

# The Rose

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## *The HSAG Award!*

Congratulations to the Santa Teresita Manor! On July 1<sup>st</sup>, the Manor was awarded the Certificate of Achievement from the Health Services Advisory Group of California (or HSAG of CA), the Medicare Quality Improvement Organization of California, and the National Nursing Home Quality Care Collaborative. These three organizations work with over 5,000 nursing homes, using an "all teach, all learn" initiative. Their initiative provides quality and improvement that remains consistent and high. But what is this award specifically? As a skilled nursing facility, the Santa Teresita Manor has achieved a 6 or better on a 13 point National Composite scale. This 13 point scale looks at the long stay quality measures in any long term care setting. The facility had set a goal for itself during the period of February 2013 to April 2014. Through the completion of April 2014, the Manor was assessed on quality levels of staffing, operations, communication, leadership, clinical delivery, and compliance. The Manor's work "to improve the quality of care and life" for our residents is the reason for that 6 or better. So again congratulations to the Manor and all its hard work to set a new standard for the quality of care and life!

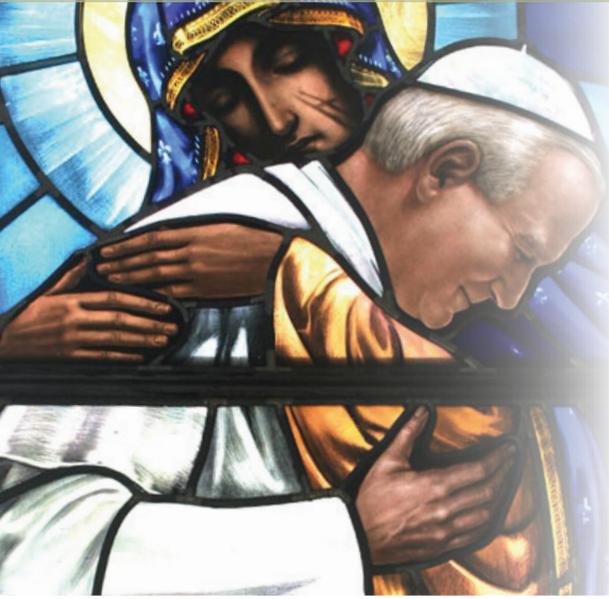
## *Cherish the Night: Senior Prom*

Imagine the music of Benny Goodman and Glen Miller, dancing through the night, and simply socializing with your neighbors. What would that be called? That was the treasured time the Cottage and Manor residents experienced this past month, also known as "Senior Prom." On Saturday, July 12<sup>th</sup>, Madonna Hall was filled with the decorations, its very own red carpet, memories, and residents for the first ever Senior Prom. Songs were from the 1930s and 1940s, which really took the residents back to their high school days. The music set the stage to make many amazing memories and just start dancing. Those memories had to be captured somehow. That was what the photo booth was for. Yes, this Senior Prom had its own photo booth to make the experience truly authentic. The Senior Prom was well received by all the attending residents. Some highlights were the "Mambo No. 5" group dance that got every resident moving and, of course, electing Prom King and Queen. Senior Prom night truly brought our residents back to the classic, good ole days.



## “Words of Hope”

## Reflection from the writings of Saint Pope John Paul II



In this month of August when we celebrate the Assumption and Queenship of Mary, let us reflect on these words of Saint John Paul II:

*“I would like once again to express to you my joy at being able to be with you. May you always be available to the voice of the Lord Jesus! Just as he needed Mary’s fiat to become flesh, so his Gospel also needs your “yes” in order to become history in the contemporary world. Dear Friends, I invite you to renew your “yes” and I consign to you three duties: the first is “contemplation”: strive to walk on the path of holiness, keeping your gaze fixed on Jesus, the one Teacher and Saviour of all. The second duty is “communion”: endeavour to promote the spirituality of unity with the Pastors of the Church, with all the brethren in the faith and with the other ecclesial associations. Be the leaven of dialogue with all people of good will. The third duty is “mission”: as lay people, take the leaven of the Gospel to homes and schools, to places of work and recreation. The Gospel is a word of hope and salvation for the world. May the sweet [Mother of the Lord] obtain for you fidelity to your vocation, generosity in carrying out your daily duties and enthusiasm in dedicating yourselves to the mission that the Church entrusts to you!”*

## Culture and Beauty at Santa Teresita

Pope Emeritus Benedict XVI, an accomplished author and musician shared these words during an August 2011 General Audience, reflecting on the power of art to draw mankind closer to God:

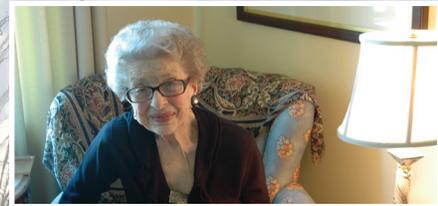
*“The Lord himself gives us many opportunities to remember him. Today I would like to reflect briefly on one of these channels that can lead to God and can also be of help in the encounter with him. It is the way of artistic expression, part of that “via pulchritudinis” — the “way of beauty”, of which I have spoken several times and whose deepest meaning must be recovered by men and women today. It may have happened on some occasion that you paused before ... a few verses of a poem ... that you found deeply moving, that gave you a sense of joy, a clear perception, that is, that what you beheld was not only ... a collection of letters or an accumulation of sounds, but something greater, something that “speaks”, that can touch the heart, communicate a message, uplift the mind. Art is able to manifest and make visible the human need to surpass the visible; it expresses the thirst and the quest for the infinite. Indeed it resembles a door open on to the infinite, on to a beauty and a truth that go beyond the daily routine. And a work of art can open the eyes of the mind and of the heart, impelling us upward.”*

Here at Santa Teresita, we cherish the surpassing power that art has for the human soul. It is not uncommon to find that art and poetry still flourish among our residents. Here is a glimpse into one poem written recently by Betty Martin, a resident of the Good Shepherd Cottage. May our Lord speak to you and lead you, through her words, to praise Him.

### O God Be Praised

**The quality of mercy is not strained  
It droppeth like the gentle rain from heaven  
And of this I speak:**

**When I grow tired and want to quit and move no more from where I sit  
Please God give me courage to continue to the end of my promised menu  
And live to the last—these blessed days  
In this fair land. O God be praised!**



## Memorialize Your Intentions at Santa Teresita



If you would like to make your prayer intentions a permanent part of the physical grounds of Santa Teresita and a spiritual part of the prayers of the Carmelite Sisters, we invite you to engrave the names of your families or special prayer intentions with a Paver-Promenade or with a Donor Tree of Life Leaf.

- **PAVER-PROMENADE \$250** - Engraved pavers will form a walkway to the Cottage.
- **DONOR TREE OF LIFE LEAF \$500** - Engraved leaf will be attached to our Donor Tree of Life in the chapel vestibule.

**TO LEARN MORE ABOUT OUR VARIOUS GIVING OPPORTUNITIES,**  
visit our website: <http://www.santa-teresita.org/giving/naming-opportunities/> or contact us: 626-576-4910

