

LITTLE SISTERS OF THE POOR

*Serving the elderly poor
in Denver since 1917.*

Spring 2017

MULLEN HOME
FOR THE AGED
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Celebrating a Century



In 1976, Sister Marie Antoinette de la Trinity, Superior General, and Sister Gerard de Ste. Rosarie greet one of the Mullen Home Residents.

The Little Sisters of the Poor arrived in Denver on December 29, 1917. Their purpose: to carry on the mission of their foundress, Saint Jeanne Jugan, who said, ***“Look after the old people well, for it is Jesus himself whom you care for in them.”*** In their one hundred years in Denver:

- Over 1,400 men and women have been welcomed into Mullen Home;
- 27 Mother Superiors have taken the helm with singular devotion;
- Over 180 Sisters have shared their love and caring;
- 15 chaplains have made their Home here to take care of the religious needs of the Residents;
- Countless numbers of staff and volunteers have collaborated in the Little Sisters’ mission;
- Divine Providence has protected us each and every day.

As we celebrate this century, we truly celebrate you – our benefactors – your generosity, your caring, your faith in our mission, and your love of our dear elderly. Please join us for an evening of honoring our 100 years at Mullen Home on Saturday, September 16, 2017, at the Marriott Hotel Denver Tech Center, 5 p.m. - 9:30 p.m. More information can be found on our website at www.littlesistersofthepoordenver.org or by calling 303-433-7221, ext. 127.

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From the Archives

As reported by the *Denver Catholic Register* March 17, 1955:

DENVER CATHOLIC REGISTER 3-17-55

Sister Blind 25 Years Continues Aid to Aged Cheerfulness Undimmed by Handicap

By MARY ANN CULLITON

The loss of her sight 25 years ago has not hindered Sister Gertrude from carrying out her duties at the J. K. Mullen Home for the Aged, Denver, conducted by the

Little Sisters of the Poor. Neither have her Irish spirit and cheerfulness been dimmed by this handicap.

Sister Gertrude is able to assist with much of the housework involved in man-

aging the large home, such as dusting the chapel benches, and she occasionally joins another sister on begging trips. The home for the aged, as all such institutions of the Little Sisters, subsists on donations obtained by the sisters through begging.

Sister Gertrude was born in Galway, Ireland, and came to the U. S. when she was 18. She joined the Little Sisters 40 years ago in Boston. For three years she was stationed in New Orleans, La., at St. Joseph's.

She then went to Nashville, Tenn., where she remained for eight years. She recalled that in Tennessee the sisters do not confine their begging trips to the city alone but in the summer go in pairs all over the state. Sister still hears from benefactors in Nashville.

In Denver Home Past 27 Years

The task of supervising the sisters' dining room was Sister Gertrude's when she spent two years in Chicago. She came to Denver 27 years ago and has been at Mullen Home since her arrival here.

Despite her blindness, Sister Gertrude has contributed much in caring for the many elderly persons who find refuge at the home. There are at present 110 men and women residing there. The Mother General, Mother Genevieve de Chantal from France, will pay the Denver institution a visit April 16-20.



Blind Yet Seeing Although blind for 25 years, Sister Gertrude has continued her work as a Little Sister of the Poor. She has contributed greatly in brightening the lives of the elderly people who live at the Mullen Home for the Aged, 30th Avenue and Meade Street, Denver. Sister Gertrude is shown standing beside the Infant of Prague statue in the reception room of the home.



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The Little Sisters of the Poor and Mullen Home are not supported by the Catholic Church and rely on the kindness of strangers, benefactors, and foundations.

God bless you all.



A Simple Note

By: Sister Patricia Mary



Dear Friends,

100 Years! Yes we are "Celebrating a Century": a century of blessings, a century of Residents, benefactors, volunteers, staff, and friends. Thank you, Lord, for your love and kindness all these years at Mullen Home. Thank you St. Jeanne Jugan and those who followed her as Little Sisters of the Poor in Denver, Colorado.

Noting from the cover page of this newsletter, we are well advanced in the planning of our celebration in September thanks to our Volunteer and Association Jeanne Jugan member, Vicky Jacobs, who heads the committee of dedicated members. Their talents, resourcefulness, and enthusiastic abilities will surely lead us into the next century. We are grateful and we hope to welcome you on September 16, 2017. Please stay tuned to our web page at www.littlesistersofthepoordenver.org for posting of other events this year and a heartwarming glimpse into the life of Mullen Home.

At the end of last month, we said a fond goodbye to Sr. Paul Collette, lsp, and Fr. Tim Kremen, OSM. Combined, they lived here almost a quarter of these 100 years. The Mullen Home Family is sad to see them go. Their memories will live on. Sr. Paul will be going to St. Paul, Minnesota to continue her mission with Residents and to share her genius for gardening! Father Tim is returning to our Lady of Sorrows parish in Chicago, Illinois his native state. We are grateful for their compassionate and spiritual care of all in our Home. May God's blessings be with them.

Thank you for your continued generosity assisting the needs of our Home! May you have a Blessed Lent and the true joys of the Easter season. Rejoice in the Lord always!

God bless you,

Sr. Patricia Mary, lsp

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Please join us in supporting our Residents' needs!

Medicare, Medicaid, and other retirement benefits cover only 59% of our expenses toward a safe and comfortable home for our Residents. You can help – and be a big winner too!! Proceeds from our raffle benefit our Residents daily personal care throughout the year!



Mullen Home Resident – 1970s

CASH PRIZES!!!

JULY 4TH RAFFLE

FIRST PLACE WINNER -- \$7,500

SECOND PLACE WINNER -- \$4,500

THIRD PLACE WINNER -- \$3,000

Purchase your tickets now!

\$5 each or six for \$25

Drawing will be held on July 4, 2017 at 12:30 p.m.
at Mullen Home

You need not be present to win. For additional tickets,
please call 303-433-7221, ext. 127.

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