

Preparing for Your Move to Carondelet Center

- Conversations regarding local community norms, budgets etc. should be taken care of through the Carondelet Center contact persons, Sister Esther or Sister Judy prior to coming to the Center.
- Visiting Carondelet Center and looking at room space might help you prepare for your move. If you want to view available rooms please contact the switchboard to make an appointment.
- If you are unable to climb stairs, your room choice is limited to the second floor. At this time, we are not utilizing rooms in the South Wing.
- All bedrooms have a bed, dresser, recliner, TV, desk and chair. If you have a personal piece of furniture you want to bring with you please check with the Carondelet Center Administrator first.
- All bedrooms have limited space – safety and accessibility are criteria for room arrangement and storage. Storage is limited to the closet in your room and a metal cabinet for storage.
- Storage space is very limited at Carondelet Center. BEFORE moving to the Center, please slim down your clothes and belongings rather moving everything to the Center. You will quickly get involved in life at Carondelet Center and will put off going through your boxes. Please make it easier on yourself and Center staff.
- If you still own a trunk consider giving it away. It will take up a lot of space in your bedroom and there is no other space to store it.
- Items that you want to “store” in your closet must be in a plastic container with a lid. No cardboard is allowed.
- As you sort and pack, think about getting everything you will want to have at the Center into 5 boxes. These 5 boxes do not include the clothes on hangers or the pictures you might wish to place on your walls.
- As you sort your clothes remember that living at Carondelet Center is simple and you do not need a diverse wardrobe. Sturdy shoes are suggested as you will do a lot of walking. One warm jacket is adequate as well as two or three sweaters. All attire is appropriate at the Center and you will see that people typically wear relaxed clothing.
- A good rule of thumb as you sort “family treasures/photos” – ask yourself, who will want this after you die – if you can’t think of anyone, consider divesting yourself of it now rather than moving it. Use this opportunity to pass off some of your family treasures to the next generation. Pictures of life in community and ministry might be considered a “treasure” to the archives.
- Awards and plaques are not needed for the archives. A photocopy for your archive file is a good idea. Keeping a small selection of your generational photos is nice to keep among your things or to be given to the archives.
- The Homecare Department schedules your medical appointments if a driver is required and provides transportation to appointments they schedule and organized social outings for residents.
- If you bring a car with you, please register it with Administration at the switchboard.
- You will work with the Health Services and Homecare teams to complete medical documentation and required paperwork leading up to your move to the Center.
- Contact the IT Department for a technology assessment prior to your move.