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Chapel Happenings

On May 31st, Feast of the Visitation of Mary, the Little Sisters of the Poor and Residents of Mullen Home had the joy of welcoming Archbishop Christophe Pierre, Apostolic Nuncio to the United States. Archbishop Pierre, born in Rennes, France, knows well the mission and charism confided to Jeanne Jugan, the foundress of the Little Sisters of the Poor. When home in France, he visits Jeanne Jugan's place of birth and the surrounding areas where she welcomed the first elderly women into her home and her heart. In greeting the Sisters he spoke about his great love for St. Jeanne Jugan and his deep respect for Pope Francis, a pope of mercy and compassion.

Archbishop Pierre came to bless our newly renovated chapel. In speaking about being renewed, he said "we



Pictured (from left to right): Archbishop Christophe Pierre, Theresita Polzin (103 year old Mullen Home Resident), with Mary Brennan (volunteer and AJJ Member).

come here to be in Christ's presence – He wants us to be with Him." It is also an opportunity to renew ourselves in this place and in our life. The chapel, simple and beautiful, is truly the center of our Home. You will note on this page the beautiful carved image of the Holy Family placed in the left-hand niche.



Archbishop (Right) Blessing the Chapel with Fr. Tom Poulson O.P. Chaplain (Left)

This statue came from our St. Louis Home, which is closing. For many years it remained in their sanctuary quietly listening to the prayer of those who came before the statue. It is a reminder to us of the importance of the family. As Jeanne Jugan said, "See how Jesus Mary and Joseph loved one another. In our family it



Photo of Holy Family Statue – A New Addition to Mullen Home's Chapel from the Sisters' St. Louis Residence

must be the same." The right hand niche is waiting for the statue of St. Jeanne Jugan that is being made, to be placed in view – the humble servant of the poor - our chapel will be completed! We would like to welcome each of you to our chapel and know the presence of the Lord. It is here that we lift you to the Lord in prayer.

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Recent Happenings at Mullen Home

Over the past few months of summer we have had numerous fun events and happenings around the Home. Here is a brief summary of some of our favorites:



Hot Rods & Hot Dogs: June 16th: Mullen Home's landmark annual Father's Day event was back this year and even better than ever. Residents, staff, volunteers, and their families surveyed over 25 historic automobiles which were artfully arranged across the Home's scenic front lawn while dining on hot dogs and enjoying the perfect Denver weather. Residents are already excited for next year's event!



Resident Carnival: May 7th: Residents, staff, and volunteers gathered on Mullen Home's beautiful front lawn to celebrate in traditional carnival style including games, sporting events, and picnic fare from the grill.

Leprino Day of Service: June 1st: Our longtime friends and supporters, Leprino Foods, came by for their annual day of service and spent hours beautifying the Home's landscaping. Thank you Leprino for all that you do!



July 4th Raffle: Our annual Raffle event was a success this year and featured a day of celebration resulting in 3 grand prize winners!



Little Sisters of the Poor Celebrate 150 Years in America

As mentioned in our last installment, the Little Sisters of the Poor have been busy celebrating the 150th anniversary of the Congregation's arrival in the United States! This landmark event is something that is being celebrated in all of the Sisters' Homes across the nation from August 30, 2018 through August 30, 2019. This significant festivity has provided the opportunity for a valuable and unique historic perspective of the Sisters' journey through history to their integral standing in society as earnest advocates for our aging population. Residents, staff, and visitors alike have been learning about the values animating the Sisters' courageous mission in the United States since 1868. These stories serve as true inspiration for those of us already so familiar with the Sisters' role in our community as stewards of loving, humble service. Mullen Home will celebrate the arrival of the Little Sisters in Denver in January of 2019.



Red, White, & Blue Tea Party: July 20th: Residents celebrated our country's birthday all month with various red, white, and blue themed events.



Christmas in July: July 25th: What Residents and staff are hoping will become a regular tradition, this year's Christmas in July celebration still has us laughing and talking. The Sisters, Residents and staff all came together to celebrate the joys of Christmas during the heat of summer – suffice to say it was a day to remember!

Please Help Support Our Mission!

Medicare, Medicaid, and other retirement benefits cover only 59% of our operating expenses toward providing a safe and comfortable Home for our Residents.

Please consider becoming a donor today!

We have several different **ways to give**.

For more information, please contact our Development Office at **(303) 433-7221**

or visit our website's donation page at:

<http://www.littlesistersofthepoordenver.org/donations/>

A Simple Note

By: Sister Patricia Mary



Dear Friends,

We hope you enjoyed the previous pages of our newsletter citing many events in our Home these past months! We are grateful to you for your continued support and friendship!

The 150th anniversary celebrations will continue in Homes throughout the United States this year and into 2019. They offer all of us the opportunity to reflect on the love and light of those who have preceded and inspired us. Our mission and its place in the community remain ever-relevant even after 150 years of the Sisters' presence in America. We are so thankful to all of our Sisters, Residents, donors, volunteers and supporters, and staff who, over the past 150 years, have shared our vision of offering a true Home to the neediest elderly in our communities. Without your consistent encouragement and support our story would be very different. Our work in Denver remains focused on the founding charism of Saint Jeanne Jugan – to love and care for the elderly poor as one would for Christ himself. Thank you for joining us in the joyful service of the poor! Please remember to take a look at our new website and stay up-to-date on the news, events, and happenings here at Mullen Home.

Wishing you the blessings of autumn and the season of Thanksgiving, we assure you of our grateful prayers for your many intentions!

God bless you.

Sr. Patricia Mary

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Your privacy is our top concern. The information you share with us remains in our office only. The Little Sisters of the Poor have a policy to never sell, rent, or give away your information to anyone. Thank you for sharing with us as we count on your generosity. Without your collaboration and dedication, we could never continue our mission to the needy elderly.

We Need Your Help!

We need your support to renovate Mullen Home's lobby and main entrance. Mullen Home will be celebrating its 100th birthday this year and the building's lobby and main entrance area could use a much needed refresh and remodel. The goal of this project is to enhance both security and convenience for our Residents and visitors.

This much needed upgrade will include:

- New Flooring
- Enhanced Entry Security Measures
- New Front Desk with Improved Visibility
- Resident & Visitor Accommodations and Waiting Area

Your support and donations from this year's Fall Newsletter will provide the means to accomplish this much needed upgrade.

For more information or questions about this project and how to support the Sisters' charitable mission, please contact our Development Office at **(303) 433-7221**.

Also, for more information on the many ways to get involved, please check out our website's Donations Page at:

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Thank you for helping Mullen Home!



Historic View of Mullen Home's Chapel from the 1930's. The Chapel was recently remodeled, in 2018. This view highlights what Mullen Home's chapel originally looked like.