



Habemus Papam

Pope Leo XIV

“The Holy Father before all.” These words were spoken by our Foundress, Saint Jeanne Jugan, and they embody her love for the Church and its leader. They are written in our Constitutions as well. Each Little Sister’s prayers and petitions always begin with asking for blessings for the Pope.

That’s why it was with such great anticipation that we waited to hear who our new Pope would be after the passing of our beloved Pope Francis. While the cardinals deliberated, just about every TV and computer throughout the Home was set on a livestream of the Sistine Chapel, waiting. But we didn’t have to wait long! After only two days, the white smoke rose, and we heard the announcement. We had a new Pope! And an American one at that!

Cheers rang out, and everyone was excited to learn more about the man who had made history as the first Pope born in the United States. We learned he is an

Augustinian; we saw pictures of his childhood home in Chicago; and we even learned he is a White Sox fan! But his first words as Pope, “Peace be with you” gave a true insight into who he is as a man, as a priest, and now as our Pope.

Continuing on in his address, he said, “God loves us. God loves you all. Evil will not prevail. We are all in God’s hands. So, without fear, hand in hand with God and with one another, let us move forward.” What beautiful words of hope!

In the weeks following his election we have learned about his belief in the dignity of all people and his plea for unity, within the Church and in the world. We can truly see the Holy Spirit’s work and wisdom in choosing Pope Leo XIV as the 267th Pope.

We give thanks to God for Pope Leo XIV, and ask God’s blessing on him as he leads the Church in peace and love.

Remembering Pope Francis

A Friend to the Elderly

The passing of our Holy Father Pope Francis on Easter Monday left us with sadness, but also with an immense amount of gratitude for his life and leadership. Pope Francis, an advocate for the elderly and the poor and marginalized, was truly a source of edification and encouragement for us Little Sisters. In 2015 he visited our Home in Washington, DC, and last year he visited our Home in Brussels, Belgium. His humility, love for the elderly, and acknowledgement of the value they bring to the world are just a few of the reasons he will always hold a special place in our hearts. May he rest in peace.

Because to say 'old' does not mean 'to be discarded,' as a degraded culture of waste sometimes leads us to think. Saying 'old' instead means saying experience, wisdom, knowledge, discernment, thoughtfulness, listening... Values of which we are in great need!

– Pope Francis



World Day for Grandparents and the Elderly



July 27, 2025

In honor of World Day for Grandparents and the Elderly, below is a prayer we would like to share with you. We think it's especially meaningful during this Jubilee Year of Hope.

LORD JESUS,

You taught that whatever we do for the least of our brothers and sisters, we do for you. Your servant Jeanne Jugan took these words seriously. Moved by the Holy Spirit she opened her heart and her home to the elderly poor. Inspired by her example I, too, want to be a friend to the elderly.

Teach me to reverence older persons, to walk at their pace, to listen attentively to their stories, to learn from their wisdom, and to generously offer help in time of need. Help us, together, to envision a world full of hope.

Through the intercession of St. Jeanne Jugan give me a heart for the elderly, a heart that will love them with your own merciful Heart.

Sweet Summertime

Summer is in full force here at the Jeanne Jugan Center. Our Residents are enjoying the outdoors with picnics, patio games, blowing bubbles, visiting with friends, and walks by the pond to see the fish and ducks.

When the sun gets a little too hot or the temperatures too high, we bring the fun inside. It's not uncommon to see a "beach" party, dancing and singing, or folks enjoying ice cream in the mall area.

We're grateful for all of the seasons here in the Midwest, but there's just something special about summertime that makes everything a bit more fun!



A NOTE FROM MOTHER



Greetings and happy summer! I hope you are finding time to relax and recharge during this busy season, and are also able to profit during this Jubilee Year with a visit to one of the designated pilgrimage sites. There are several in Rome, but also some closer to home. In the Kansas City/St. Joseph diocese they include the Basilica of the Immaculate Conception at Conception Abbey, the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception in Kansas City, and the Co-Cathedral of St. Joseph in St. Joseph. On the Kansas side, the Cathedral of St. Peter the Apostle is a designated site.

Stepping out of our normal routines and making a pilgrimage to a holy space set aside for that purpose can fill our hearts with a renewed sense of faith; one that creates an opening for more of God's love to live in our hearts.

For those who can't physically make the pilgrimage, we can still be "Pilgrims of Hope" and find hope by taking time to really listen to and connect with others, to recognize God's love in them, and to pray for them. Hope, like love, increases the more that we give it away.

We wish you a fruitful remainder of this Jubilee Year, and thank you for giving hope to us and our Residents. Be assured of our prayers for you.

Mother Mary Thomas

Thank You!

Ah, summertime. People are traveling, kids are out of school, and there are so many more activities going on. Good times. It's also when we are reminded how grateful we are to those who give during this busy time. It really helps! Summer is typically the

time of year when our donations decline, so a heartfelt thank you to everyone who takes the time to send in a donation, signs up to be a monthly donor, volunteers, or remembers us in prayer.

We are grateful for you now and throughout the year!



Did You Know?

The Little Sisters have been in Kansas City since 1882, and have served nearly 6,000 elderly Residents since that time. The early sisters stayed warm by burning coal and got around with a horse and carriage. Times have certainly changed since then, but our mission hasn't.

Save the Date



Spaghetti Dinner: Sunday, November 9



Breakfast Meat Collection: December, 2025
Stay tuned for more information!

MISSION STATEMENT

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.



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