Our Lady of Prompt Succor Nursing Home C'est la Vie Apartments Newsletter – January 2020 A Ministry of the Marianites of Holy Cross

Happy New Year!

As we welcome in the New Year at *Our Lady of Prompt Succor Nursing Home*, we are praising God for the many gifts of 2019. We are grateful for the new staff and residents who joined our family and for those residents who continue to make Prompt Succor their home. In addition, we have been blessed to welcome residents for a short visit in order to take advantage of our rehabilitation program which is fully staffed with licensed Physical, Occupation and Speech therapists offering various modes of therapy five days per week. With the many gifts and skills of these professionals, we are able to assist with both short and long term rehabilitation needs. Also, our staff is specially trained in working with Seniors to help them reach and maintain their optimum level of performance. All of our services are guided by our mission statement:

Inspired by the zeal of our founder, Blessed Basil Moreau, we, Marianites of Holy Cross, along with our staff 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.

We also want to add New Year greetings from *C'est la Vie Apartments*, our independent living center for Seniors, which graces the front of our property! Attentive to each resident, the Marianites, administration and staff at C'est la Vie provide our residents an affordable living environment in a friendly and secure community. The walking path and outdoor courtyard are wonderful opportunities for sharing with family and friends, as well as, for quiet reflection. Endeavoring to enhance the quality of life for each resident, opportunities are offered for companionship and independence in a gracious setting which our residents love to call their home.

As we step into the New Year, let it be for each of us a call to be grateful for the past and hopeful for the future. Let it be a time to choose to live in the present moment while making memories as we embrace and reverence the changing seasons, the songs of the birds, and the sacredness of our planet. May we strive each day to be people of peace who appreciate the simplest and the most precious gifts of life.

As we step forward into 2020, let us do so with clear minds, open hearts, fresh eyes, listening ears to all that awaits us on this journey. May the close of each new day find that our feet have trod well, and we are more caring and compassionate persons, eager to embrace new life and share that renewed life with others. With confidence that the *light of Christ leads* us, we wish each of you a Happy, Holy and Peace-filled New Year!

Michael Purser, Administrator, and the Marianites of Holy Cross

Prayer for the New Year

Our Father and our God, as we stand at the beginning of this New Year we confess our need of Your presence and Your guidance as we face the future.

We each have our hopes and expectations for the year that is ahead of us—but You alone know what it holds for us, and only You can give us the strength and the wisdom we will need to meet its challenges. So help us to humbly put our hands into Your hand, and to trust You and to seek Your will for our lives during this coming year.

In the midst of life's uncertainties in the days ahead, assure us of the certainty of Your unchanging love.

In the midst of life's inevitable disappointments and heartaches, help us to turn to You for the stability and comfort we will need.

In the midst of life's temptations and the pull of our stubborn self-will, help us not to lose our way but to have the courage to do what is right in Your sight, regardless of the cost.

And in the midst of our daily preoccupations and pursuits, open our eyes to the sorrows and injustices of our hurting world, and help us to respond with compassion and sacrifice to those who are friendless and in need. May our constant prayer be that of the ancient Psalmist: "*Teach me, O Lord, to follow your decrees; then I will keep them to the end*" (Psalm 119:33).

We pray for our nation and its leaders during these difficult times, and for all those who are seeking to bring peace and justice to our dangerous and troubled world. We pray especially for Your protection on all those who serve in our armed forces, and we thank You for their commitment to defend our freedoms, even at the cost of their own lives. Be with their families also, and assure them of Your love and concern for them.

Bring our divided nation together, and give us a greater vision of what You would have us to be. Your Word reminds us that "*Blessed is the nation whose God is the Lord*" (Psalm 33:12).

As we look back over this past year, we thank You for Your goodness to us—far beyond what we have deserved. May we never presume on Your past goodness or forget all Your mercies to us, but may they instead lead us to repentance, and to a new commitment to make You the foundation and center of our lives this year.

And so, our Father, we thank You for the promise and hope of this New Year, and we look forward to it with expectancy and faith. This we ask in the name of our Lord and Savior, who by His death and resurrection has given us hope both for this world and the world to come. Amen.

_ Prayer written by Reverend Billy Graham in 2008 and still so very relevant today.

□Celebrating Birthdays in January□

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J. Duncan	1/12		P. Hackett	1/27
T. Dupre	1/16		I. Meyers	1/12
M. Ferris	1/16		W. Noel	1/07
E. Griffin	1/12		E. Pitre	1/27
B. Guidry	1/27		M. Ragsdale	1/06
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Recently Deceased Residents

Margaret Fox 12/02/2019 Patrick Manuel 12/04/2019 Sr. Mary Verda Frederick, MSC 12/09/2019 Bernard Jones 12/23/2019



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