



Sacred Heart Residence

Winter 2025

2025 – What a Great Year!

As we near the end of 2025, we look back with gratitude on all the blessings we have received at Sacred Heart Residence this year! And what a year it has been!

We should have known this year would be something special when we had an extraordinary snowstorm in

January! Eight inches of snow created a beautiful scene we will never forget!

Things didn't slow down from there. Mardi Gras festivities, holiday celebrations, Resident activities, golf tournament, Lawn Party, completion of our new apartments, there was so much that we were able to experience this year!

Our Home also continues to be blessed with so many amazing volunteers who help brighten the lives of our Sacred Heart family each day!

We have had so much joy and happiness radiating through our halls this year and we can't wait to see what's ahead in the new year!



New Look, Same Mission

We are officially rolling out the newly re-designed logo that has been launched worldwide. Visit our website for a explanation of the symbolism of the new look that represents the Little Sisters of the Poor and their mission.



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of the Poor**
HOSPITALITY AT HEART

Lawn Party Success

The 54th Annual Little Sisters of the Poor Lawn Party was a **HUGE** success!

Each year our Lawn Party serves as our largest single fundraising event, and we are so thankful for the community for supporting our Home! Thousands from all over the Gulf Coast came to enjoy a beautiful day of food, fellowship, and fun!

Our food court had so many delicious options: hamburgers, hot dogs, gumbo, crab bisque, nachos, fried fish, BBQ pork, beignets, fried Oreos, polish sausage, cotton candy and more! We even had a special ice cream flavor made just for the Lawn Party called *Nun-Better* that was phenomenal (it was strawberry ice cream with Oreo, cookie dough, and chocolate flakes)!

Besides the food, we had live music, kids' games, a petting zoo, homemade bake goods, a white elephant sale, bingo, hayrides, vendor booths, a plant sale, raffles, and even a vintage motorcycle show!

None of this would have been possible without the help of the amazing staff at Sacred Heart Residence, our volunteers, vendors, sponsors, and the support of the community. Thank you to all the businesses, local schools, churches, and groups who helped make this such a wonderful event!

We are already looking forward to next year!



Jubilee Pilgrimage

A group from Sacred Heart Residence embarked on a pilgrimage visit to St. Margaret of Scotland Catholic Parish in Foley for the Jubilee Year!

A Jubilee Year is considered a great religious event and during this year, bishops may designate specific locations as special places of prayer, offering opportunities for reconciliation and indulgences. St. Margaret of Scotland was one of those sites.

Our group consisted of Sisters, Residents, volunteers and staff and they enjoyed a wonderful day of prayer, fellowship, learning about the history of St. Margaret of Scotland church (including the most beautiful stained-glass windows) and being together.



Restoring Our St. Jeanne Jugan Statue

Our amazing volunteers do so much for our Home including cleaning and restoring our statue of St. Jeanne Jugan! This beautiful statue of our foundress sits in our courtyard and is a wonderful reminder of her humble and loving heart.

Thank you to our volunteers who worked so hard to make the statue look absolutely beautiful.

We appreciate their time, kindness, and support!



One of America's Best Nursing Homes

We are excited to share that the Little Sisters of the Poor, Sacred Heart Residence has been recognized by Newsweek as one of the best nursing homes in the country and #1 in the state of Alabama (for facilities under one hundred beds)!

We are enormously proud of our team of dedicated individuals that provide compassionate care to our Residents each day.



A NOTE FROM MOTHER

Dear Friends,

As we approach the end of another year, we look back with gratitude on all the blessings that came upon Sacred Heart Residence this year.

This year we saw the completion of many renovations to our Home. Construction was completed on seventeen new independent apartments as well as much needed new lighting around the Home. We have also begun the process of getting a new nurse call and phone system installed. The upgrades will allow us to continue to provide the best care to our Residents each day.

We are also grateful to all those who helped make our 54th annual Lawn Party a success! Sisters, staff, and volunteers all worked together to make this Lawn Party the best ever! And of course, it wouldn't have been possible without all those from the community who came to enjoy the day and support our event! We are so thankful to everyone who came to the Lawn Party, and we look forward to seeing you again next year!

This year also saw our Home blessed with some welcome new additions. This spring we had two Little Sisters join our community: Sr. Marguerite and Sr. Jacqueline. We also had the addition of seventeen new Residents who moved into our new apartments. Each new addition filled our home with a joyful spirit and has truly been a blessing.

Finally, I am grateful for the warm, Southern hospitality I have received since my arrival. My first year at Sacred Heart Residence has been lovely and I am so appreciative of all those who helped make this an absolutely wonderful year!

We all have so much to be grateful for in our lives, and gratitude is essential to growing our faith life. We should strive to practice gratitude each day with a gracious smile, even through difficult times. As our foundress, St. Jeanne Jugan, said *"In our troubles, we must always say: Blessed be God, thank You, my God, glory be to God!"*

We look fondly on this past year with gratitude and are thankful for all the blessings that have been extended upon the Residents, Sisters, and staff of our Home. We now look forward to the new year with excitement, enthusiasm, and hope!

May you all have a wonderful Christmas season and may the new year be filled with many graces and blessings for you and your family!

Mother Margaret



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