



National Eucharistic Pilgrimage visit to St. Martin's Community

A Season for Everything

Ecclesiastes 3:1-8, "For everything there is a season and a time for every purpose under heaven."

One of the most famous chapters in the Bible, this section declares that life has seasons, both joyful and sorrowful and that God has a purpose in each of them.

We find ourselves celebrating the big and small at St. Martin's Home.

Our mission of hospitality is much more than food, drink, and lodging for our Residents. It refers to the way we treat one another, our relationship with those in our care, visitors, friends, even strangers.

Pope John Paul II wrote that "hospitality must not be limited to extraordinary situations but must be a habit (no pun intended) in our daily lives."

Hospitality in action — creating meaningful connections through kindness, service and genuine care.



Building and nurturing our community during the National Eucharistic Pilgrimage of the Blessed Sacrament.



Residents, volunteers and Sisters come together in the joy of gardening.



Residents and staff come together to enjoy a play about Artificial Intelligence created by Sister Mary Jamina, I.s.p.



Residents enjoyed dancing in the play created by Sr. Mary Jamina.

A Time for Everything

“There is a time to be born and a time to die.”

These words remind us that life is made of sacred seasons – beginnings filled with hope, endings touched by sorrow and all the ordinary days in between.

In every season, God invites us to live with gratitude, love generously and cherish the people entrusted to us.

Even in grief, we remember that love does not disappear; it continues in the memories, kindness and faith that remain.

May we hold each moment with humility and trust, believing that every beginning and every ending rests in the hands of a loving God.

We entrust to God's care:



Sister Marie Antoinette du St. Esprit Takahara, I.s.p.



Gwendolyn Lee Brokke



Fr. Mark J. Logue



Kevin Michael Fogarty, Sr.

Sister Marie Antoinette du St. Esprit Takahara, I.s.p. returned home to God peacefully in the early morning of May 12, 2026, at the age of 94. Born Alice Nanae Takahara on October 20, 1931, in Kona, Hawaii, Sister pronounced her first vows as a Little Sister of the Poor on May 2, 1962, in New York. She then served the elderly in several Homes in the United States and in Hong Kong. Sister Marie Antoinette loved our Blessed Mother very much and she could usually be seen praying her rosary as she walked around. She also loved flowers and wanted to give joy to the Residents by the flowers which she planted and cared for in her garden.

Gwendolyn Lee Brokke passed away on May 19, 2026. “Gwen” was a Resident of St. Martin’s Home and spent many years as our receptionist and a volunteer at Little Sisters of the Poor.

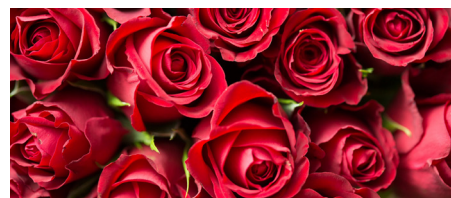
Fr. Mark J. Logue, July 3, 2026, was

a beloved priest of the Archdiocese of Baltimore, remembered for his compassion, leadership and dedication to his parishioners. Fr. Mark was a longtime Resident at St. Martin’s Home.

Kevin Michael Fogarty, Sr. passed away May 17, 2026. He was a devoted husband, father, son, brother, uncle, colleague, community servant and loyal friend who spent countless hours in faithful service to the Little Sisters of the Poor.

Daisy, the beloved dog of St. Martin’s

Home for more than a decade, passed away on May 20, 2026. She brought special joy to our Residents, Staff and Visitors alike.



Why I Chose the Little Sisters of the Poor as My Charity

Reflections shared by Mary Rash

"There is a time for everything and a season for every activity under the heavens." Ecclesiastes 3 vs. 3

When I was 30 years old, I was the mother of four children, three sons and a daughter, ranging from 10 to 3 years old. My husband decided he wanted a different life and left our family.

As a stay-at-home mother, I suddenly found myself needing to begin again, placing my trust in God and His plan for us.

At that time, all my children were in school except for my youngest son, Paul, who was about four years old. We lived near St. Martin's Home, operated by the Little Sisters of the Poor, and I decided to volunteer there in whatever way I could. Most often,

I helped with the ironing.

The Little Sisters graciously allowed me to bring Paul with me. He was small for his age, and the elderly Residents immediately took a liking to him.

In turn, Paul loved spending time with them. It was beautiful to watch the special friendships that developed between a little boy and the Residents of the Home. Those relationships enriched both their lives and ours.

