



Villa Guadalupe

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Twenty-five Years of Caring

*A double measure of joy and gratitude filled our hearts as we celebrated the canonization of St. Jeanne Jugan and the conclusion of our 25th anniversary year, under the watchful gaze of Our Lady of Guadalupe on December 12, 2010. The Mass of Thanksgiving took place at Sacred Heart Cathedral. The Most Reverend James S. Wall, Bishop of Gallup, was the main celebrant along with nine concelebrating priests. Numerous religious from other congregations, many of our friends, benefactors and Residents also were able to attend. In his homily, Bishop Wall said that the *feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe, the life of Saint Jeanne Jugan, and our 25th anniversary all celebrate the value of human life.**



He told us that our Lady appeared some 500 years ago to Blessed Juan Diego who was an outcast among his people. She revealed herself as his Mother, giving him a sense of value and worth. Bishop evoked the great devotion of Pope John Paul II to our Lady of Guadalupe. At the end of his life he taught the world that life must be valued at all stages, and he showed us what it means to die with dignity. Bishop Wall went on to say that



Saint Jeanne Jugan shows us the same thing. He recounted that she was born at a time when the faith was persecuted, yet at a young age said, ***“God wants me for himself.”*** Other women joined Saint Jeanne in caring for those condemned by society as having little value. The Little Sisters proclaim to us that all life must be valued, and more importantly, that all life must be loved. He voiced his gratitude to God for His goodness to the diocese and for the caring presence of the Little Sisters. In the name of the diocese he pledged love, prayers and support to the Little Sisters, asking God to bless us and give us peace. *%Thank you for your presence, for your faithful service, for saying ‘yes’ to God.”*





Youth and Elderly Share . .



What can really tell the Residents love having volunteers around, and it makes their day! Christine

What makes the Sisters so successful, it seems, is their trust in God's Providence, their devotion to Our Lady and St. Joseph, and their fidelity to the example of their foundress, St. Jeanne Jugan. The rhythm of prayer in their daily lives is incredible. Erica



It's an honor to be able to serve Christ in the



We learned to appreciate the elderly and what a gift life is. I love all the Residents and their unique personalities. Caring for the elderly is very important and we taken great joy in serving at Villa Guadalupe. Maureen



. Summer Fun



What a wonderful
cookout!+

Mary Anne



Social activities are an excellent means of encouraging a sense of community among the Residents. When these activities are intergenerational in nature, they also foster the rightful place of the elderly in their families. Both young and old benefit from such encounters, since the **young share their joy and spontaneity with the elderly, while older persons are for the young precious teachers of the lessons of life.** +What Would Jeanne Jugan Do?



Bobby and Walter enjoy the puppet show put on by Lifesavers Creative Arts Ministry from Grass Valley Baptist Church in Las Vegas, NV



Everyone is so caring and loving. +Christine



A smile goes a long way!



Help, Please!

With Gratitude

We would like to sincerely thank all who contribute to the daily operations of our Home. Without our dedicated benefactors, we would not be able to provide for the Elderly Poor of Navajoland.

We are aware of the difficult economic times and are deeply grateful for each and every gift. We appreciate the volunteer who gives time, as well as the faithful friend who sends a donation.

We recognize the great value of both expressions of love and know that we are blessed with a wonderful extended family under the guidance of Saint Jeanne Jugan.

Thank you again for your continuing support.

Please remember us in your estate planning.



Our deteriorated swamp coolers



Our building is getting old! Our twenty-five year anniversary is just finishing. The swamp coolers are just rusting out. In this area of the country, we don't use electric air-conditioning. Please help us replace or repair them. **There are 11 units and each one costs from \$8,000 to \$20,000!** Our daily bills and payroll are difficult enough to meet, so these extra expenses are really a challenge!

Saint Jeanne Jugan told us:

If God is with us it will be accomplished.

God bless you and your family,

Little Sisters of the Poor



Our Happy Home