Holy Family Manor Puts the Personal in Personal Care

As children, we look to our parents to care for us. They love and nurture us and provide us with the basic necessities, as well as, bless us with family traditions, structure and discipline, timely advice and are our biggest cheerleaders as they support us through the growing pains and ups and downs of life. As the years go by, we grow and change and hopefully we become wiser and not just older. Unfortunately, our beloved parents age right along with us and sometimes the caregiver roles become reversed. Then, not only do we need to care for our own growing families, our house and yard, work priorities, and whatever else life hands us, we also need to care for our dear aging parents-our parents who may need a little bit of help physically caring for themselves, gentle reminders to take medications, patience and guidance during times of confusion or the simple reassurance that someone is nearby. This can be an extremely overwhelming and stressful time. So, we look to our creator Father and seek His guidance. His love is steadfast and He will lead us as only He can. He will lead us to Holy Family Manor, the next best thing to caring for our parents by ourselves.

Personal Care Homes or Assisted Living Facilities are a wonderful transition between living alone and needing the more extensive medical and emotional care of a skilled nursing facility. Typically, they offer just the right amount of assistance, tailor their care to the individual, and house a smaller number of residents allowing for familiarity and friendships to develop with fellow residents and staff alike. At Holy Family Manor, they embrace the opportunity to create a home away from home and consider it an honor and a privilege to care for those celebrating their golden years here on God's great earth!

As the family member of a loved one who resides at Holy Family, I can tell you that I feel truly blessed to be a part of their community, their family! When it became apparent that my mother, Virginia, was not able to live alone anymore, we stepped in and researched possible places for her to live out her precious "golden years" in a clean and friendly environment, while being well cared for with respect and compassion. Holy Family Manor is that place.

Holy Family Manor certainly does put the personal in Personal Care Homes. Upon arrival at The Trexler Pavilion, one of Holy Family's personal care homes, one gets a sense of home. In its youth, Trexler Pavilion was indeed home to the former Bethlehem Steel President, Edmund F. Martin. Pretty colorful flowers and grand old trees adorn the front yard while potted plants and comfortable rocking chairs greet you on the lovely shaded front porch. Ahh, just like home! A lovely feeling of days gone by envelops you as you enter this stately home. Decorated in soothing natural greens and comfortably upholstered chairs, residents relax in front of the big screen television in the living room, gaily chat in the parlor, or visit with family nearby. Every hour on the hour, a regal grandfather clock puts in its two cents. Following a delightful tour from the administrator, we knew our beloved Mother and Nana would feel right at home.

Not only does The Trexler Pavilion offer a welcoming and comfortable physical atmosphere, but the amiable, knowledgeable and compassionate staff, care for each resident as if he or she were their own family member. One can clearly see the fruits of the spirit thriving inside every single staff member.

"...the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, generosity, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control..." – Galatians 5:22-23

The lovely and majestic Grace Mansion, Holy Family's other personal care home, situated across the street from Trexler , emulates the same cordial atmosphere of The Trexler Pavilion. Grace Mansion, also rich in history, was Holy Family's inaugural residence for the elderly back in 1962, but today dons the hat of Personal Care Home. Originally home to another of Bethlehem Steel Corporation's prestigious presidents, Eugene Grace, this new residence was named Holy Family Manor, a home where the love of God and the love of neighbor abound! Abounding love for all is at the heart of Holy Family Manor and speaks volumes about their mission.

With a wealth of activities aimed at stimulating, entertaining, and promoting the general well-being of it's residents, as well as, interesting day trips, love is not the only feeling that abounds within the walls of Holy Family's Personal Care Homes. On any given day, a resident may find themselves enthralled watching a timeless classic movie, delighted by a catchy sing-a-long, rooted on the edge of their seat hoping in anticipation that the next number called will cause them to shout out, "Bingo", mesmerized by the beauty of an evening tour of Christmas lights, or relaxed in a weekly chair yoga class. If variety is the spice of life, then life at Trexler and Grace is a jubilee!

"Be merry, really merry. The life of a true Christian should be a perpetual jubilee, a prelude to the festivals of eternity."- Saint Jean-Theophane Venard

We know that God truly wishes for us to live a life of happiness and joy in Him, that He is omniscient and omnipresent in our lives and that we need only seek Him first and He will graciously provide. At Holy Family, God is omnipresent! He exists within the hearts of those who serve you there. All you need do is look around, and their countenance reveals what God has put on their hearts. Life at Holy Family is merry, really merry and is indeed a prelude to the festivals of eternity!

A lively chat overflowing with wide grins, a quiet compassionate conversation, some boisterous banter, or a simple dialog about what's on the menu for the day is typically overheard at Holy Family's Personal Care Homes between staff and residents. Congenial attentive staff is always at the ready to spend quality time with residents. By engaging residents in conversation, care givers get personal insights that normal day to day routine does not offer, thus the level of care has been magnified.

It was always a pleasure to visit our beloved mother and Nana Virginia, at Trexler! As regular visitors, we knew the staff and other residents well, often welcoming some of my mother's friends to join us in the cozy parlor or fabulous front porch! Oh it was such a pleasure to reminisce together, remembering the "good ol' days" of Bethlehem.

So you see, when it comes time for you to consider alternative care for your loved one, Holy Family is ready and waiting to welcome them into their very personal Personal Care Homes with open arms and the love of God!

Thank you Holy Family!