

**Our Lady of Prompt Succor Nursing Home
C'est la Vie Apartments
Newsletter ~ September 2020
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 some moments for reflection on the Cross as our Hope:

“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.”*

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.

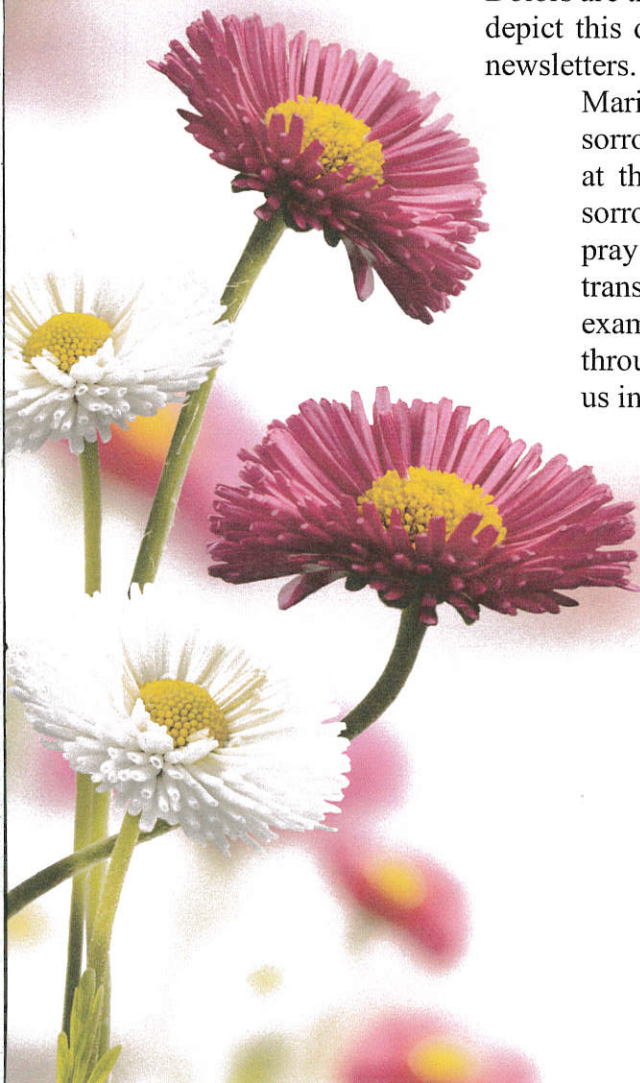
Marianites have special prayer beads that we use to meditate on the sorrows of Mary. The prayer beads are divided into seven sections: at the beginning of each section, there is a medal depicting the sorrow. After the medal, there are seven beads. On each bead we pray the “Hail, Mary” uniting our hearts with Mary’s pierced and transformed healing heart. 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. We hope you will join us in our prayer.

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

Mary is told that because of her child – “Thy own soul a sword shall pierce.” As we pray, we unite the hearts of parents torn by pain, sorrow and tragedy related to their children to Mary’s healing 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. As we pray, we unite the hearts of the refugees and migrants forced to leave their native lands to Mary’s healing heart.



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

Mary and Joseph were frightened and bewildered as they missed their son and frantically searched for him. There are many in our world today who are anxious, frightful and searching for Jesus in the difficulties of their lives. As we pray, we unite their hearts to Mary's healing heart.

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

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. As we pray, we unite their hearts to Mary's healing heart.

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

Mary stood beneath the Cross and watched her Son suffer and die and she united her broken heart to his pierced heart. In union with him, she prayed for forgiveness for all involved in his execution. As we pray, we ask our Mother Mary to grant us healing and forgiving hearts that we may be people of reconciliation and forgiveness.

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. As we pray, we ask our Mother Mary to give us compassionate hearts to be present to those grieving the loss of loved ones.

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

Mary stayed until her Son was placed in the tomb. Present to him from the beginning, she remained with him to the end. However, she knew the cold stone sealing the tomb would not have the final word. He had spoken of resurrection and she reminded the disciples of this promise. She walked away in steadfast faith and resolute hope. As we pray, we ask our Mother Mary to fill our hearts with faith and hope, to help us breathe resurrection life into the stone images of death and destruction in our world today.

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

☪ Celebrating Birthdays in September ☪

R. Botts	9/02	B. Dupuis	9/18	A. Richard	9/23
M. Boudreaux	9/22	C. Guillory	9/07	E. Ruth	9/09
P. Cloud	9/06	Sr. D Hecker	9/23	N. Saizon	9/16
M. Chautin	9/14	C. Lavergne	9/13	R. Sudduth	9/19
A. Douget	9/28	M. Rachal	9/26	I. Tweedel	9/15

Recently Deceased Resident – Mary Ferris -- 8/15/2020

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