

Archdiocese building apartment complex for low-income elderly in Slidell

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[Christopher Homes Inc.](#), an Archdiocese of New Orleans nonprofit that provides affordable housing for low-income elderly and disabled people, is building a 75-unit apartment complex on Gause Boulevard West in Slidell.

Villa Additions is slated to open in August 2016, archdiocese spokeswoman Sarah McDonald said.

The new development will take the place of a Christopher Homes facility in the Lower 9th Ward that did not reopen after Hurricane Katrina, she said.

The \$11 million project is being built on a 12-acre site that's next to the Grand Theatre and includes some wetlands. The complex will be built on the southernmost 3.5 acres of the property.

The archdiocese got Slidell to annex the area in order to receive city services, McDonald said. When the city annexed the property in June 2014, the land was rezoned from the parish's highway commercial classification to the city's high-density urban classification.

"According to Christopher Homes leadership, the city has been most welcoming and supportive as they see the need for the services CHI will offer to the elderly of the area," McDonald said.

The architect for the project is Coleman Partners. The civil engineer is J.V. Burkes & Associates, and the contractor is Anzalone General Contractors.

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