

**Our Lady of Prompt Succor Nursing Home  
& Rehabilitation Center  
C'est la Vie Apartments  
News-Notes ~ August 2010**

**Prompt Succor Nursing Celebrates 45 Years of Service:  
1965 – 2010**

In July 1965, an article in *The Daily World* read as follows: *“Constructed under the watchful eyes of the Marianites of Holy Cross, the facility will be formally dedicated at ceremonies at 5:00 PM on Wednesday, July 13<sup>th</sup>.... Auxiliary Bishop Warren Boudreaux of New Iberia will bless and dedicate the spacious, sprawling building. Speakers will be Mother Mary Hilary of New Orleans, mother provincial of the Marianites of Holy Cross; Dr. W.J. Briley, staff physician for the home; and Frank Pepitone, mayor pro tem, who will bring greetings from the city; District Attorney J.Y. Fontenot will emcee the program and the auxiliary bishop will offer benediction. Rt. Rev. Msgr. Can Broussard will give the invocation.”*

In addition, the article in the paper listed the following key staff members: Sr. Mary Alcuin (*aka, Sr. Margaret Lafleur*), administrator; Sr. Mary Benedict Allain, RN, director of nursing; Sr. Mary Dolores, housekeeping supervisor and director of recreational activity; Lee Dubuc, plant supervisor; Mrs. Eugene Litell and Mrs. Charlotte Miller, registered nurses; Mrs. Bonita Armand, licensed practical nurse; Priscilla Pommier, secretary; Dr. Cotton Purser, dentist. The following members were listed as the Board of Directors: Mrs. T.N. Couvillon, J.Y. Fontenot, Sam Hamilton, Sidney Sandoz, Pat Willis.

Sr. Mary Alcuin shared these sentiments in the article:

*“Our Lady of Prompt Succor Nursing Home recognizes the dignity of the individual human being, particularly of our senior citizens. The personnel at the home will always bear in mind that ‘youth is not a matter of years but a state of mind,’ and will help our elderly residents to remain young in heart and spirit.”*

On July 14<sup>th</sup>, 2010, an article in *The Daily World* read as follows: The administration, residents and staff of Our Lady of Prompt Succor Nursing Home celebrated the 45<sup>th</sup> anniversary of its founding. Since that time, the facility has been staffed by the Marianites of Holy Cross. Etha Amling, who still works at Prompt Succor, remembers the first day, when the entire staff assembled to greet its very first resident, Mrs. Rose Smith.



During the years many changes have been made to the facility. In November 2009, a 52,000 square foot addition was opened. With this new addition, the facility now has 80 private rooms, 20 semi-private rooms, new dining rooms, new rehabilitation area, outside walking track, nursing administration offices, and other ancillary services.

While changes have occurred, what has remained the same is the dedication of the Marianites, the administration and staff to providing holistic care to the residents remembering the words of Sr. Margaret Lafleur,

MSC: "youth is not a matter of years but a state of mind."

***May our hearts remain young ~ regardless of our age!***

***Congratulations to our new Registered Nurse!***

We are pleased to announce that one of our licensed practical nurses, Victoria Lacombe, has successfully completed her studies and has passed the national licensing test to become a registered nurse. For the past thirteen months, Victoria has been studying at LSU in Eunice while working part-time at Prompt Succor Nursing Home. As she reflects on her experience, she states that making the time commitment to the program was the greatest challenge.



Her courses and clinical experiences demanded that she spend less time with family and friends. However, they were a tremendous support throughout the process encouraging her to stay focused and to take it one day at a time. While studying and learning more about nursing and health care, she also learned another very valuable lesson as she grew in a deeper realization of the power of prayer. She knows that prayer is what sustained her throughout this time period and it will lead her into the future. While her classes exposed her to the health issues of people of all ages, her heart still remains with the elderly and she looks forward to continuing the mission of care and compassion at Prompt Succor Nursing Home.

***Residents celebrating birthdays in August***

Kizy Devillier

Gerdie Doucet

Sr. Evelyn Eason, MSC

Sr. Madeleine Sophie Hebert, MSC

Sr. Joyce Michel, MSC

Frances Monroe

Dorothy Nezat

Helen Ortego

Verna Prudhomme

Jerelyn Robinson

Dorcas Sirles

Dorothy Wedlock

Asuncion Williams

*May special birthday blessings be upon our residents as we pray in gratitude for each of them and the many people whose lives they have touched over the years!*



### ***Garden of the Month***

Prompt Succor Nursing Home has been awarded the “*Garden of the Month*” by the Opelousas Garden Club. Displaying a variety of flowers, plants, annuals, and perennials in a wide array of colors, the gardens at the entrance to the Nursing Home are a feast for the eyes and food for the soul. Residents and visitors enjoy sitting on the porch and taking time to gaze at the beauty of nature in all its splendor.

Please visit our website for photos.

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in an ever-changing world –*

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