



Aloha Mother Provincial

In times of coming and going, we are reminded of the song, “TURN! TURN! TURN!” by the musical group the Byrds. The lyrics are based on Ecclesiastics 3, which begins with the verse, “For everything there is a season, and a time for every matter under heaven.” We are in the middle of a change of seasons in our province and an appropriate word to describe this season is “Aloha.” Aloha is a Hawaiian word used as a greeting or farewell with a deeper meaning of love, affection, peace, compassion and mercy.

At this time, we use “Aloha” as a farewell to Mother Provincial Maria Christine, who has been our beloved Mother Provincial for the Chicago province for the past 13 years.

Last year, Mother General gave a change of assignment to Mother Provincial Maria Christine as her term of twelve years had concluded, however, the COVID 19 restrictions delayed any obedience transfers until now. As the country begins to open back up, Mother Provincial will now transfer to the Baltimore province as the superior of Saint Augustine Home in Indianapolis, Indiana.

Over the years, we have had many fond memories of Mother Provincial’s visits to our Home here in Denver. She brought so much joy and laughter to all she met and was very pleasant and helpful during all of her stays.

We appreciate her remarkable memory as she knew everyone; Sisters, Residents, employees, family members, and the Association of Jeanne Jugan members, by their first name. What an incredible gift!

Mother Provincial has left her footprints on our hearts as we cherish these memories of her as our leader. We pray that the Lord blesses her and her new Home as she begins her new assignment in Indianapolis.

We also use the word “Aloha” to welcome Mother Provincial Julie of the Sacred Heart, our new Mother Provincial. Before beginning this new role, she was the superior at Saint Mary’s Home in Chicago, Illinois.

We welcome and pray for her as she assumes her new role as the Mother Provincial to the Chicago province. All of us look forward to getting to know her better in the coming years.



Mother Provincial Maria Christine enjoys Resident, Gail Pugh’s company.



Mother Provincial Maria Christine and Mother Patricia Mary celebrate Mullen Home’s 100 year Anniversary in September, 2017.

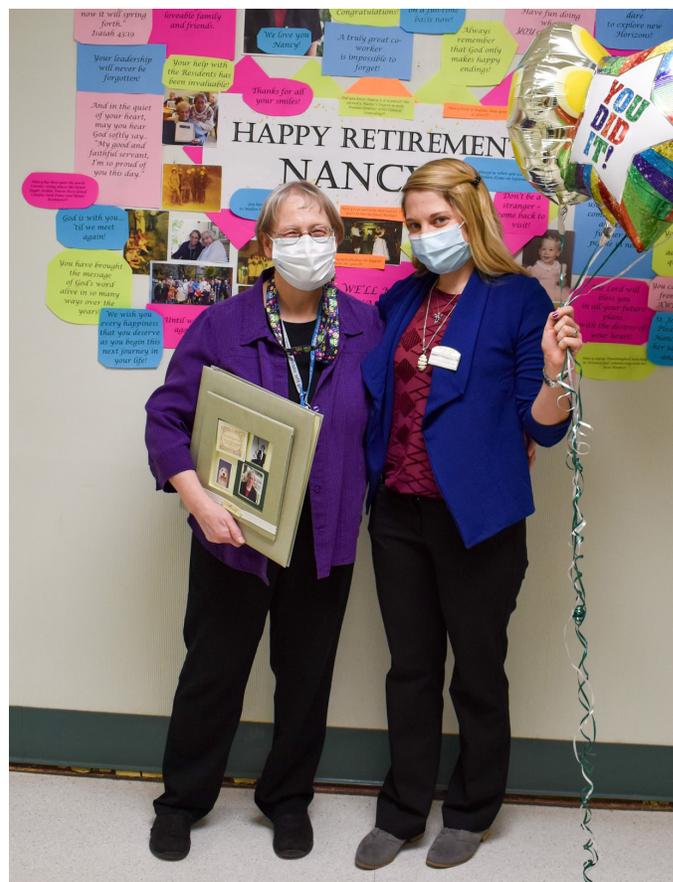


Mother Provincial Maria Christine and Mother Provincial Julie help a Volunteer friend with gardening fun.

