



## We are overflowing with gratitude

As the soft light of spring begins to warm our Home, a profound sense of renewal fills our hallways. Just as the earth awakens, our hearts are stirred by the timeless counsel of our Mother Foundress, Saint Jeanne Jugan, who told us: “Be kind, especially with the infirm. Love them well ... In serving the aged, it is he himself whom you are serving.” This spirit of gentleness and humility blooms anew each day in our joyful service to the Elderly poor, a mission that is only made possible because you walk this journey with us.

That spirit of togetherness was so beautifully evident during our recent St. Patrick’s Day Fundraiser. My heart overflows with gratitude as I share that, thanks to your extraordinary generosity, we raised nearly \$60,000 to support our mission! Whether you shared a meal with us at the dinner or offered your support from afar, these funds are a vital blessing. They ensure that our dear Residents continue to receive the dignified, compassionate care that defines the Little Sisters of the Poor.

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As we embrace this season of growth, we also find ourselves reflecting on the Feast of St. Joseph. As the protector of the Holy Family, St. Joseph remains our ultimate model of quiet strength and providential care. It is in his humble spirit that

our Jeanne Jugan volunteers and staff – from our vibrant young professionals to our dedicated retirees – renew their commitment to our mission each year.

We see this “shining light” of St. Joseph in legacy volunteers like Janice, and Richard and his wife Sue. Whether they are serving as “Lucky Leprechauns” or managing event registration, they are truly an extension of the hands and heart of Saint Jeanne Jugan. Their tireless presence – from the difficult days of PPE and isolation to the vibrant, laughter-filled halls of our Home today – reminds us all that our work is a labor of love rather than mere service. Indeed, none of the important work at the Home would be possible without the renewed commitment of our cherished volunteers.

While we celebrate these successes and the beautiful “shining lights” among us, the needs of our mission continue to grow alongside the rising costs of providing a safe, loving environment for the Elderly poor. To maintain the high standard of care our Residents deserve, we humbly ask you to consider how you might further help our family – through continued financial gifts, the precious gift of your time, or your steadfast prayers.

In the words of Pope Saint John Paul II, “We must reflect the light of Christ through lives of prayer and joyful service to others.” Thank you for being the reliable and dependable companions our Resident family relies on so deeply. May this Spring bring you the same peace and renewal you bring to the Jeanne Jugan Residence every single day.

Gratefully in Christ,  
*Sister Jeanne Tigga, lsp*

# A Physician's Heart, A Deacon's Soul: Honoring Dr. Gilbert Altongy

As the renewal of spring blossoms around us, our Home is filled with a special sense of gratitude for a lifetime of extraordinary service. It is our great joy to invite you to join us in honoring Deacon Gilbert J. Altongy, MD, of Lincoln, who has recently retired after over 40 years of tireless devotion to the Little Sisters of the Poor and our dear Residents.

In the warmth of our Catholic faith, we understand that true healing is a beautiful tapestry woven of both body and spirit. As a respected cardiologist, Dr. Altongy brought his immense medical skill to our bedside; but as a deacon, he brought something even more profound – the humble heart of a servant. For four decades, he has been a steadfast pillar of our mission, proving that our work flourishes best when led by those who view their profession as a sacred calling from God.

The Gospel tells us, “I have come that they may have life, and have it to the full” (John 10:10). This promise was the North Star of Dr. Altongy’s “labor of love,” perfectly mirroring the values of Saint Jeanne Jugan. Whether he was addressing a medical concern with his signature calm or offering spiritual strength to a Resident in need, he unfailingly saw the radiant face of Christ in everyone he treated. To us, his career was never merely a series of appointments, but a forty-year pilgrimage of mercy here in Pawtucket and within the very heart of the Jeanne Jugan Home.

We also wish to wrap his wife, Mimi, and their entire family in our prayers, thanking them for so generously sharing his time and talents with our family for so long. As he transitions into this well-deserved retirement, we pray that the Lord – the Great Physician – blesses him with the same deep peace and comfort he so selflessly provided to others.



