



THE LITTLE SISTERS IN JERSEY

The Little Sisters of the Poor rejoice at the news announced by our Holy Father Pope Benedict XVI at the Consistory of 21 February that their Mother Foundress, Blessed Jeanne Jugan (Sister Mary of the Cross) will be canonised on the 11 October 2009.

The congregation of the Little Sisters of the Poor was founded by Jeanne Jugan in 1839 in Brittany (France) to care for the elderly poor.

The Little Sisters were asked to make a foundation in Jersey as early as 1880, but there were many problems to overcome before they could do so. It was in 1886 that the Sisters made their first foundation in Jersey. When they first arrived, they lived in a temporary home called **The Terrace** and in 1887 they moved to the present site then known as HAUTVILLE, later called St. Augustine's home.

When the former home was demolished in 1970, the present **Jeanne Jugan Residence** was built on the same site in four phases, being completed in 1982. Here a community of Little Sisters continues the work of Blessed Jeanne Jugan where the Congregation has served the elderly for over 120 years.

The **Jeanne Jugan Residence** is a modern purpose-built residential home equipped with lifts, ramps and easy access for wheelchairs from all external doors. The pleasant gardens and the sea can be viewed from its seventy *en suite* bedrooms. The **Jeanne Jugan Residence** is a residential care home with a small number of nursing beds. The sixty rooms are equipped with *en suite* facilities. Each room has a nurse call system, radio and internal channel T.V. point and telephone. For independent living there are also twenty self-contained apartments.

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