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## Celebrating a Century of Love and Service 1917-2017

*“My wife came over the Plains from the Missouri River, a distance of nearly 700 miles, with her brother who drove his own team ... I came shortly thereafter, and we felt as though we wanted, before we passed away, to leave something in the nature of a memorial ...for the benefit of the aged.”*

— J. K. Mullen

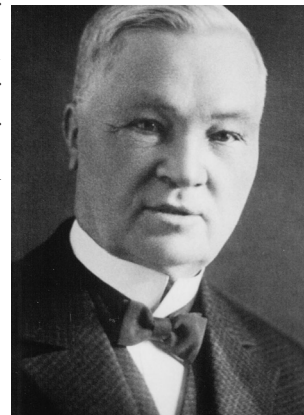
It's not too late to join us on September 16th to help us celebrate our 100 years in Denver! The event will take place at the Marriott Hotel Denver Tech Center from 5 p.m. to 9:30 p.m. Reservations are \$119.17 per person. Guests of the evening will enjoy a wonderful dinner, music, exhibits, and an opportunity to meet our 100-year Anniversary honorees. John Ferrugia, Major News Anchor and Managing Editor for Rocky Mountain PBS, will be our guest commentator for the evening.

If you would like to make a reservation now, please call Peggy at 303-433-7221, ext. 127 or visit our website at [www.littlesistersofthepoordenver.org](http://www.littlesistersofthepoordenver.org).

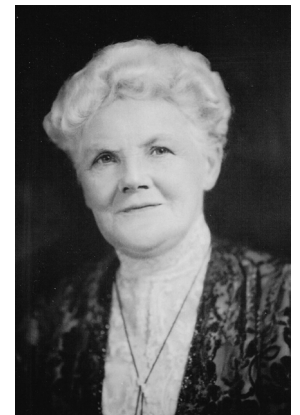
We look forward to seeing you!



Our Foundress, Saint Jeanne Jugan, 1792-1879



J.K. Mullen, 1847-1929



Catherine Mullen, 1851-1925

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## Milestone Anniversaries Celebrated *Congratulations to all!*



**Monsignor Edward Madden**, now a dear Resident here at Mullen Home, celebrated **65 years** of priesthood. Monsignor Madden remembers hearing God's call to the priesthood as young as ten years old. While attending daily Mass at St. John's parish with his mother, he was inspired by the example of the priests there and thought, "I could do that." Now, 65 years after his ordination, Monsignor Madden remains grateful for the opportunity to serve. "It was a good life," he said. "I never thought I'd last this long."

**Sister Mary Augustine, 50 years.** "One day after daily Mass, I announced to my fellow church goers that I was going to be a Little Sister of the Poor. They all gasped and said 'What? You?' They just couldn't believe it, especially since it meant I would be leaving behind my star status on the softball team! But now here it is ... 50 wonderful years later and I'm still having the privilege of serving the aged here in Denver."



**Mother Patricia Mary, 50 years.** "It is a great grace God has given me in calling me to serve the poor."-- Saint Jeanne Jugan "The joys and blessings are many during these 50 years – I am grateful for the many wonderful lives that have touched me and brought me closer to the Lord."

**Sister Caroline, 25 years.** "God called me 25 years ago to join him on an exciting life-long journey and it has been a grace filled with time and a great joy to serve him in the elderly. I pray that I have many more years on this journey."







## Centennial Celebrations Make Fun for Everyone

Since early in the year, a variety of events have kept Mullen Home busy – and more will follow as we celebrate the Little Sisters’ 100 years in Denver. The big event will be on Saturday, September 16 at the gala celebration; but here are a few that have offered chances for anyone to help honor this milestone:

**Spring Bar-B-Que:** Friends, Residents, staff, and neighbors gathered on the lawn for a delicious bar-b-que. The weather was ideal and everyone had a great time. It even helped raise a few dollars toward our gala dinner in September.

**Corpus Christi Procession:** Members of St. Dominic’s parish and other interested folks joined in the procession from the church a few blocks away to Mullen Home to celebrate the Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament before our Sacred Heart statue.

**Genealogy Clinic:** A big turnout of those interested in searching their family histories enjoyed an informative clinic by James Jeffrey, ancestry expert, from the Denver Public Library. He regaled the crowd with stories of his own family searches and provided materials for everyone to take home and study as they seek out their family roots.



