

Making a DIFFERENCE

LITTLE SISTERS OF THE POOR

Serving the elderly poor in Indianapolis since 1873

Join us

Please join us for our daily celebration of the Eucharist in St. Augustine's Home chapel.

Mass is at 11 a.m. Monday thru Saturday, and at 10:30 a.m. on Sundays.

We pray each day for the intentions of our friends and benefactors.

About us

Mission Statement

As Little Sisters of the Poor, we care for the elderly poor in the spirit of humble service which we have received from St. Jeanne Jugan.

We welcome the elderly as we would Jesus Christ himself and serve them with love and respect until death.

St. Augustine's Home launches new website



www.littlesistersofthepoorindianapolis.org

Please visit our new website! You can:

- Read more about St. Augustine's Home,
- Register your e-mail address to get the latest news,
- Learn about our Home's history,
- Get information on the St. Augustine's Guild,
- Learn more about the Association Jeanne Jugan,
- See volunteer and employment opportunities,
- Find information about vocations,
- Send us a prayer request, or
- Make an online donation!

Father Adrian and Sister Mary James called home to God

Two special souls were called home to God from St. Augustine's Home last fall. Father Adrian Figuerola and Sister Mary James Fischer each died peacefully at the Home.

Father Adrian was born on June 16, 1918, in Catalonia, Spain. He died in November 16, 2010, at the age of 92. Father Adrian entered the Benedictine monastery at the age of 14, and would later serve in The Philippines and Colombia.

He eventually became a priest in the Archdiocese of New Orleans, LA. After retirement from New Orleans, he came to Indianapolis, where he served as the St. Augustine's Home Chaplain for 14 years. He loved his ministry to the Residents of the Home and also to many in the local Hispanic community. In addition, he enjoyed travel and photography.

Sister Mary James was born in St. Louis, MO, on March 10, 1919. She made her first profession of vows on June 10, 1940. Her life of service would continue for over seventy years



Father Adrian Figuerola was the Chaplain at St. Augustine's Home for 14 years. Sister Mary James Fischer was a Little Sister of the Poor for over 70 years and had served in Indianapolis since 1992.

before she peacefully went home to God on October 7, 2010, at age 91.

Sister Mary James served in many different capacities during her long religious life, including many years spent as a dedicated superior in several homes in the Midwest. After that she served as administrator in several other homes, and spent many happy years in the direct care of the Resi-

dents. When she arrived in Indianapolis, Sister Mary James supervised the home's laundry and helped in the garden until she became too ill.

Sister Mary James enjoyed gardening and sewing. She was deeply committed to her vocation and inspired many young women to follow in her footsteps as daughters of Saint Jeanne Jugan.

Brightpoint celebrates "Week of Caring" at St. Augustine's Home



Brightpoint volunteers contributed more than 1,500 hours to the Little Sisters in their "Week of Caring."

One week each year, Brightpoint employees dedicate services to an organization needing assistance. The Little Sisters of the Poor at St. Augustine's Home were honored to be chosen as Brightpoint's 2010 charity partner. Volunteers spent a week in August at the Home, doing landscaping projects, cleaning windows and pantries, painting, and many other projects. Volunteers also constructed a new "Gate of Heaven," modeled after the entrance to the Sister's old Home on Vermont Street, where the Sisters and Residents lived from 1873-1968. Between 40 and 50 Brightpoint employees participated each day, contributing approximately 1,500 volunteer hours to the Residents and Sisters.

Thank you to all of the Brightpoint employees who shared their time, treasures, and talents on behalf of the needs of our Home!

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Resident Loretta Zoellner celebrates 105th birthday

Resident Loretta Zoellner celebrated her 105th birthday on February 23, 2011, at St. Augustine's Home. She has lived at the Home for almost a year

Mrs. Zoellner was born in Greensburg, IN. As a young woman she worked at Zoellner's Bakery, where she met and married the owner's son, John.

The newlyweds moved to Indianapolis in 1945, where they raised three daughters, Sister Mary Veronica, Poor Clare, now deceased; Cecilia Shepley of Indianapolis; and Barb McEvoy of Carmel. When her daughters were older, she was employed in the fabric department at the L.S. Ayres store downtown until she retired at the age of 71.



(Left) Mrs. Zoellner was born in Greensburg, but has lived in Indianapolis for 66 years. (Right) Mrs. Zoellner celebrated her 105th birthday with Mayor Greg Ballard, daughters Barb McEvoy and Ceil Shepley, and granddaughter Anne McEvoy Baker.

Celebrating Christmas at St. Augustine's Home



(Left) Resident Ramona Frosch played the hand tambourine during the Residents' Christmas caroling.



(Right) Volunteers Megan, Casey, and Barbara Smith celebrated with Residents Patty and Carl Lentz.



(Left) Resident Regina Wilgus got special attention from Santa as she received a Christmas present.



(Right) Sister Mary Raymond and Resident Mary Esther Sullivan admired the nativity scene in the Home's chapel.



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Hats Off to Spring Luncheon and Style Show

Sponsored by the St. Augustine's Guild

Wednesday, May 4th, at 11 a.m.
Ritz Charles
\$40 per person

Featuring fashions by
White House/Black Market

Silent auction, raffle, and mystery bags!

If you would like to help, model, donate, or attend, please call
JoAnne Spellman at 317-774-0406 for more information!

Little Sisters of the Poor beg for your support

Since 1873, we, the Little Sisters of the Poor at St. Augustine's Home, have cared for more than 5,000 elderly persons with minimal financial resources in central Indiana, regardless of religion or ethnic origin. Today, 11 Little Sisters work with staff members and hundreds of volunteers to provide a loving Home for 96 elderly Residents, in independent apartments, assisted living, or nursing units.

We operate St. Augustine's as a *true Home*, rather than an institution, so that our Residents may live their twilight years in happiness, peace, and security.

To continue to provide quality care to the Residents, *the Little Sisters must raise \$87 per Resident per day* to supplement government funding. We

must also raise additional funds for special projects or capital improvements to St. Augustine's Home, with current needs including:

- \$60,000 to expand the Home's energy management system
- \$22,000 for new clothes dryers in the Home's industrial laundry
- \$20,000 for sewer repairs
- \$20,000 for a new water main
- \$20,000 to upgrade the Home's water softener system
- \$12,000 for asphalt repairs in our parking lots
- \$10,000 for masonry repairs
- \$5,500 to replace water fountains
- \$4,000 to replace three pairs of washers and dryers for use by the Residents in the apartments

The Little Sisters beg for your support. For over 135 years, the kindness of donors like you has enabled us to offer a Home and quality care to thousands of elderly in Indiana. We are deeply grateful. We pray daily for all those who assist us in our mission.

Contributions by credit card can be made by calling 317-872-6420, or at www.littlesistersofthepoor.org

The Little Sisters of the Poor of Indianapolis is a registered 501(c)3 public charity. Donations are tax-deductible to the maximum extent allowed by law.

Please remember the Little Sisters of the Poor in your will and trust.