$4\frac{1}{2}$ Million Elderly Housing Project

To Be Built by Church, Government

ALEXANDRIA — Monsignor Frederick Lyons, pastor of Our Lady of Prompt Succor Church in Alexandria, announced that the Church will build a new high-rise residence for elderly citizens.

The $4.5$ Million housing project, a six-story 104-unit complex, will be financed with Section 202 funding from the Department of Housing and Urban Development. Congressmen Long took a special interest and personally contacted many of the officials involved.

He also pointed out that Alexandria's economy will benefit from the construction jobs provided by the project.

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Gillis Long that HUD gave final approval to this project,” said Monsignor Lyons. “It's been a long and difficult process to get our application for elderly housing approved. In fact, in light of HUD's recent cutbacks for elderly housing, I don't know if we would ever have gotten approval without the diligent efforts of our congressional delegation. Congressman Long took a special interest and personally contacted many of the officials involved.

Senator Johnston also gave us substantial support. Senator Long joined them in writing to the Assistant of Housing and Urban Development. We're very grateful for all their help.”

Gillis Long in releasing HUD's approval, said “There is great need in Alexandria for housing for the elderly. Our Lady's Manor is especially designed to fill that need.”

The building, which will be named Our Lady's Manor, will be built on the site of the old electric power plant near the Rapides General Hospital. It will be the first of its type for the Dioceses of Alexandria and will be constructed with special features to accommodate the needs of the elderly.

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“We'll be scheduling the closing date right away and construction will be within 30 days,” said Monsignor Lyons.