

Our Lady of Prompt Succor Nursing Facility & Rehabilitation Center
C'est la Vie Apartments
Newsletter – April 2017
Ministries of the Marianites of Holy Cross

Marianites of Holy Cross Celebrate Jubilees

In 2017, twenty-seven Marianites of Holy Cross will celebrate anniversaries of entrance into the Congregation. Some of the jubilarians living in Louisiana will celebrate on April 1st in Opelousas, Louisiana at Our Lady of Prompt Succor Nursing Facility and others will celebrate on April 22nd in New Orleans at the University of Holy Cross Moreau Center.

The Sisters celebrating in Louisiana include:

Sisters Jane Dardenne and Mary Elizabeth Laborie celebrating 75 years.

Sisters Mary Joan Barry, Maria Luz Cervantes, Naoma Duhe, Barbara Dupuis, Mary Jules Landry, Mary Murray, Hannah Marie O'Brien, Mary Owen Quintana celebrating 70 years.

Sisters Ann Louise Arno, Carolyn Bourgeois, Ann K. Martinez, and Joycelin Staempfli celebrating 60 years.

Sister Ann Lacour celebrating 50 years.

Celebrations for the Sisters living in Canada, France and New Jersey will take place in the Fall. Our jubilarians are rooted in a very rich and grace-filled heritage. The Marianites were founded by Blessed Basil Moreau in Le Mans, France in 1841 and the Sisters now serve in France, Ireland, Africa, Canada, and North America. How blessed is the Congregation by the commitment and fidelity of our Marianite jubilarians!

We offer prayerful congratulation to all!

Jubilarians Living or Ministering in Opelousas

Sister Mary Joan Barry, a native of County Cork, Ireland, ministered as an elementary teacher in school staffed by the Marianites throughout Louisiana. She also served as a missionary in Chile and in Arizona with the Native Americans. She was a member of the Pastoral Council for the Diocese of Lafayette and a volunteer chaplain at the Bywater Hospital in New Orleans. She presently serves as a member of the pastoral care team at Our Lady of Prompt Succor Nursing Facility.

Sister Maria Luz Cervantes (AKA, Sr. Paz) was born in Guatemala, Central America. She taught in elementary and secondary schools throughout Louisiana. She served for 22 years as a pastoral minister to the Hispanic community in Manchester, New Hampshire and volunteered at the St. Joseph Center for the homeless and refugees assisting with translation and communication. Sister Maria presently resides at Our Lady of Prompt Succor Nursing Facility.

Sister Naoma Duhe is a native of Norco, Louisiana. Sister ministered as an elementary school teacher in a number of Catholic schools throughout Louisiana. She was a member of the Sisters of the Immaculate Conception before entering the Marianites of Holy Cross. She served in the rural areas of Church Point and Labadieville as well as at St. Vincent de Paul, St. Peter and Paul, and St. Rita Schools in the New Orleans area. After retiring from her teaching ministry, Sister used her cooking expertise in community service to the sisters residing at St. Joseph Convent in New Orleans. She currently resides at Our Lady of Prompt Succor Nursing Facility.

Sister Barbara Marie Dupuis was born in Port Arthur, Texas and lived in Lafayette and New Orleans before entering the Marianites. She taught in elementary school throughout Louisiana and served as librarian at Our Lady of Holy Cross College (University of Holy Cross), at the Academy of Holy Angels and at Notre Dame Seminary in New Orleans. Sister Barbara continues her ministry as archivist for the Marianites of Holy Cross.

Sister Mary Jules Landry, a native of Franklin, Louisiana spent many years as an elementary school teacher in schools staffed by the Marianites in the Archdiocese of New Orleans and the Dioceses of Baton Rouge, Lake Charles, Lafayette, and Houma-Thibodaux. Sister Jules was engaged for many years in community service as chauffeur to the Marianites in Louisiana and New Jersey. Sister Jules resides at Our Lady of Prompt Succor Nursing Facility.

Sister Mary Murray was born in County Cork, Ireland. After 30 years of teaching in the Archdiocese of New Orleans and the Diocese of Lafayette, she ministered as chaplain at the University Medical Center in Lafayette and at Christus Cabrini Hospital in Alexandria, Louisiana. She also served as pastoral minister to the sick at St. Rita Parish in Alexandria and Sacred Heart Church in New Iberia. She was Pastoral Associate at St. Peter's in Pine Prairie and its mission church in St. Landry, Louisiana. Sister resides at Our Lady of Prompt Succor Nursing Facility and continues to serve in pastoral care ministry.

Sister Hannah Marie O'Brien was born in Bandon, County Cork, Ireland. She ministered for 28 years as an elementary school teacher in schools staffed by the Marianites and as a special education teacher at Holy Ghost School in Hammond, Louisiana. She served as librarian at St. John School in Franklin and at the Academy of Holy Angels in New Orleans. She assisted with care of the elderly in Princeton, New Jersey and was engaged in parish social ministry at St. Mary of the Angels in New Orleans and at St. Rita Parish in Alexandria, Louisiana. She resides at Our Lady of Prompt Succor Nursing Facility.

Sister Ann Louise Arno, a native of Elton, Louisiana served as a teacher in elementary schools staffed by the Marianites throughout Louisiana and as assistant principal and principal of St. Peter's School in Gueydan, Louisiana. Sister Ann Louise ministered as a missionary in Dominica, West Indies and held the position of registrar at Our Lady of Holy Cross College (University of Holy Cross) for eleven years. Sister is presently the director of C'est la Vie Independent Living Apartments in Opelousas.

Sister Ann Lacour was born in New Orleans, Louisiana. In her fifty years as a Marianite, she ministered in various educational capacities at the elementary and high school levels. She also served as Superintendent of Schools for the Diocese of Alexandria. In addition to her educational endeavors, Sister Ann was director of Maryhill Retreat Center in Alexandria; Director of Catholic Charities for the Archdiocese of New Orleans; and Development Director for the Marianites. She presently serves as the Congregational Leader of the Marianites. In this role, she serves as the Chair of the Corporation and on the Advisory Board for Our Lady of Prompt Succor Nursing Facility and C'est la Vie Apartments.

May the Lord fill each of your hearts with abundant jubilee peace and joy!

□ **Celebrating Birthdays in April** □

W. Andrepont 4/26
R. Manuel 4/03
Sr. R Mier 4/28
J. Molter 4/09
H. Pitre 4/25
A. Savoie 4/30
Sr. N Duhe 4/01
A. Fruge 4/17
A. Hidalgo 4/20
M. Lee 4/08

Recently Deceased Residents

Effie Morris 4/22/1916 – 3/12/2017
Laura Louvier 2/12/1931 – 3/17/2017
Lela Cary 7/25/1925 – 3/26/2017



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