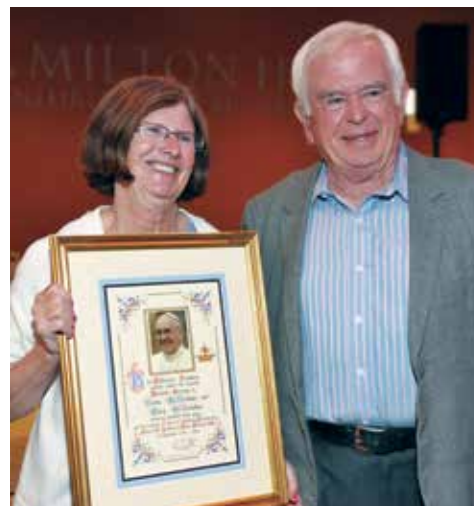
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The evening’s emcee, Bertha Lynn of Channel 7 News, surrounded by very appreciative Sisters; from left: Sr. Paul, Sr. Therese Marie, Sr. Mary Magdalena, Sr. Joseph Marie, Sr. Joseph Maureen, and Sr. Mary Emilie.



Some of the Residents and staff members attended the event. Here, they enjoy one of the museum’s exhibits – a ride through the Rockies, via a large-screened TV, in a Model T.



Mary and Kevin McNicholas with their framed Papal Blessing; the Little Sisters also presented them with a beautiful plaque featuring the Little Sisters’ logo to commemorate the evening’s event.

All photos by James Baca -- for more Gala photos, please see our website www.littlesistersofthepoordenver.org and go to “News & Events”



A Day of Prayer and Winnings

July 4th was a busy day for Residents, staff, and Sisters. A flag raising ceremony began the festivities as Residents were escorted to the flag area by volunteers and AJJ (Association Jeanne Jugan) members. As the flag waved its red, white, and blue against a perfect cloudless sky, patriotic readings and songs filled the air and everyone sang with great enthusiasm! After Mass and a tasty picnic on the grounds, the July 4th Raffle tickets were drawn. 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: Paul Chott of Littleton; Naida Wolke of Aurora; and, Pauline Henn of Timnath.

The day ended with a holy hour to pray for Religious Freedom. Later in the evening, firework displays from around the city could be seen by Residents, family members, Sisters, and staff from the first floor patio of the Home. A better ending to a prayerful and joyous day could not have been granted!

“Prayer in the Square”

“Prayer in the Square,” organized by the Archdiocese of Denver, took place June 22, 2013, at Denver’s capitol building as part of the Fortnight for Freedom week. Little Sisters of the Poor and Mullen Home were well represented during the Fortnight for Freedom ecumenical prayer rally. Shown here with Most Rev. Samuel J. Aquila, STL, are from left: Resident Patricia Hyneman, Sr. Joseph Marie, Mary Beussink (summer intern from Missouri State University), and Resident Kathy Dowd.

Celebrating Saint Jeanne Jugan

The month of August was devoted to Saint Jeanne Jugan as we prepared for her feast day, August 30th. Each day, staff, Residents, and volunteers recognized our dear foundress with a variety of special activities: St. Jeanne Jugan decoupage crafts, memory books, puzzles and root beer floats, trivia games, waffle sundaes, rosaries, novenas, and a favorite of the Residents, a scavenger hunt where Residents look for St. Jeanne Jugan pictures throughout the Home.



Debbie Williams, Resident Accounts staff, makes an appearance as St. Jeanne Jugan and reads about the history of our beloved foundress during the trivia game.



Sister Joseph Marie pulls a winning ticket from the raffle wheel. All three winners were from Colorado.

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From the Archives

As we celebrate 95 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. Look for them in future issues of our quarterly newsletter and enjoy!

"Old Tom Is Calling It a Day" -- March 27, 1935

"Old Tom is going to take it easy from now on, because he's worked for so long a time, pulling a wagon around Denver's streets for the Home for the Aged, managed by the Little Sisters of the Poor. A motor truck is to do the work in the future. It will collect all articles donated to the home and Old Tom, the fine, faithful old horse, will have nothing to do but grow older, and to do it gracefully. The horse is shown here, with the motor truck, his driver, Joe Wolff, and the dog, Beauty, a boon companion." --Denver Post

Our tradition of begging is as essential today as it was when our dear foundress, Saint Jeanne Jugan, began her daily begging rounds in 1839 in Saint Servan, France. She gathered food, clothing, and other provisions for the elderly poor Residents she had taken into her home. And though our modes of transportation for begging have evolved throughout the years, the generosity of our merchants, donors, and benefactors have remained fast. Thank you and God bless!



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Our foundress Saint Jeanne Jugan