



The Embrace of St. Jeanne Jugan

“The best thing that ever happened to me!”

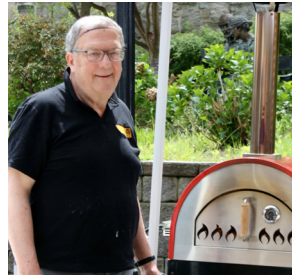
On a winter night in 1839 our foundress, St. Jeanne Jugan, welcomed an elderly widow named Anne into her little apartment. Anne had no place to live and no one to take care of her. Jeanne, having few resources herself, placed Anne in her own bed and surrounded her with love. Jeanne soon took in others who were also destitute. Her work spread very quickly, and today the elderly of five continents are now also enfolded in this loving embrace.

Susan DeVito was welcomed into our Home last October. Her path to us was an extremely difficult one. About a year before her arrival she

was in a horrible accident. Hit by a car and thrown 12 feet into the air, she sustained multiple injuries which resulted in a month-long stay in the hospital and repeated surgeries. Afterward her recovery included almost a year of inpatient rehabilitation. During this time, she learned about our Home, and when her discharge was being planned she applied for admission. Several weeks after she moved in, Susan told a Little Sister, “That accident was the best thing that ever happened to me!” Given the great suffering and extended disability it entailed, the Little Sister was surprised. Susan continued, “It

landed me here!” She then added, “I LOVE IT HERE!”

The embrace of St. Jeanne Jugan continues to offer love and security to those whom we welcome. Making the elderly happy, giving them a true Home, and surrounding them with affection is what each Little Sister of the Poor is called to do. With joy, we strive to extend the loving embrace of our foundress, which makes all of us a family. The feast of St. Jeanne Jugan will be celebrated on August 30th. Please return the enclosed card to have your special intentions remembered in our novena of prayer in preparation for this very special day.



Frank Bosketti and his pizza oven



Volunteers from Iona Prep



Eddie, Lynette and Nick



Rocking team from Cardinal Spellman High School



Friends from Fordham Prep with the Residents



Joanie and Sr. Raymond



Residents Ruthie Bitume (l) and Mary Ann Frick (r) help with preparations.



Joan's Jackpot



Miriam's Herd



Sr. Alice and her family



The Donegal Travelers



Queen Bees



Knights of Columbus "Rocking the Night Away"



Friends and family enjoyed the day.

Pope Francis emphasized the importance of intergenerational relationships when he said, "How I would like a new embrace between young and old!"

At Jeanne Jugan Residence, we often experience the beauty of interaction between the elderly and the young, and our first annual Rock-a-thon was a striking example of this.

Supporters of this successful fundraiser formed teams, found sponsors,

and rocked together on the afternoon of April 27. Besides our own Residents who enthusiastically showed just what "Rockin' Oldies" can do, members of their families, students from area elementary and high schools, our Jeanne Jugan Associates, and many dedicated volunteers gathered in the auditorium for four hours of fun together.

Teams were asked to decorate their chairs and were invited to dress up for

the occasion. The themes of their efforts ranged from touching to outrageously funny. Awards were given to the three teams who raised the most, as well as for the best decorated chair, the most creative, and the most spirited team. Games, door prizes, great food, music, a bake sale, raffles, and deals in our gift shop made for an afternoon of family fun.

Fordham Preparatory

A NEW EMBRACE

School won first place for bringing in the most in sponsorships. In addition, a Prep senior, Ryan Bacrami, was our DJ, and others helped in various ways both before and during the event.

The family and friends of Miriam Rueger, whose team (Miriam's Herd) dressed up as cows, took home the second-place award, as well

as the award for the most creative team.

The Donegal Travelers, Resident Brian McGeever and his family, were awarded third place.

The prize for the most spirited team went to the Knights of Columbus who spent their time "Rocking the Night Away!"

The best decorated chair

was occupied by the Queen Bees, whose captain, Rosalia Negron, works in our kitchen. Rosalia's mother and mother-in-law were both Residents of our Home, and her team rocked in their honor.

