## Little Sisters of the Poor

Sacred Heart Residence

Spring 2025



Little Sisters of the Poor Serving the elderly poor in Mobile since 1901



# Welcome, Mother Margaret

We recently had the pleasure of welcoming a new Mother Superior to our Home, Mother Margaret Patricia. Our hearts were filled with joy and excitement as she arrived at Sacred Heart Residence from Kansas City. Mother Margaret was given a warm



welcome to our Home from the Residents, staff, family, and friends of Sacred Heart.

The day after her arrival, a celebration was held for Mother Margaret which included songs from our Music Therapist Brian Fulmer, a wonderful video about all the great things in the City of Mobile, plenty of delicious cake and snacks, and of course a traditional Mardi Gras second line parade! It was a wonderful way to begin her journey in Mobile.

Mother Margaret has been serving the neediest elderly as a Little Sister for over 60 years. She first came to the United States from Ireland in 1964 when she arrived in Savannah, Georgia. After years of service in Homes throughout the United States, Mother Margaret returned to the South at Sacred Heart Residence. In her short time here in Mobile, she has already made an impact on our Residents and staff. Her kindness, compassion, and leadership have been on full display. Welcome, Mother Margaret!





## **Mardi Gras at Sacred Heart**

"Let the good times roll!"













The Residents of Sacred Heart enjoyed the festive Mardi Gras season with parades, decorations, throws, beads, food, and lots of music! Each year we celebrate this wonderful time in the city that started Mardi Gras. Our Residents enjoyed parades from local Mardi Gras organizations and voted for their own Royal Mardi Gras Court! Our Sacred Heart Court reigned majestically over this year's festivities in our Home and our Residents enjoyed a wonderful Mardi Gras season!



Queen – Vivian Clark King – Jack Roach Lady in Waiting – Delores Petrazio Grand Marshall – Briand Saba Lady of Lourdes Lane – Pat Forrest Lourdes Lane Knight – Frank Alack Court Jester – Lupe Rangel











# **Bidding Farewell**

Residents, Sisters, staff, family, and friends gathered to bid a heartfelt farewell to our beloved Mother Judith, who left Sacred Heart Residence in December to embark on her new assignment.

Over the last seven years at Sacred Heart Residence, Mother Judith shared her wisdom, compassion, generosity, and joy with all those around her. Her leadership was instrumental in guiding the Home through the difficult days of the Covid pandemic and her vision helped bring about many positive changes to Sacred Heart Residence.

Mother Judith will be greatly missed but never forgotten. We wish her all the best and we will keep her in our prayers always.



## Winter Wonderland

It was a Winter Wonderland at Sacred Heart Residence! We experienced a history making winter storm to kick off 2025 during which we received eight inches of snow!!! That broke the previous record for the most snow in Mobile, Alabama which was set in the 1890s!

Looking outside was like a scene from a movie. Snowflakes, snow angels, snowmen (including one built by our staff) and beautiful snow-covered scenery all around. It was truly an amazing sight to see and one that we will never forget.









### NEW RESIDENT COUNCIL

Congratulations to our newly elected Resident Council for 2025!



President — Pat Forrest



Vice President — Patsy McKenna



Treasurer — Vivian Clark



Chaplain — Frank Alack

#### MOTHER'S MESSAGE

Dear Friends,

Greetings, and Happy Jubilee Year of Hope! Thank you for all your prayers and support as I have embarked on my new journey at Sacred Heart Residence! I have met so many wonderful people and I am enjoying this new chapter in Mobile.



As we continue our

journey through Lent, we are encouraged to reflect on our relationship with the Lord. This is a time to re-examine our lives and ask God to help us see as he does. It is a season that provides us with an opportunity to seek forgiveness for our sins and perform works of mercy.

While the works of mercy are always important, they take on an even greater significance this Jubilee Year! A Jubilee is an event of great spiritual and social significance in the life of the Church. It is a special year of celebration characterized as a time of abundant grace, forgiveness, and reconciliation.

Pope Francis has designated this Holy Year as a time to renew ourselves as "Pilgrims of Hope." With Easter, hope lies in the Resurrection and our source of hope is the knowledge that Jesus conquered death and invites us to share in his victory.

As we celebrate this year, we reflect on the Jubilee Prayer from the Holy Father Pope Francis, in which we ask God to reawaken in us the blessed hope for the coming of His Kingdom. We strive to be Pilgrims of Hope and may the grace of the Jubilee rekindle in us a yearning for the treasures of heaven.

I hope we each take the time, not only during Lent, but throughout the entire Jubilee Year, for renewal and reconciliation. To re-establish a proper relationship with God and with one another and to accept this most beautiful gift for renewal in our world.

May hope be your constant companion, guiding you through life's challenges and inspiring you to reach new heights. Happy New Year and Happy Jubilee Year!

May God Bless you, *Mother Margaret* 

# Thank You for 60 years!

On World Day for Consecrated Life, Archbishop Thomas Rodi recognized all women and men who have taken up the vocation of consecrated life and gave special recognition to those celebrating milestone anniversaries of their commitment, including our own Sr Maria Goretti who is celebrating 60 years! Congratulations Sister!



#### Wish List

Many of our benefactors ask if there is anything we need for our Residents... here are some of those items.

Dinner Napkins
Lysol Spray
Laundry Detergent
Clorox Wipes
Liquid Dish Soap
Kleenex
Copy Paper
Body Wash (unscented)
Individually Wrapped Snacks

Thank you for your generosity!



Wishing you the hope, joy and love of this Easter season!