

The Rose

SANTA TERESITA'S MONTHLY NEWSLETTER
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Novena to End Assisted Suicide

On June 1st, the booming Irish brogue of Bishop David O'Connell, auxiliary bishop of the San Gabriel Region, could be heard resounding in our St. Joseph chapel. Bishop O'Connell celebrated a Mass which marked the beginning of a call to nine days of prayer and fasting for the elderly, disabled, and terminally ill as California prepared for the Assisted Suicide bill to go into effect on June 9th. He preached eloquently on the dignity of each human life and called us to solidarity with our brothers and sisters, especially those who are most vulnerable. "This [law] is a challenge to all of us, especially to all of us who have faith," the bishop said, "to teach always about the infinite value of each human life." He referred to the passing of the law as a very sad event for our beautiful state and said, "This is a failure of our love."

The chapel was filled with our beautiful residents and many of their family members joined us for this time of prayer and affirmation of the beauty and dignity of every human life. Also present were sisters from different congregations including the Missionaries of Charity, Immaculate Heart Sisters, and the Carmelite Sisters of the Most Sacred Heart of Los Angeles. Over the centuries, religious women have stood by and defended and served the poor and oppressed in education and health care. The call of Jesus' mission continues to be a compelling and urgent for all Christians.

"We begin our Novena at Santa Teresita because it is a place where our brothers and sisters who are frail and elderly, and also those who are dying know that each one of them is loved and wanted," said Bishop O'Connell. "They are surrounded by love and compassion shown to them each day by the wonderful Carmelite Sisters and the staff." Every day, we all desire to strive to show in our love and actions that every life is sacred.

Following the Mass, during which our residents proclaimed the scripture readings and helped lead the singing, they were greeted individually by Bishop O'Connell as caregivers and family helped escort them out of the chapel. Then the Bishop went to visit those who were unable to attend due to their fragile state of health, praying over them for strength and healing. He called us all to evaluate our own hearts, "We need to make sure nobody ever feels so lonely and unwanted that they feel this [assisted suicide] is their only option."

We thank God for our beloved residents and continue to pray that we each may take up the call to build the "Culture of Life."



SANTA TERESITA MANOR AWARDED THE BRONZE QUALITY AWARD



BRONZE Commitment to Quality

Santa Teresita Manor recently was awarded the Bronze Award for providing Quality Care to the elderly! This is the first step in the National Quality Award Program-Commitment to Quality through the American Health Care Association (AHCA).

The goal of this award level is to provide applicants with the tools and resources they need for continuous performance improvement. Through the Bronze criteria, based on the Organizational Profile section of the Baldrige Health Care Criteria for Performance Excellence, members will assess their organization's mission, vision, and key factors that lead to success.

Each facility that applies for this award must demonstrate a strong mission and vision, patient-focused excellence based on a systems-approach. Congratulations to the Santa Teresita Manor team of managers and nurses who work so hard to provide excellence in care and have a commitment to on-going improvement to be "at the service of the family for Life!"

Goodwill

Mercy Box Update

We brought a third load of clothing items to the Goodwill and the men helping us unload were very happy to see "nuns"! You don't see nuns nowadays! Our residents, staff and family members continue to happily drop in their clothing to be given to those in need! God reward you for any clothing and non-perishable food items you would like to continue to donate, especially as we enter the summer months and many are sleeping on the streets. Continue to pray for our homeless brothers and sisters, present almost on every corner as we drive around busy Los Angeles. Smile at them. Ask them their name and how you can pray for them? We all are 'homeless' since our true home is heaven!! God bless you!



Devotion to the Sacred Heart of Jesus

The devotion to the Sacred Heart has long been practiced in the history of the Church, however, it was in the 17th century that this devotion was renewed and expanded through the words of Jesus to St. Margaret

Mary Alacoque. During the years 1673-1675, Jesus spoke to Sister Margaret Mary in a series of revelations expressing that the love of His Heart must be spread and manifest itself in men. One way in which to allow this love to be spread is to consecrate oneself to His Sacred Heart. Here is a consecration prayer written by St. Margaret Mary:

O Sacred Heart of Jesus, to Thee I consecrate and offer up my person and my life, my actions, trials, and sufferings, that my entire being may henceforth only be employed in loving, honoring and glorifying Thee. This is my irrevocable will, to belong entirely to Thee, and to do all for Thy love, renouncing with my whole heart all that can displease Thee. I beseech Thee, through Thine infinite Goodness, grant that my name be engraved upon Thy Heart, for in this I place all my happiness and all my glory, to live and to die as one of Thy devoted servants. Amen.

Memorialize Your Intentions

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.

- **Donor Tree of Life Leaf \$500**

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GIVING OPPORTUNITIES,
visit our website:**

www.santa-teresita.org/giving/naming-opportunities/
or contact us: 626-408-7810

CURRENT & ONGOING EVENTS!

Call Lucy Anguiano, Activities Coordinator,
for info on events below: 626-733-7057

Every Saturday
Rosary Makers
Cafeteria, 10:30am

Every Sunday
Family Bingo
Manor Doheny Room, 1:30 p.m.

Friday, 7/22
Edible Art with Chris and Barbara
Cottage Living Room, 11:00 a.m.

Saturday, 7/30
One Voice Choir Ministry
Madonna Hall, 2:00 p.m.

Mondy, 8/15
Dinner with Sisters
Good Shepherd Cottage, 5:00 p.m.

Monday, 8/22
Wine Tasting Social
Good Shepherd Cottage, 2:00 p.m.