

Our Lady of Prompt Succor Nursing Home
C'est la Vie Apartments
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A Ministry of the Marianites of Holy Cross

└ Celebration of Hope

As Marianites of Holy Cross, we celebrate the feast of the Holy Cross on September 14th. Our founder, Blessed Basil Moreau, taught us that the *Cross is our only hope*. Reflecting on the Cross in light of hope, how does that belief translate into words which touch our everyday experience? Perhaps the following thoughts can offer us food for reflection:

“Hope works in these ways:

Hope looks for the good in others instead of focusing on the worst;

Hope discovers what can be done instead of grumbling about what cannot;

Hope regards problems, large or small, as opportunities;

Hope pushes ahead when it would be easy to quit;

Hope lights a candle instead of cursing the darkness.”

As we celebrate the feast of the Holy Cross on September 14th, we choose this day to honor our staff members who are marking a milestone of years of service with us. These staff members are examples to us of what it means to be people of hope who choose to look for the good, who see problems as opportunities, who push ahead in the midst of difficulties, who shed the light of hope with us by their lives of dedication and commitment.

This year we are recognizing the following employees:

Gaile Denton, 10 years

Orelia Young, 10 years

Anna Montgomery, SSD, 15 years

Melissa Denton, CNA, 15 years

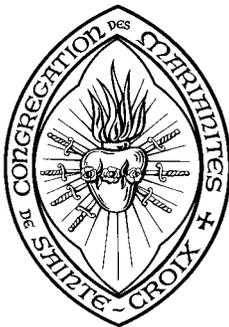
Allen Penick, Jr., ESD, 25 years

Marsha Duckless, LPN, 30 years

Catherine Murray, CNA, 40 years

Lucille Mae Taylor, CNA, 45 years

These eight members of our staff have together totaled 190 years of rendering care to our residents. They have shared a profound legacy of love and compassion to all our residents and family members who have been embraced in their care. We are deeply grateful to them for their years of service and we wish them an abundance of prayerful congratulations!



— Recently Deceased Residents —

Grace Miller 7/10/2018

Maebress Lee 7/14/2018

Darnell Martin 7/15/2018

Abbie Scott 7/27/2018

Frances Reinert 8/12/2018

September 15th Feast Day – Our Lady of Seven Dolors

Our Congregational feast day is celebrated on the feast of Our Lady of Sorrows on September 15th. The Marianites of Holy Cross hold Mary, under the title of Our Lady of Seven Dolors, as our patroness. The Seven Dolors are the seven sorrows Mary experienced as the Mother of Jesus. We depict this devotion on our Congregational Seal pictured on each of our newsletters. We pray that we may follow Mary's example of faith, strength, and compassion as we walk with others through the joys and struggles of their lives.

Marianites have special prayer beads that we use to meditate on the sorrows of Mary. The prayer beads are divided into seven sections: at the beginning of each section, there is a medal depicting the sorrow. After the medal, there are seven beads. On each bead we pray the "Hail, Mary."

The seven sorrows are:

First Dolor: Simeon's Prophecy (Luke 2:33-35)

Mary is told because of your child – "Thy own soul a sword shall pierce." We unite hearts of parents torn by sorrows and tragedies related to their children to Mary's sword-pierced heart.

Second Dolor: The Flight into Egypt (Matthew 2:13-15)

Mary and Joseph fled into Egypt with Jesus, sorrowing that He, the Son of God, was threatened and unwanted. We unite hearts of the refugees and migrants forced to leave their native lands to Mary's pierced heart.

Third Dolor: Jesus Lost in the Temple (2:41-50)

As Mary and Joseph were frightened and bewildered in missing their son, we unite the hearts of so many people, young and old, who are crushed by a loss of faith in God, a loss of faith in life and consider life unbearable. We unite these hearts to Mary's pierced heart.

Fourth Dolor: Meeting with Jesus Carrying His Cross (Luke 23:28-30)

As Mary's heart was in anguish at seeing her Son tortured and carrying His heavy Cross, many families throughout the world have hearts torn apart at what is done to their children – the physical and spiritual deprivations of the slums, the dangers of gang warfare, the unjust arrests, the experience of sexual abuse, the misery and horror of prison life. We lift these hearts to Mary's pierced heart.

Fifth Dolor: The Crucifixion (John: 19:25-27)

As Mary stood beneath the Cross and watched her Son suffer and die, her heart was united with his, and she prayed for all those who suffer more at the agony of loved ones than at their own. We unite the hearts of all who feel powerless to relieve suffering and whose hearts are torn because of the suffering of a loved one. We lift these hearts to Mary's pierced heart.

Sixth Dolor: Jesus Taken Down from the Cross (John 19:38-40)

As Mary embraced her dead Son in her arms, her heart was united with people throughout the world who are devastated by the death of loved ones – especially the young who die of disease, accident, or violence, and all loved ones whose death leaves a void in life. We lift these hearts to Mary's pierced heart.

Seventh Dolor: Jesus is laid in the Sepulcher (John 19:41-42)

As Mary watched her dead Son being placed in the tomb, another sword pierced her heart. Now his suffering was over, but her loneliness began. We unite to Mary's heart all people deprived of loved ones who experience indescribable emptiness and loneliness.

*Great as the sea was her sorrow,
but greater than the sea is her compassion and her hope for the Resurrection.
Our Lady of Seven Dolors pray with and for us!*

☪ Celebrating Birthdays in September ☪

R. Botts	9/02	A. Fontenot	9/18	M. Rachal	9/26
L. Chapman	9/04	C. Guillory	9/07	M. Richard	9/20
P. Cloud	9/06	Sr. D Hecker	9/23	N. Saizon	9/16
D. Doucet	9/22	C. Lavergne	9/13	R. Smith	9/18
A. Douget	9/28	M. Mayer	9/12	I. Tweedel	9/15

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