*Sister Mary Emilie, Sister Agnes Clare, and Resident Gail Pugh greet the crowd ready for a tasty bar-b-que.*



*James Jeffrey*



*Family tree enthusiasts*

## Hot Rods and Hot Dogs - A Father’s Day Celebration

It was Round Three this year for our 3rd Annual Father’s Day celebration, which included a Classic Car Show in the backyard of Mullen Home. Perfect weather in the eighties agreed with the theme of Hot Rods and Hot Dogs, allowing Residents, staff, Little Sisters, volunteers and families to enjoy the afternoon.



*Car show sponsor Carey Dietz shown on the left with the afternoon’s entertainer Johnny R.*

After a delicious lunch, Residents enjoyed the tour of 18 classic cars strategically parked around Mullen Home. Residents were then asked to vote on their favorite car. In the end, the top three car participant winners were awarded trophies provided by sponsors Peggy and Carey Dietz. The winning cars included a 1956 Chevrolet Bel Air, 1969 Ford Mustang and 1964 Pontiac GTO.

Local favorite Johnny R didn’t disappoint again this year with his unforgettable style of entertainment and music. It’s no wonder the Residents are already asking “When is next year’s Hot Rods and Hot Dogs Celebration? That was fun!”



*Resident Johanna Doran and granddaughter, Mary Kate, enjoy checking out the 1956 Chevrolet Bel Air.*



*Resident Jim McClernon and volunteer Dean Willey grill the hot dogs*

## Raffle Winners Announced

Drawing the lucky raffle winners is the highlight of the July 4th festivities at Mullen Home. Here, Sister Mary Emilie gives the ticket drum a big spin to make sure every entry gets a fair and square chance of being selected.

Residents and staff gather on the activities’ patio after Mass and enjoy a tasty picnic lunch before winners are selected with a first prize of \$7,500, second prize of \$4,500, and third place prize of \$3,000. Lucky winners included Kurt G. Kessel of Ft. Collins, CO; Jean Shea of Colorado Springs, CO; and, Michele Barton of Denver, CO.

All proceeds go to support the needs of our Residents. Over \$45,000 was raised this year and we thank everyone for playing!



# A Simple Note

By: Sister Patricia Mary



Dear Friends,

How quickly the years go by! 2017 has been and will be a memorable year for many in the history of Mullen Home. I know you have been following the updates of our centennial year celebration and I hope you will join us on September 16th as we “Celebrate a Century – Through the Decades.”

Our genealogy clinic, held at the end of July, was a great afternoon spent by some of our Residents, friends and visitors. More events are planned for the remaining of the year! Please be sure to see our “Save the Date” calendar in this issue. It has been so much fun to offer these opportunities to friends new and old that they might become more acquainted with our home and Residents.

You may note in this issue, there are three Little Sisters of the Poor at Mullen Home who are also celebrating. It’s a matter of jubilees of religious profession – silver and gold! We are grateful to the call of God, for giving us the grace to respond to this call and to follow in the footsteps of St. Jeanne Jugan. We celebrate these years in thanksgiving and joy. Please continue to pray with us for an increase of vocations. It is a wonderful life!

Thank you for your continued support and friendship for Mullen Home!

Sincerely yours,

Sr. Patricia Mary, lsp

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## Celebrating our Centennial Throughout the Year!

### Dates to make note of:

**Saturday, September 16: 5-9:30 p.m.:** Gala celebration at Denver Marriott Tech Center hotel. Reservations for \$119.17 are still available.

**Wednesday, October 25: 10:30 a.m. Mass:** Re-dedication of the Mullen Home by the Apostolic Nuncio who was born in St. Servan, France (Saint Jeanne Jugan’s birthplace)

**Sunday, November 26: 10:30 a.m. Mass:** memorial for the deceased of our past Residents and Sisters.

**Friday, December 29:** Mass at the Denver Cathedral dedicated to the Little Sisters’ Mullen Home for the Aged.



*Sisters preparing to greet guests to Mullen Home, 1942*

## From the Archives:

Celebrants gather at Mullen Home for the Aged on October 26, 1939 to observe the founding of the Little Sisters of the Poor order and their foundress Saint Jeanne Jugan in Brittany, France in 1839. A pontifical High Mass began the three day celebration.

