



## **SITE PREPARATION AND TREE REMOVAL**

### **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.

The project is expected to be ready for move-in by October 2021.

### **LOCATION:**

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

### **CONSTRUCTION UPDATE:**

The partners have engaged Scott Kerner Tree Service and Veit to prepare the site for construction, which is set to begin in late July.

### **TREE REMOVAL DETAILS:**

The ten-acre forested area on the northeast side of campus adjacent to the construction area will not be affected. This area includes a high-quality second-growth southern mesic forest. This type of forest, with soaring canopy trees and great biodiversity, is rare in Milwaukee County and a treasured campus resource.

In the affected area, approximately 300 trees will be removed from the construction zone. The majority of these trees (255 total) are non-native Scotch pine trees that are diseased and reaching their end of life.

A processor and chainsaws are being used to remove the trees. This method is consistent with best management practices standards set by the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources. The removal process will take four days followed by two weeks for wood chipping and stump-grinding.

These trees have been – and remain – a valuable resource to our campus environment and they will continue to contribute to the good of all:

- The pine trees will be transported to paper mills in Kaukauna, Wis., to be repurposed.
- The remaining hardwood trees will be used for various purposes. The boards from several trees will be integrated into the design of interior walls for our new buildings, including bur oak, sugar maple, hickory, elm, ash and pine.
- The remaining lumber will be sold and used for saw logs and other construction.

Upon completion of the construction project, new trees will be planted around the site as replacement.

## **ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT**

To create an environment harmonious with the campus and the landscape, a number of mitigation features are included in the design, such as 6,000 square feet of rain garden plantings, and a retention pond to minimize water runoff. Native plants will be integrated throughout the grounds. The parking lot will utilize porous pavers, supported by a \$1.3 million grant from the Milwaukee Metropolitan Sewerage District.

## **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.milwaukeecatholichome.org](http://www.milwaukeecatholichome.org)*