



## **FACT SHEET & TIMELINE**

### **ABOUT THE PROJECT:**

The \$45 million housing development by Mount Mary University, the School Sisters of Notre Dame Central Pacific Province and Milwaukee Catholic Home will provide a vibrant, intergenerational living environment for sisters and seniors, and an educational and supportive housing option for single mothers who are students at Mount Mary University.

### **LOCATION:**

The proposed site will be located on the north side of campus, west of the wooded area along Burleigh Street. The proposed layout includes an entrance to the complex from Burleigh Street.

### **CONSTRUCTION DETAILS:**

The project will be financed through a three-way partnership between the Schools Sisters of Notre Dame Central Pacific Province, Mount Mary University and Milwaukee Catholic home, as well as fundraising and tax-exempt bonds.

The partners have engaged an architectural firm, PRA (Plunkett Raysich Architects) of Milwaukee, and an owner's representative, Senior Housing Partners (SHP) of Minneapolis. SHP is actively engaged in numerous Milwaukee senior housing projects, including Dickson Hollow in Menomonee Falls and Fairway Knoll in Germantown.

### **HOUSING UNITS:**

- 52 private residences units for the School Sisters of Notre Dame
- 24 dormitory units for single mothers enrolled as students at Mount Mary University and their young children
- 90 independent living apartments for individuals over age 62

The private residences, designed to accommodate current needs of the sisters, will convert into student housing at an unspecified future date.

### **FEATURES AND AMENITIES:**

- An early childhood education center for children from the campus and families in the surrounding area

- A town center with amenities for the sisters and other residents including full-service, restaurant-style dining, a bistro, community rooms, a wellness center, theater and other similar amenities
- Plans for an organic garden modeled after Clare Gardens, a partnership between the Assumption BVM Franciscan Province and the Milwaukee Catholic Home, are being explored to provide organic produce for residents
- Intergenerational learning opportunities that will bring educational/lifelong learning options to residents. Campus activities will be open to members of the new intergenerational community

## **TIMELINE**

In 2018, the School Sisters of Notre Dame of the Central Pacific Province affirmed a recommendation to divest of major properties across the Province, which includes Notre Dame of Elm Grove. They also supported moving the sisters to a residence that would meet their needs and provide an opportunity for them to continue living out the mission of the SSND congregation. Subsequently, the Provincial Council formally adopted this recommendation and moved forward. The \$45 million project is expected to break ground in mid-2020.

The project is expected to be ready for move-in by the end of November 2021.

## **ABOUT THE PARTNERS**

### **SCHOOL SISTERS OF NOTRE DAME CENTRAL PACIFIC PROVINCE:**

In 2018, the School Sisters of Notre Dame of the Central Pacific Province voted to move their residence from Notre Dame of Elm Grove to a residence that will serve the needs of the sisters. Subsequently the Provincial Council formally adopted this recommendation and moved forward with plans to build on the Mount Mary University campus.

One hundred sisters currently live at Notre Dame of Elm Grove and approximately 100 additional sisters live throughout the Milwaukee community; many of them will have the opportunity to move to the new facility.

### **MILWAUKEE CATHOLIC HOME:**

Milwaukee Catholic Home, which currently manages the care provided to the School Sisters at Notre Dame in Elm Grove, will continue to serve the sisters and manage the day-to-day operations at this new location.

### **MOUNT MARY UNIVERSITY:**

The project will provide housing for single mothers and their children, and offer synergies with academic programs, including nursing, dietetics and occupational therapy.

The move to bring religious orders back to their home campuses is happening in other communities across the country. The Sisters of St. Joseph of Carondelet, for example, have recently built a retirement community next to St. Catherine University in St. Paul, Minnesota.

While it is relatively uncommon, a handful of other institutions currently offer housing for single mothers. One of them is the College of St. Mary in Omaha, Nebraska, where Mount Mary University President Christine Pharr, Ph.D., served in multiple leadership roles, including vice president for academic affairs.

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#### ABOUT MOUNT MARY

*Mount Mary University is an urban Catholic university committed to social justice and the development of the whole person. Founded in 1913 by the School Sisters of Notre Dame, it is the first four-year, degree-granting Catholic institution for women in Wisconsin. Today it serves a diverse population and offers more than 30 undergraduate majors for women and eight graduate programs for women and men. [www.mtmary.edu](http://www.mtmary.edu)*

#### ABOUT THE SCHOOL SISTERS OF NOTRE DAME

*The School Sisters of Notre Dame are members of an international congregation of women religious which was founded in Bavaria in 1833. The first sisters arrived in North America in 1847. School Sisters of Notre Dame, now living and ministering on five continents, have two provinces in North America. The Milwaukee area is served by the Central Pacific Province. [www.ssndcentralpacific.org](http://www.ssndcentralpacific.org)*

#### ABOUT MILWAUKEE CATHOLIC HOME

*Milwaukee Catholic Home (MCH) has been serving older adults for over 100 years. The organization was founded in 1913 by a group of women associated with the Marquette Women's League who recognized the need for compassionate care and residential services for seniors in the Milwaukee area. Today MCH offers a full continuum of care for older adults, including independent living apartments, assisted living, short-term rehabilitation, memory care, and skilled nursing. Additionally, MCH provides operational management services to other non-profit organizations including the School Sisters of Notre Dame in Elm Grove. [www.milwaukeeecatholichome.org](http://www.milwaukeeecatholichome.org)*