



Contribute to Our 'Stone Soup'

Are you familiar with the story of Stone Soup?

A traveler arrives in a small village with an empty pot slung over his back. The traveler goes to a stream and fills the pot with water, and after lighting a fire, places a stone in the pot.

A curious villager ventures out and asks what he is doing? He answers, I am making "Stone Soup," which is scrumptious. The traveler continues saying that he would love to share the delicious soup, but it needs a bit of garnish to improve the flavor.

The villager rushes home to grab a few carrots to add to the pot. Soon other villagers add their donations to the meal. Before long, the smell of potatoes, onions, peas, celery, tomatoes, meat and seasonings fill the air.

Finally, the traveler removes the stone and announces that the "Stone Soup" is ready. The traveler as well as the villagers enjoy a delicious bowl of their combined treasures.

Jeanne Jugan definitely understood the concept of "Stone Soup." By combining a little generosity from many, it would be possible to create a surplus to feed and clothe her elderly poor.

In the book by Paul Milcent, *Jeanne Jugan Humble So As To Love More*, we find the beginning of her story.

"Towards the end of 1839, possibly in the first cold days of winter, Jeanne said goodbye to her

employers the Leroys, where she had been working for a long time, 'I am not leaving you to take another job. I intend to devote myself to charitable work. Every day when I go to the market, I see poor destitute old women.' Monsieur Leroy seems to have then asked how she proposed to

her "daughters in community" fed, clothed and housed thousands of elderly poor all over Europe and beyond.

Jeanne was often treated poorly when she would arrive with her basket in hand; but she was relentless in her quest. On one particular visit she was struck

in the face in response to her request. Her response was "Thank you; that was for me. Now please give me something for my poor!"

Jeanne was always grateful for any gift she was given, no matter the size. When she was treated poorly, she never spoke a negative word about the person. "For you see, she would say, when we are given a hostile reception, this is good for us and something we can offer to God."

Today, the Little Sisters of the Poor continue the traditions of their foundress St. Jeanne Jugan, providing and caring for the elderly poor. The tradition of begging/collecting remains

a humble exchange and is only fruitful with the generosity of YOU, our benefactors, the greater community and our local merchants who open their hearts when a Little Sister comes collecting.

The tradition of collecting has changed from a basket to a begging van, but the need, care, love and support has remained the same. Every day in Homes all over the world, in 31 countries, the Little Sisters of the Poor are still making "Stone Soup."



Sister Dora mixes up a batch of soup.

feed them. 'I shall go collecting,' she replied, 'And I shall begin with you. I know you won't refuse me!' And he gave her three hundred francs on the spot."

Jeanne Jugan may not have carried an empty pot and stone, but she did have a basket. With that basket in hand, she would walk for miles every day, asking for leftovers, scraps of cloth and bits of wood to provide for the elderly poor in her care.

Collecting or begging was the means by which Jeanne Jugan and

Celebrating the Feast of St. Jeanne Jugan

Celebrating our foundress' Feast Day, the Residents, Little Sisters and staff came together and put on a Talent Show featuring singing, dancing and comedy. A recording of the show is available on our website and on our Facebook page: Friends of the Little Sisters In Louisville, Kentucky. We hope you enjoy it and other news and stories from around the Home. LSP Louisville's Got Talent!



Eighteen Years, Maria Bertrand

On December 6, 2004, I was a 17-year-old senior in high school starting my first job as the youngest dining room aid at St. Joseph's Home. My family had a long history of volunteering with the Little Sisters and I was excited to start this new journey.

Listening to their stories while working in the dining room, my connection with the Residents blossomed. When the

opportunity to be more involved with their care as an activity assistant was posted in August 2008, I knew that after careful consideration that the position was calling me.

Sharing stories with the Residents is a big part of working in Activities. So, after revealing that I would be getting married the following month, several of the Residents said they really

wanted to attend! I was delighted that they were present, making a magical day even brighter.

Now as the Activity Director, looking back on my 18 years, changing and growing with our dear Residents has been a gift. Every passion is a vocation and I am so blessed to have been called to be a part of the lives of the Residents at the Little Sisters of the Poor, St. Joseph's Home.





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Friends of the Little Sisters in Louisville, Kentucky

Saturday, December 10 at 4:30 p.m.

A maximum of 500 tickets will be sold in each raffle.

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A Christmas "Surprise" for our dear Residents

The Residents had always enjoyed having an aquarium in the Home. The benches surrounding the tank were always full of Residents conversing and watching the fish.

The shut down for COVID made it impossible for the "Fish Man" to come and care for the tank, so unfortunately it had to be removed.

Now, the Little Sisters would like to give that enjoyment back to the Residents. The cost of monthly maintenance for the tank is \$75.

If you would like to contribute to this project, please send your donations to the Home and mark in the memo line, "Fish Tank."

Thank you for your continued generosity.



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MOTHER'S MUSINGS

Dear Friends,

As I write this, the trees outside our windows here at St. Joseph's are slowly but surely starting to put on their yearly show of color. All too soon, however, their leaves will dry up and fall and we'll be reminded of the words of St. Teresa of Avila: "All things are passing... God never changes."

This month of November, which began with the celebrations of All Saints Day and All Souls Day, also invites us to remember the Residents whom God has called to himself this year. Our vocation as Little Sisters often places us squarely in the face of the reality of death—a blessing for us, lest we forget what really matters. God never changes....

Rather than giving in to a little sadness when the leaves disappear, or to a deep sadness

when those we love are taken from us, let's focus with gratitude on all that God has

revealed to us through each one of them. Our Residents in particular manifest something of God's beauty to us every single day and we are so thankful for that.

Since our last newsletter, we've been "blown away" by the generosity of so many of you who have sacrificed your time, sent in monetary donations or dropped off the very things we asked for, often anonymously. God bless you all, abundantly.

As the trees get barer and the world news more alarming, let's keep St. Teresa's words in our hearts:

*"Let nothing disturb you,
Let nothing frighten you,
All things are passing away:
God never changes.
Patience obtains all things.
Whoever has God lacks nothing;
God alone suffices."*

God bless you,
Mother Mary Richard



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"Father of the poor, you have never refused the prayer of the lowly." J.J.

Immediate Needs:

Facial tissues, Body Wash, Mouthwash, Deodorant, Lotion, Denture adhesive & cleaning tablets, stamps, (snack foods always appreciated, too!)

Larger Needs:

Walk Ins & Freezers
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