



# If only we say yes to Him!



Friars in formation at the Dominican House of Studies in Washington, DC are assigned part-time summer ministries. Jeanne Jugan Residence was the summer placement for Brother Barnabas Wilson and Brother Andrew Lyons and they were a heaven-sent addition to our Home.

Upon arrival, these fine young men quickly established themselves as integral members of the Jeanne Jugan Family. Each day they arrived bright and early to assist wherever needed – visiting with Residents, serving meals in the dining room, tending to Sr. Jeanne’s garden, entertaining our elderly family with guitar, tambourine, and song, and serving at Mass.

The timing of their summer pastoral assignment coincided with Sr. Rose de St. Raymond’s 70th Jubilee and they were an essential part of the Mass and celebration to which more than 100 religious, friends, and family attended. In Brother Barnabas’ reflection of this

important occasion, he shared, “As a Dominican brother approaching his first anniversary of vows, seeing Sr. Rose on her 70th anniversary was a sure sign to me of how amazing God’s plan is for each of us — if only we say yes to him!”

Indeed our home was blessed by the brothers’ Yes! Blessed by their joy-filled ways, their genteel demeanor, their passion for the faith, their pastoral sensitivity, and their genuine compassion for our elderly family.

During their farewell party, Mother Patricia Mary presented them with the gift of a Mass for their intentions at the chapel at our motherhouse, La Tour St. Joseph, in France. Another gift was made by 97 year-old Resident Jeanne, who presented a thoughtful and moving speech accompanied by a poem. We wish Brothers Barnabas and Andrew well and offer our prayers that God continue to bless them on their journey to the priesthood.

Andrew and Barnabas, Brothers who,  
Came to Jeanne Jugan Residence for a  
month or two.

You painted and planted, served  
and prayed,  
Touching our hearts along the way.  
Andrew and Barnabas, our thanks  
to you,  
For showing the path of love so true.  
God’s love is here if we but ask,  
You’ve led the way for this mighty task.  
Andrew and Barnabas, beacons of  
light,  
Lighten our darkness through  
the night.  
Dawn will come and in the new day  
Our memories of you will brighten  
our way.

– Poem by Jeanne, Resident Member  
of our Jeanne Jugan Family

For more: Brother Barnabas’ Reflection  
and Sr. Rose’s Jubilee, go to  
[www.littlesistersofthepoorpawtucket.org](http://www.littlesistersofthepoorpawtucket.org)

# A Summer Soirée Thank You!

God blessed us with a beautiful evening for our Second Annual Summer Soirée. More than 300 guests joined us in the garden of our home for an evening fine wine, craft beer, and signature small bites from area restaurants and confectioneries.

We are so very blessed by and grateful for the extraordinary assistance and generosity of many members of our community – sponsors, restaurants and businesses, in-kind donors, volunteers, staff, families, and our dedicated Summer Soirée event committee – all who helped us to raise more than \$50,000 for our mission of caring for the elderly poor.

Thank you! We hope to see you next year!



Special Thanks to the Navigant VForce volunteer team!

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We are most grateful for your consideration. Through your thoughtful and generous contribution, you will help us in our mission to care for our elderly family, providing a home filled with dignity, love and compassion.

## Little Sisters Big Bucks RAFFLE

### THANK YOU EVERYONE!

Because of your generous participation and outright donations, we will be able to purchase two new Electric Convection Ovens just in time for the Thanksgiving Turkey Drop!



## Why I Give

To our dear Little Sisters of the Poor,

It is hard to believe that it was more than fifty years ago when we were first introduced to you. In the mid 1970s during one Sunday Mass at St. Mary's in Cranston, we learned that you held an all-night vigil there, praying for the success of your building campaign. Father invited you to Mass to share your mission and to ask parishioners for support.

