

NURSING HOME VISITS

We have had another wonderful year bringing the Eucharist to residents in 4 different residences. We have added to the number of our visitors with the inclusion of Josie and Florio Planna. Josie's mother is living at Viviendi, on Ile Bizard.

Pierrefonds Manor was removed from the roster when they closed as a CHSLD at the beginning of 2016, but we have doubled our visits to Sunrise to allow us to accommodate the diverse clientele they serve.

We have 2 visits that are not presently covered with musical accompaniment and we are searching to fill that void. The sounds of the piano are a cheerful and much appreciated part of our ministry. It is a soothing and natural dimension that enables all of us to participate much more abundantly.

In three of the residences the average participation is 20 and in the other 2 is varied around 9. We find this a bit disheartening but it also underlines the need to encourage these fragile seniors and their caregivers.

Through these visits the Lord richly blesses us all. If you have a "desire" to take part, don't hesitate to inquire. Every hand, voice and smile is most welcome.

Respectfully Submitted

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