

Our Lady of Prompt Succor Nursing Facility & C'est la Vie Apartments
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A Place to call Home

In recent weeks, much has been written about nursing homes in Louisiana and their place in the long term care of our loved ones. Some of this information has been misleading so included here is basic information for you which has been summarized from various sources. A nursing home is a place for people who do not need to be in a hospital but who can no longer be cared for at home. The primary physician has to prescribe nursing home placement and the person has to be approved for admit by a State admission process.

Once admitted, nursing home staff provides all aspects of prescribed medical care. The general mission of all nursing homes is to offer a high quality of care for the aged, disabled, and chronically ill who cannot be properly tended to in their homes or in other medical environments. Nursing homes, also called skilled nursing facilities, provide a wide range of health and personal care services. These services typically include skilled nursing care, **24-hour** nursing supervision, three meals a day under the direction of a certified dietician and dietary manager, and assistance with everyday activities. Rehabilitation services, such as physical, occupational, and speech therapy, are also available.

Some people stay at a nursing home for a short time after being in the hospital. When they recover, they usually return home much stronger and better able to care for themselves. However, most nursing home residents stay permanently because they have ongoing health care needs that require **24 hour care**.

Today nursing home care demands a person-centered approach to care. Person-centered care promotes choice, purpose and meaning in daily life. Person-centered care means that nursing home residents are supported in achieving the level of physical, mental and psycho-social well-being that is individually practicable. This goal honors the importance of keeping the person at the center of the care planning and decision-making process.

Care plans are living documents that are revised to reflect a person's changing needs. In person-centered care, staff places a premium on active listening and observing, so staff can adapt to each resident's changing needs regardless of his/her cognitive abilities. To promote person-centered care, quarterly inter-disciplinary team meetings are held with key nursing home staff (nursing, dietary, social services, activities, therapy), the resident, and family members or responsible party. During these sessions, the resident's care as well as the plan of care are reviewed and revised according to changing needs and preferences. The focus is on the resident and his/her physical, mental, and emotional well-being. In addition, our nursing home which is a non-profit organization, focuses on the spiritual needs of each resident. Our mission statement explains:

Our Lady of Prompt Succor Nursing Home is a ministry of the Marianites of Holy Cross, an international congregation of women religious founded by Blessed Father Basil Moreau in Le Mans, France in 1841. Inspired by the zeal of our founder, we, Marianites of Holy Cross, along with the staff of Prompt Succor Nursing Home, are committed to providing quality, holistic care, and support services in a Catholic and Christian environment. We share the love and compassion of Jesus Christ with those entrusted to our care, respecting the uniqueness of each individual while promoting and enhancing quality of life. We commit ourselves to foster dignity in this life and to provide an environment that supports a holy and peace-filled journey to eternal life.

Happy Easter!

As the Lenten season ends in Easter rejoicing, it is a good time to take a moment and see what new insights have grown in us during Lent. It is amazing that a remarkable cross-section of Americans practice some form of Lenten discipline, even some who are not active Christians. This indicates that there is a deep hunger in our collective consciousness to re-orient our lives toward life and light, healing and peace. In the midst of a world of war and violence beyond comprehension, we share a spiritual hunger and thirst for clarity about what is good and life-giving, and we yearn to re-focus our energies on what is most essential and important in life.

Some traditions assist us in celebrating the new life of Easter. One of these traditions is dyeing of eggs. In earlier times because eggs were not eaten during Lent, they were brought to the table on Easter Day and colored red to symbolize Easter joy. This custom is found not only in the Latin Church but also in the Oriental Churches. The egg as a symbol of the new creation by Jesus risen from the dead developed as a later tradition. The egg also symbolizes the germinating life of early spring.

Gratefully, Easter is not just a single day in the Christian Year. It is a season of 50 days, starting with celebration of the resurrection of Jesus celebrated on Easter, and concluding with the celebration of the outpouring of the Holy Spirit that catalyzed the birth of the church on Pentecost (the 50th day).

The seasons of the Christian Year were created by the early church to support its underlying mission of making disciples of Jesus Christ in transforming the world. During Lent the church forms us in the habits, the core behaviors, of discipleship. During Easter, the church forms us in the key doctrines of the faith and prepares us to claim the gifts of the Spirit for our ministry as Christ's disciples and apostles to the world.

As we gather to celebrate Easter with our various family traditions, may we embrace God's ever-new life with every cell of our being, every yearning of our soul, and every muscle of our will. Christ is risen, death is vanquished, and humanity is restored to holy and creative relationship with God's ongoing and eternal spirit. Go and spread this message of hope: Praise God who brings light out of darkness, life out of death!

Alleluia! Christ is risen! Let us be glad and rejoice!

□ Celebrating Birthdays in April □

W. Andrepont	4/26	M. Lee	4/08
K. Bondy	4/01	R. Manuel	4/03
Sr. N Duhe	4/01	Sr. R Mier	4/28
Sr. V. Frederick	4/30	J. Molter	4/09
A. Fruge	4/17	A. Savoie	4/30
M. Grogan	4/25	S. Simoneaux	4/26
A. Hidalgo	4/20		

— Recently Deceased Residents —

Lorraine Dupuis 2/26/2018
Huey Ardoin 03/04/2018



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