Humble and unassuming, softly walking through the aisles of church, Sister Frances came to our pew – Could we help her and the mission begun long ago by Jeanne Jugan? Could we help the elderly poor in Jesus' name? Right there, no question, without hesitation, I filled out the pledge card. How could I say no? My wife looked at the card and gasped at the amount, incredulously. You see, we were a young family, a growing family, and in essence, the pledge was beyond our means.

Later in 1982, when Jeanne Jugan was beatified, I knew we made the right choice in answering Sr. Frances' request. And, although Sr. Frances is no longer with us, our commitment is ongoing. One might say the Little Sisters have become our own personal mission.

As time passed, we learned more and more about your mission, your selfless work, your care of the least capable in our community. It has been our privilege to help you. A newsletter here, a raffle ticket there, we were always happy to answer your appeals and send our support. And of course, we enjoyed attending your annual St. Patrick's Day Dinners and PawSox outings!

In Luke's Gospel we read: "Give, and it will be given to you. Good measure, pressed down, shaken together, running over, will be put into your lap. For with the measure you use it will be measured back to you."

For us, the measure has been the blessing of our children and our family. Indeed, God has blessed us immensely. Please continue to count on us, dear Little Sisters of the Poor, and may God continue to bless you.

– Tom and Fran



## MOTHER'S MESSAGE



This summer provided me with yet another opportunity to reflect on God's extraordinary goodness and grace. A recent three-week visit to our motherhouse, La Tour St. Joseph, in Saint-Pern, a village in the North of France, offered a unique and extended period of time for prayer, reflection, and communion with Little Sisters from the United States and around the world.

La Tour St. Joseph is steeped in history. In the late 1850's, a chateau in the village was acquired and gifted for a new motherhouse and novitiate (the previous nearby location became too small for our growing congregation and elderly family.) Today, surrounded by woods, ponds, and gardens, there is an aura of grandeur, yet humility and simplicity. The pages of our history state, "The old manor of Saint-Pern became a House of God." The chapel at La Tour honors and acknowledges our God, the light in the heart of our foundress St. Jeanne Jugan. His work goes on.

The purpose of our recent assembly was to study our renewed Constitutions with the desire to know Jeanne Jugan and better live her charism today, through a more profound understanding of Our Rule of Life. She placed her life in God's hands and waited to know his plan for

her. Since its humble beginnings in 1839, when Jeanne Jugan carried an elderly woman home and gave her her own bed, our Congregation has grown. We are united in one purpose — to continue Saint Jeanne's mission of caring for the elderly poor, welcoming them to our Homes and caring for them with love and respect until God calls them home.

You help us to do this. Like those mid-19th century benefactors, your generosity provides for the sustenance and maintenance of our home in Rhode Island. Your support signals your belief in our mission and demonstrates your compassion for those in our care. Through your gifts to our humble home here in Pawtucket, you are part of our worldwide family of Homes for the elderly in 31 countries.

Be assured of my prayers for you, most recently in the chapel at La Tour St. Joseph — pictured here, prayers for God's blessings in gratitude for your thoughtful care of the Little Sisters of the Poor and our elderly family.

For a photo journal of this recent visit, go to: <https://www.littlesistersofthepoor.org/news>

May God bless you,  
*Sr. Patricia Mary*



### IMPORTANT NOTICE:

The Winner- Day-Calendar will not be published for 2025. During the past few years, we have seen a significant drop in interest in all aspects of this fundraising vehicle – raffle chances, associated project donations, and even requests for gift calendars. For this year, instead, we hope you will participate in the **VERY MERRY Christmas Raffle** with an expanded prize offering.

Since 1881, the Little Sisters of the Poor have cared for the elderly poor in Rhode Island and we rely on you, our friends and benefactors, to help us care for our dear ones. Please know how grateful we are for your support over the years with the many projects at our Home.

**As we continue to trust in God's Providence, we humbly ask for your continued support.**

To make a gift, visit our newly updated website, [www.littlesistersofthepoorpawtucket.org](http://www.littlesistersofthepoorpawtucket.org) or mail the gift form below.

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