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Nuns on staff of Residence Angelica inspect a model.

Residence Angelica seen from across Rivière des Prairies.

Main entrance to Residence Angelica. Each apartment has a balcony.



Above: A Nun chats with a tenant in a typical bachelor apartment.



Left: Knitting is one of the favourite pastimes of female residents.

The complex includes 325 housing units for about 540 persons. The present rents are \$90 for a bachelor apartment, \$120 for one-bedroom apartment, \$73, including meals, for a room for one person and \$49, including meals, for a room for two persons.

Angelica, as the residents call it, has two kinds of apartment – one-and-a-half-room units (bed-sitting room and kitchenette) and two-and-a-half-room units (two bedrooms or, as an option, a bedroom and a living-room and the kitchenette). Each unit has a bathroom, and tenants have all the necessary facilities for cooking their own meals as an alternative to using the cafeteria. Maintenance (by a staff of some 130 employees), electricity, heating, water tax and nursing supervision are included in the rent. An “intercom” system connects all apartments and rooms to the reception office and a supervisory staff is on duty 24 hours of every day.

Costs are paid in whole or in part by the tenants, according to their means. Where necessary, the Department of Family and Social Welfare pays the difference between the real cost and the amount paid by the tenant. In the case of persons living on their old-age pensions, cheques are paid to the institution and tenants are handed back a minimum of \$22.50 a month for their petty expenses.

In addition to being 65 years of age, tenants must be capable of living independently and must be able to prepare their own meals.

Cases of slight illness or those needing regular treatment are looked after by a qualified nursing-staff of 60. Tenants' facilities also include three automatic elevators, a lounge on each floor, a chapel, a multi-purpose hall for group activities, a hobby shop, a laundry, a hairdressing-salon for both men and women and an air-conditioned indoor swimming-pool.