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The program for mentally retarded children in the Diocese of Alexandria was initiated, in old frame buildings, in the Summer of 1954, under the name of St. Mary's Residential School for Retarded Children, Clarks, Louisiana.

Ten years later Holy Angels' Institute with modern fire-proof buildings was established in Shreveport, to serve other categories of mentally retarded children. We have recently added four more structures to Holy Angels'.

In the fall of 1971 the new St. Mary's was begun near Alexandria with completion date set for the summer of 1974. Much more funds are still needed to complete the project.

Presently there are nearly three hundred children in old St. Mary's and new Holy Angels', coming from 23 different States. When the new St. Mary's will be completed, there will be combined accommodations for nearly 500 children, in residence.

This entire program has been marvelously administered from its inception by the Sisters of the Congregation of Our Lady of Sorrows, from Rimini, Italy, whom we invited to come to the Diocese of Alexandria in 1947. We — the children, the parents, the Diocese, the Bishop — are deeply grateful to them. We likewise express our boundless gratitude to God, to all our benefactors, to our staffs, to the Federal and State Governments.

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