

**Our Lady of Prompt Succor Nursing Home
& Rehabilitation Center
C'est la Vie Apartments
News-Notes ~ September 2011**

† 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 translate into words which touch our everyday experience?

Perhaps the following thoughts from an unknown author 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.”

On September 14th, we are honoring our staff members who are marking a milestone of years of service with us - 5, 15, 20 and 30 years. 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. They are:

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| <i>Dorothy Casimere</i> | <i>30 years</i> | <i>Lolita Castille</i> | <i>5 years</i> |
| <i>Marsha Duckless</i> | <i>20 years</i> | <i>Radeitre Harris</i> | <i>5 years</i> |
| <i>Jackie Woodley</i> | <i>15 years</i> | | |

Dorothy Casimere, CNA lives in Opelousas. She has 4 children; 2 girls and 2 boys and 8 grandchildren. She actually started at Prompt Succor in high school through a special high school training program. She began in dietary and enjoyed her work there but Sr. Benedict Allain, MSC encouraged her to return to school because she had the gifts to be a nursing assistant. Being convinced by Sr. Benedict of her gifts, she began taking classes and received her certification. Over the years, she has seen many changes but her devotion to her work has remained the same. As she explains, *“I love working with the elderly and our residents. These 30 years have been a wonderful experience for me!”*

Marsha Duckless, LPN is also from Opelousas. She has 4 children; 2 boys, 2 girls and 4 grandchildren. She remembers growing up with her grandmother in the kitchen. Together they baked cookies and cakes and sold these for additional family income. She explains that it is through her grandmother that she acquired a comfort level with older people and developed a love and appreciation for her elders. She states: *“I enjoy every day here. This is a wonderful facility and I would not want to be anywhere else. I find my work here to be most rewarding work.”*

Jackie Woodley, CNA is a certified nursing assistant and she lives in Opelousas. She has

4 children; 3 boys and 1 girl. While she has had several part time jobs over the years, she exclaims that she would never leave Prompt Succor. *“This is my second home. We are respected here and made to feel important. We are part of a family who care about our residents and one another.”*

Lolita Castille is from Opelousas and has 2 brothers and 1 sister. She works in housekeeping at C’est la Vie Apartments. She explains: *“When I first began to work at the apartments, it was a challenge to get to know so many people. Over the years, my relationship with each one has grown. I know their preferences. I can offer them support and help them in little ways. It is more than a job; it is taking care of my family.”*

Radeitre Harris, CNA lives in Opelousas and has 4 children; 3 girls and 1 boy. They are all in elementary school. As a certified nursing assistant she enjoys working all the halls and knowing all the residents. She says: *“I am comfortable working with all the residents and the staff on the various halls. We work as a team to take care of our residents.”*

Congratulations to each of you!

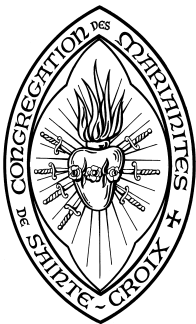
May the Lord abundantly bless you for your years of dedicated service!

The following residents are celebrating birthdays in September :

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| Sr. Lurlie Boudoin, MSC | 9/16/27 | Celine Guillory | 9/7/29 |
| Lucy Chapman | 9/4/27 | Cliff Lavergne | 9/13/30 |
| Mae Chautin | 9/14/27 | Sidney Martin | 9/23/24 |
| Hazel Dardeau | 9/9/21 | Sr. Flavia Reed, MSC | 9/20/26 |
| Rose Edmond | 9/13/20 | Thelma Stevens | 9/14/19 |
| Audrey Fontenot | 9/18/21 | Terradene Thibodeaux | 9/8/32 |
| Gladys Fontenot | 9/27/27 | Lourelle Vidrine | 9/16/23 |
| Mercedes Going | 9/30/24 | | |



We wish you an abundance of birthday blessings of peace and joy!



In Memoriam – We remember our dear residents who recently died:

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| Leroy Andrus, Sr. | 7/29/2011 |
| Paul Hidalgo | 8/2/2011 |
| Lena Belle Vidrine | 8/5/2011 |
| John Speyrer | 8/17/2011 |

May their souls and all the souls of the faithful departed rest in peace. Amen.

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