



Our Lady of Prompt Succor Nursing Home &
Rehabilitation Center
C'est la Vie Apartments
News-Notes ~ September 2010

A Celebration of Holy Cross

September 14th the Catholic Church celebrates the *Feast of the Holy Cross*. According to tradition, the true Cross of Jesus Christ was discovered in 326 by the mother of the Roman Emperor

Constantine I, Helena of Constantinople, during a pilgrimage she made to Jerusalem. The Church of the Holy Sepulcher was then built at the site of the discovery of the Cross. The date of the feast marks the dedication of the Church of the Holy Sepulcher in 335. At the dedication, a portion of the Cross was placed in a special reliquary for veneration by all pilgrims to this holy site.

This feast day holds special significance for the Marianites of Holy Cross. Our Founder, Blessed Basil Moreau, saw the difficulties and sufferings which surrounded the early history of the foundation of Holy Cross as a providential sign from God, as a special indication of God's blessings upon the foundation of the Congregation. He remarked in one of his earliest writings that the "seal of the Cross" was everywhere as he experienced all events and circumstances in the light of the Cross of Christ. It was also toward the Cross - as the loving presence of God - that he turned the gaze of the members: ***"Look to the Cross as light on sufferings as well as joys; look to the Cross as hope and comfort in trials and struggles."***

We also can take courage in the power of the Cross and look to it as light upon our struggles as well as light upon our joys. We can place a cross in our homes as a sign of God's saving action in our lives and we can prayerfully make the "Sign of the Cross."

Catholics and other Christian denominations have the practice of making the *Sign of the Cross* as a sacred ritual. The *Sign of the Cross* is made by touching the hand to the forehead, to the lower chest or heart, and then both shoulders. The hand movement is usually accompanied by the Trinitarian prayer: at the forehead, *In the name of the Father*; at the lower chest or heart *and of the Son*; across the shoulders *and of the Holy Spirit* and ending with *Amen*. Although there are variations of this prayer, the practice of the *Sign of the Cross* dates back to early Christianity and has continued through the centuries.

Individuals say this prayer to bless themselves, parents trace a cross on the forehead of their children to bless their little ones, folks gathered for a meal sign themselves and pray a blessing over their food, clergy bless members of the assembly during rituals. One of the shortest prayer forms, the *Sign of the Cross* is a simple, yet profound, reminder that we are saved and protected through the power of the Cross – the sacred image of God's loving presence in our lives!

Because September 14th is special to the Marianites of Holy Cross, we have chosen this day to celebrate and honor our employees who have been with us for 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 35 years! Embracing the Cross of Jesus Christ with us, their commitment to Prompt Succor Nursing Home and C'est la Vie Apartments has been and continues to be a significant part of the history and future of our institutions. This day is a reminder to us all that we serve and are served through the power of the Cross of Jesus Christ!

This year we are celebrating the following employees:

Etha Amling	30 years	Cindy Lavergne	10 years
Ramona Angelle	15 years	Anna Montgomery	5 years
Mary E. Bell	30 years	Catherine Murray	30 years
Virginia Bellard	10 years	Allen Penick	15 years
Pat Berry	25 years	Minerva Rideau	30 years
Norma Credeur	15 years	Veronica Simmons	5 years
Melissa Denton	5 years	Mindy Tezeno	5 years
Carmelita Formby	10 years	Ruby Toussaint	35 years
Debra Hicks	20 years	Sr. Marietta Welsh, msc	10 years
		Jessica Woodson	5 years



Recently retired after 10 years of service and also being honored are:

Gerry Chachere, LPN
Sr. Brenda Comeaux, MSC

Congratulations to each and everyone of you!

Residents celebrating birthdays in September

Hazel Bullara
Mary G. Cantrell
Lucy Chapman
Iris Daigle
Rose Edmond

Gladys Fontenot
Mercedes Going
Sr. Flavia Reed, MSC
Thelma Stevens
Lourelle Vidrine



May special birthday blessings be upon our residents as we pray in gratitude for them and the many people they have touched over the years! We are graced to have them with us at this time in their life journey. Together with them, we want to continue to grow in the love and understanding of the Cross of Christ!

Love and compassion of Jesus Christ



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