DEPARTMENT SPOTLIGHT: Social Services

This is a season of change for us around the Home. Our Social Service Department recently said a warm “goodbye” to Nancy Smilnich as she retired after ten years with the Home, and welcomed Gabrielle Waterhouse to fill the role of Social Service Director. We are so thankful for all of the work that Nancy did for us over the years and wish her well in her coming adventures. As a fun fact, most of our current Residents were admitted by Nancy in her time here. Upon admission, each Resident fills out a social history form that allows the staff to get to know them better. As a fun farewell, Nancy filled out a social history for us, allowing us to see hidden details about her life. In brief summary, Nancy is a trained biologist and began her career as a cancer research scientist before continuing on into counseling. This led her down the social services path and ultimately directed her to the job that has blessed us here at Mullen Home. Nancy has been so humble as she served our Residents that many of us never knew the details of her amazing life. We sincerely hope that in her retirement she is able to enjoy rock climbing, spelunking, birdwatching, bag piping, gardening, and her many other hobbies and talents that she listed in her social history. Thank you, Nancy!

We wish a warm welcome to our new director of social services, Gabrielle Waterhouse. Gabrielle has seamlessly fit in to her role here in the Home and we are grateful to have her. She studied social work and went on to work in a skilled nursing facility before moving her career to Denver in 2016. In expressing her excitement for



beginning her time here at the Home, she explained, “So far what I cherish the most is the family-like environment and all of the support and warm welcoming I have received from the Staff and Sisters.” The feeling is mutual and we are certainly happy to have her on our team!

Farewell Beloved Sisters

Mullen Home has been blessed with many happy memories from three beloved Sisters who have answered their vow of Obedience, calling them to move on to other Little Sisters of the Poor locations within the Western United States. Second floor Supervisor, Sr. Caroline has been assigned to our home in Louisville, Kentucky and she will be joined by Sr. Carolyn who has been our Administrator for the last 10 months. Sr. Mary William has been with us for two years, handling first floor duties and

departs for Saint Paul, Minnesota in the near future. All three of these beautiful Sisters have touched the lives of everyone at Mullen Home in a big way.

Each of them has had the ability to make lasting relationships with Sisters, Staff, Residents and their families, which is telling of who they are as individuals. Thank you, Sister Caroline, Sr. Carolyn and Sr. Mary William, for the many gifts you have shared with us here at Mullen Home. We will be keeping you in our thoughts and prayers always!



Sr. Caroline



Sr. Mary William



Sr. Carolyn

Aloha Volunteers & Family

As restrictions begin to loosen here in Denver, we have slowly been able to open the Home back up to family and some of our Volunteers! While following the guidelines that the State Health Department has put in place, we keep praying that we can continue to open back up while keeping our Residents safe!



By Easter, our Residents were able to see their family members and even give them a hug for the first time in over a year! Praise God!

Joe and Kathy, along with a few other Volunteers, have been willing to give us their time while maintaining all of the rules and restrictions that are required for our Staff and Volunteers. We thank all of our faithful and supportive Volunteers!



The Example of the Holy Family

“See how Jesus, Mary and Joseph loved one another, all three, how happy they looked, with what kindness and gentleness they spoke to each other. In our little family, it must be the same.” Saint Jeanne Jugan recognized the important example of the Holy Family in the life of the church and taught us to look to them for guidance in our mission. Pope Francis declared a Year to honor the Holy Family in conjunction with the Year of Saint Joseph. It is easy to overlook the importance of Saint Joseph in the life of the Holy Family; however, his fatherly vocation is necessary. Saint Teresa of Avila described what is often too easy to forget; “The Lord wishes to teach us that as He was Himself subject to him [St. Joseph] on earth, (for being his guardian and being called His father, he could command Him) just so in Heaven He still does all that he asks.” God chose Joseph to be the foster father of Jesus. His vocation was to be close to Mary in their life as husband and wife and to raise the Son of God; to teach Him, to care for Him, and to



protect Him. His example embodies the important role of fatherhood that inspired this year dedicated to the life of the family. As Saint Jeanne Jugan points out, we must mirror our own families after the example of the Holy Family and in this, we continue to take our needs to Saint Joseph with the same confidence of Jesus and Mary.

Prayer to the Holy Family

Jesus, Mary and Joseph, in you we contemplate the splendor of true love; to you we turn with trust. Holy Family of Nazareth, grant that our families too may be places of communion and prayer, authentic schools of the Gospel and small domestic churches. Holy Family of Nazareth, may families never again experience violence, rejection and division; may all who have been hurt or scandalized find ready comfort and healing. Holy Family of Nazareth, make us once more mindful of the sacredness and inviolability of the family, and its beauty in God's plan.

