

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

New Roof and Facade

If you have visited the nursing home in the past few weeks, you have seen construction activity in the area of the original two wings. This part of the facility was built in the 1960s with a flat roof. The roof has served us well for a long time but now is in need of major repairs. After considering many options related to repair of the roof, it was decided that the best thing to do was to put up steel trusses and pitch a new roof on top of the existing flat roof. The original entrance to the nursing home is also being repaired and the exterior area is being refurbished. When all of this is complete, all the structures will have a similar roof structure and exterior facade.

The construction is projected to take approximately six months. During this time, we ask that you avoid going near the construction sites and that you park in other spaces on the property including the area adjacent to the Marianites Archive Building.

The architect's rendering of the new roof and facade is seen below.



Congratulations to the Marianites of Holy Cross – 175 Years of Service August 4, 1841 – August 4, 2016

The founder of the Marianites, Blessed Basil Moreau (1799-1873), was born in France in the aftermath of the French Revolution. During the Revolution, Church property was seized by the government, priests were arrested and executed, and religious communities were expelled. The departure of religious communities resulted in the closure of many schools and church parishes. As a result, almost a whole generation in France suffered the loss of formal education and faith formation.

Following his priestly ordination in 1821 in Le Mans, France, Father Moreau began to search for ways to respond to these pressing needs of the people of France for education, religious formation, and parish resources. He organized a group of Auxiliary Priests from his brother priests in the Diocese of Le Mans. These Auxiliary Priests assisted by preaching parish missions, by instructing the youth, and by teaching in seminaries and colleges.

Father Moreau also became involved with the Brothers of St. Joseph who earlier had been founded by Father Jacques Dujarié for the education of young boys. For the sake of their common mission as educators in the faith, Father Moreau joined the Brothers of St. Joseph and Auxiliary Priests on March 1, 1837, in the Fundamental Act of Union. The newly established Association of Holy Cross took its name from the Sainte-Croix neighborhood in Le Mans in which it was formed.

However, Moreau's vision for Holy Cross was not yet complete. In 1838, he gave a rule of life to a group of devout laywomen. On August 4, 1841, these women became the Marianites of Holy Cross when they received their religious names and the religious habit. From their origins, the Marianites were dedicated to Mary, and in particular to Mary as Our Lady of Sorrows or Our Lady of Seven Dolors. The first woman in leadership, Léocadie Gascoin, received the religious name Mother Mary of Seven Dolors. In the beginning, the Sisters assisted the priests and brothers by doing domestic work. However, due to so many requests for education and health care, the Sisters were trained as teachers and nurses.

Today, the women of Holy Cross form 3 distinct congregations: Marianites of Holy Cross, Sisters of the Holy Cross, and Sisters of Holy Cross. Together with the priests and brothers of Holy Cross, religious of Holy Cross minister in Europe, North and South America, Africa, and Asia. They are engaged in a variety of ministries fulfilling their commitment to continue the mission of Jesus Christ in the spirit of Fr. Moreau.

Celebrating Birthdays in August

<i>R. Beaugh</i>	8/14	<i>Sr. N. Ledoux</i>	8/14
<i>F. Breaux</i>	8/02	<i>Sr. J. Michel</i>	8/15
<i>Sr. M. Cervantes</i>	8/26	<i>L. Norton</i>	8/31
<i>J. Dupre</i>	8/08	<i>M. Robert</i>	8/08
<i>A. Fontenot</i>	8/11	<i>I. Speyrer</i>	8/16
<i>M. Landry</i>	8/30	<i>L. Theriot</i>	8/03
<i>M. Lazaro</i>	8/07	<i>A. Williams</i>	8/17

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