**“The joy of a true physician is the number of lives he or she can heal ... and whose sufferings they can alleviate.” – Dr. Altongy**



# A St. Patrick's Celebration of Family

Our hearts are overflowing with gratitude for the beautiful success of our 18th Annual St. Patrick's Day Dinner. Held on March 16th at the Grist Mill, this gathering was a true testament to the power of our Catholic community coming together in the name of joyful service. It was more than an event; it was a vibrant expression of the family spirit that Saint Jeanne Jugan held so dear.

The incredible success of this evening – providing the vital resources needed to sustain our mission – would not have been possible without the extraordinary hospitality of the Grist Mill and our dedicated vendors. We

are especially moved by our tireless volunteers, including Greg and Sue, members of the Friars Club of Providence College, and our friends at Navigant Bank, whose energy and devotion brought such light to our Resident family.

Most importantly, we thank you – our generous patrons. Whether you joined us at the table or supported us through your prayers, your presence ensures that the compassionate care of the Little Sisters of the Poor continues to flourish. You are truly the “luck” and the light our Residents rely on, and we are humbled to have you as part of our extended family.



## A Tradition of Scones

At the heart of our St. Patrick's celebration at the Grist Mill was a beloved tradition that tastes like home: Mother's Handmade Scones. Baked with a recipe passed down through generations of Little Sisters, these scones are more than just a treat – they are a labor of love.

In the early morning hours, the kitchen is filled with the scent of flour and sugar as Mother Jeanne and her helpers prepare hundreds of these traditional delights. For our Residents and guests, the golden crust and soft center represent the warmth of our hospitality and the sweetness of our community life.

“When we share a meal, we share our lives.”

We are so grateful to everyone who enjoyed a scone and shared in this “bit of Ireland” in Pawtucket. This simple tradition reminds us that even in the smallest of tasks – like kneading dough – we can find a way to serve others with a joyful heart.



Little Sisters of the Poor  
**St. Patrick's Day**  
Dinner

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### Friends & Benefactors

We are grateful to our friends and benefactors for their generous support.

### Volunteers

The staff at The Old Grist Mill Tavern  
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The Jeanne Jugan Residence Volunteers



# Be part of the miracle of generosity

## The Need is Great: A Call to Providence

In 1839, Saint Jeanne Jugan placed the first Elderly woman in her own bed, sparking a mission defined by a radical, humble trust in God’s Providence. While history remembers her as the “Begging Sister,” her true legacy was the “ministry of the gift” – the profound belief that a community is judged by how it shields its most vulnerable members. Today, that mission has reached a critical turning point. The “basket” has evolved, but the vulnerability remains.

## A Growing Mission in a Changing World

As we look toward the future of the Jeanne Jugan Residence in Pawtucket, we are met with a reality that is as urgent as it is clear: The need is great. The demand for specialized, faith-filled care is expanding rapidly, even as the operational costs rise with every season. We do not rely on large endowments or total government subsidies; instead, we operate on the front lines of faith. We live by the same humble dependence as our Foundress, relying entirely on the hearts of those who believe that the Elderly poor deserve a home defined by dignity, peace, and prayer.

## Ensuring a Sanctuary for Generations

Maintaining our doors as a haven for the Elderly poor is not merely a goal – it is a necessity. To meet the rising tide of need and ensure this sanctuary remains open for generations to come, we must secure a substantial and sustained increase



in support over the next several years.

This work is impossible without the “Providence” of our benefactors. While we witness the miracle of your generosity every day, the road ahead requires a renewed commitment. We are inviting you to move beyond history and join us in the heartbeat of the present – ensuring that the “ministry of the gift” continues to provide a Home for those who need it most.



Dear Sisters: Please accept my contribution of \$ \_\_\_\_\_ to help you in your mission of caring for the elderly poor.



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