Joan's Jackpot, a rocker evocative of a casino which had been decorated by the family of Joanie Ricardella,

added much to the festivity of the event.

Residents Ruthie Bitume and Mary Ann Frick worked tirelessly in preparation for the Rock-a-thon, and their creativity drew admiration from all who were present.

Frank Bosketti, a volunteer and benefactor who owns Fortissimo Pizza Ovens, spent a hot day making his legendary pizzas, to the delight of the crowd.

Students from Iona Preparatory School volunteered to help with

the children's games, and a visitor with a little son sent a beautiful email afterward commending them for their kindness to him.

Cardinal Spellman High School formed a rocking team and helped in many other ways throughout the event as well.

Participants in this happy event truly experienced the "New Embrace" desired by our Holy Father, which bridges generations and brings joy to young and old alike.

The Embrace of our Shepherd

Cardinal Timothy Dolan gave us the great happiness of joining us on May 1 for the feast of St. Joseph, the Worker. After welcoming him, we went to the chapel where he celebrated Mass along with Fr. Stephen Ries, his secretary; Fr. Pat Universal, our chaplain; and Msgr. Tom Petrillo, our dear friend. A meal together followed. Cardinal Dolan then went to every table, greeting each Resident. Before leaving, he expressed his great appreciation for our mission, stressing the fact that this is a true Home and that we are a family. It was a joy for us to be in the embrace of our Shepherd!



Cardinal Timothy Dolan celebrated Mass in our Chapel on May 1, the feast of St. Joseph the Worker.

The Embrace of a Community

Patti Reid, the daughter of Mary (Miriam) Rueger, recently shared these thoughts with us:

My mom lived in the Jeanne Jugan Residence for over 18 years. Right from the beginning she knew her new home was extraordinary, and so did our family. The Little Sisters provided assistance and support for her needs and embraced us as part of their community.

My mom was surrounded by love, laughter, and friendships. She was especially close to Sister Alice. Their funny stories and sense of humor were contagious. My family is forever grateful to the Little Sisters, staff and volunteers for their commitment to the elderly, expertise, compassion, and kindness especially during my mom's illness and recent passing.



Miriam and Sr. Alice

Thank You!

Our gratitude to all those who share in our mission - your generosity knows no bounds!

If you are already a “member” of our family, we thank you from the bottom of our hearts.

If you would like to become involved in our mission, please consider one of the following:

- Volunteering
- Regular donations, especially recurring gifts (mail or online)
- Gifts from your donor advised fund
- Matching Gifts
- Memorial donations
- Remembering us in your will
- Praying for our Residents and for vocations



Thank you to all who made our Rock-A-Thon a success!

Our Needs

EPA approved sanitizing wipes
Liquid hand soap
Cases of copy machine paper
Individually wrapped snacks & candy
Juice – large bottles
Eco-friendly paper cups, plates, and napkins for parties
Gift Cards

The Jeanne Jugan Residence is a 501 C 3 tax exempt organization with Tax ID #13-1884785. Our mailing list is strictly private and confidential and we do not share or sell our donor information. If you have any further questions, please do not hesitate to call us at 347-329-1800.

SAVE THE DATE

Sunday, October 20
Dinner by the Bite!
X20 Xavier's on the Hudson

Saturday, November 9
Holiday Bazaar
Jeanne Jugan Residence

An Eternal Embrace

Early in the morning of July 9, 2024 the Lord called Sr. Alice Mary to Himself. Sr. Alice's life had been poured out in love of Him and the elderly she selflessly served. Gifted with an exceptional sense of humor, she spread laughter and joy to everyone around her. We thank God for her and ask that she may now know unending joy in His eternal embrace.



*“Love God very much,
so that you can look after the aged well,
or it is Jesus whom you care for in them.”*

– Saint Jeanne Jugan

OUR 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.

*Reverence for Life Family Spirit Humble Service
Compassion Stewardship*