*Jesus, Mary and Joseph,
graciously hear our prayer.
Amen.*

MOTHER'S MESSAGE

Dear Friends,

I write this letter to you with a heart full of gratitude. After spending the last two years serving alongside the other Sisters and staff here at Mullen Home, I have received my obedience to take a new assignment as the superior in Palatine, Illinois. My heart is full of memories and the loving exchanges I've have received in my time here in Denver. Despite the challenges and struggles that we have faced over the course of the past year, I am constantly reminded of the ways that the Lord directs and guides our lives. I am grateful for the ways that He has blessed me through the gift of all of you. Thank you for your generosity in this time of trial and suffering, for your prayers and support, and for your love and friendship.

In this time of transition, Sister Mary William, Sister Caroline and Sister Carolyn have all received their obediences as well and Mullen Home will be receiving three Little Sisters. Mother Paul will assume the role of Mother Superior here in Denver. Mother Paul has served in Denver in the past and it will be wonderful to have her back! We also welcome Sister Sarah and Sister Michael. Please give a warm welcome to these beautiful Sisters and pray for them as they begin their time here.

I have given myself totally to Jesus through my vow of obedience in the mission of the Little Sisters of the Poor and I continue to trust in His great plan and promise. He knows my weaknesses, yet gives me the grace to do the job that He has entrusted to me. I am humbled by His trust. Jesus is our strength and we owe our lives to Him. Always remember to pray, we must always pray. Pray for me as I move to my next assignment, I will certainly pray for all of you. Thank you again for all of the memories, support and friendship you have shared with me during these past two years. I am forever grateful!

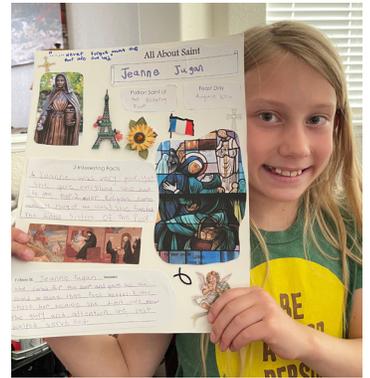
Sincerely yours in Christ,
Mother Mercy Stella Theresa, l.s.p.



Confirmation Name — Saint Jeanne Jugan

This spring, young Catholics around Denver excitedly anticipate receiving the sacraments of First Holy Communion and Confirmation. As a part of the Confirmation process, third graders engage in the selection of a Confirmation name.

For local third-grader Bailey, that was an easy task. "I picked Saint Jeanne Jugan because she cared for the elderly poor and gave all she could to make them feel better," said Bailey. "Saint Jeanne Jugan didn't care about the attention and glory when helping others, she just wanted to serve God."



Inspired by their mission, Bailey looks up to The Little Sisters of the Poor. "They serve the Residents at Mullen Home by making sure they have what they need and that they feel loved and supported," Bailey remarked. "The Little Sisters love God and Jesus more than anything."

Wish List

- Tea
- Saltine Crackers
- Olive Oil
- Cooking Oil
- Soft Drinks
 - Regular and Diet Ginger Ale
 - Regular and Diet Cola
 - Root Beer
 - Regular Pepsi
 - Dr. Pepper

Toiletries:

- Body & Hand Lotion
 - Jergens
 - Dove
 - Nivea
 - Vaseline

- Shampoo
- Body Wash
- Tissues

Misc. Supplies:

- Napkins
- 8 oz. Cups
- Copy Paper (8.5x11)
- Snacks, including Gluten Free
- Lg./Med. Christmas Gift Bags
- Gift Cards
 - King Soopers
 - Safeway
 - Walgreens
 - Wal-Mart
 - Costco
 - Any gift card is welcome!

MISSION

Continuing the work of Saint Jeanne Jugan, our mission is to offer the neediest elderly of every race and religion a home where they will be welcomed as Christ, cared for as family and accompanied with dignity until God calls them to himself. The Little Sisters of the Poor have always been committed to respecting your personal information and privacy. The Little Sisters of the Poor will never sell, share, trade, rent or provide personal information to any other entity. Thank you for your continued support of our mission!