As Paul grew into adulthood, he remained kind and compassionate toward older people, including me. Sadly, at the young age of 58, Paul passed away from brain cancer. While I miss him dearly every day, I find comfort in knowing that he is with our Lord in heaven.

I often reflect on the precious time Paul and I shared with the



Little Sisters and the Residents of St. Martin's Home. Now, at 88 years old, those memories remain among my most cherished. Looking back, I see God's perfect timing and His loving hand guiding us through a difficult season of life.

That is why I have chosen the Little Sisters of the Poor as my charity, a tribute to the kindness they showed us, the friendships they nurtured, and the lasting blessings they brought into our lives.

Friends of St. Martin's Home: Making a Difference Together



We have been friends of the Little Sisters of the Poor for many years, starting when our son fulfilled his high school service hours at St. Martin's Home and Lois was his chaperone.

Since then, we have helped out whenever we could, from Galas, to Nun Runs, to flood control with our shop vac.

When we retired, we asked Sr. Lawrence Mary how we could serve as a couple and she said right away, "Drive Residents to appointments and activities!" Now in addition to being called on for driving assignments, we

"I know that there is nothing better for them than to rejoice and enjoy the good life." Ecclesiastes 3:12

eagerly await the monthly activity calendar to see how we can help.

St. Martin's is our "home away from home" and we love the Residents and Little Sisters as our friends and extended family. We have found great joy in our service during this time in our lives, and we feel truly blessed.

Joe is reminded of this Chinese proverb. "If you want happiness for an hour, take a nap. If you want happiness for a day, go fishing. If you want happiness for a year, inherit a fortune. If you want happiness for a lifetime, help someone else." We are truly happy!

A NOTE FROM MOTHER



Dear Friends of St. Martin's Home,

How has summer passed so quickly? We have enjoyed the season's finest harvest, including delicious, donated corn, vegetables and eggs from our local farm partners. This generous bounty has truly been welcomed and enjoyed by all.

St. Martin's Home operates daily on the kindness of our donors, community partners, friends, volunteers and staff. Our village is alive and active.

Some days, I feel like the "old woman who lived in a shoe," caring for so many. Here at St. Martin's Home, I am "Mother" to our Little Sisters, and a motherly presence for our Residents, staff and contracted teams. We are deeply grateful to everyone who helps care for and support our Residents.

This year, our Home has faced several mechanical and operational challenges. It seems my shoe needed resoling!

We cannot thank you enough for

your additional financial support. If we have reached out to you more than once, please know it has been out of genuine need. As many of you know, we entrust our daily needs to our loyal and beloved St. Joseph, who brings them to the heart of Jesus on our behalf. God has provided for us and we trust He will continue to do so.

The Harvest Is Plentiful, the Laborers Few

"Jesus went throughout all the cities and villages, teaching in their synagogues and proclaiming the gospel of the kingdom and healing every disease and every affliction. When he saw the crowds, he had compassion for them because they were harassed and helpless, like sheep without a shepherd. Then he said to his disciples, "The harvest is plentiful but the laborers are few; therefore, pray earnestly to the Lord of the harvest to send out laborers into his harvest." Matthew 9: 35-39

Our heartfelt thanks to all the laborers who have stepped forward to assist us throughout the year. As our patron saint, Jeanne Jugan, would say: "Nothing is impossible with God."

May God bless you and your families with peace.

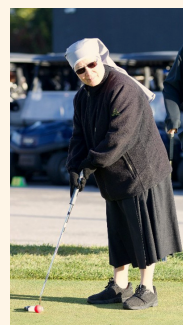
Mother Jeanne Mary, lsp, Superior

Upcoming Events



13th Annual Nun Run
Saturday, September 19

UMBC Campus
1000 Hilltop Circle
Baltimore, MD 21250
Sign up on our website.



2nd Annual Golf Tournament 2026
Monday, October 19

Rolling Road Golf Club
814 Hilltop Road
Catonsville, MD 21228

Registration is open on our website! Sign up today.



Save the Date:
Breakfast with Santa
Saturday, December 12

St. Martin's Home
Pancakes, Eggs, Sausage,
Kiddie Crafts and Secret
Santa Shop

Wish List

Forever Stamps
Gift cards for Amazon

Thank you to everyone whose love and kindness support the Mission of the Little Sisters of the Poor.