

Little Sisters of the Poor

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Shooting Script

Many things that have happened throughout history can be traced back to one moment or one action.

For the Little Sisters of the Poor, that moment came in 1839 in Brittany, France, when Jeanne Jugan saw a poor, old, blind woman begging on the street.

She opened her heart and the door to her home, carrying the woman upstairs and placing her in her bed.

Jeanne Jugan's life of charity and selflessness opened many doors in that today there are more than 3,300 Sisters in 220 Homes in 32 countries on six continents.

Our doors opened to the Pittsburgh community 132 years ago.

Over the years, one thing has remained constant Ð our unique mission to provide care, respect, dignity, compassion, love and hope for the needy elderly of our area.

We welcome all elderly poor, regardless of race, creed, color or religion.

We provide them with a comfortable home in which they are surrounded by love and a feeling of family.

We offer independent apartments, personal care and nursing care.

Our Residents enjoy a library, beauty shop, gift shop, post office, game room, country store and chapel.

They receive physical therapy, occupational therapy, clothing, nutritious meals, social and spiritual activities.

Nine Little Sisters, along with lay employees and volunteers, provide hands on care 24 hours a day, seven days a week.

We live with our Residents as a family.

The call of the elderly continues to resound in our ear.

We hear that call, and desire to open our doors and our hearts for them.

Our Home needs to updated and expanded.

We are in the midst of a building project that will allow us to open our doors to serve more elderly poor.

We rely almost entirely on community support to operate our home and to fund this building project.

There are no reserved funds or endowments that support the Little Sisters of the Poor.

We are fortunate that through the years many have heard the call and opened their hearts and doors to the Little Sisters.

The Pittsburgh area has the largest concentration of elderly in the nation and we know our services are going to be needed now more than ever before.

One small act by Jeanne Jugan made a difference in so many lives, for so many years.

Please make a difference by helping us open more doors.

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