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O'Fallon's Sisters of the Most Precious Blood Plan Development to Continue Legacy of Care

The Sisters of the Most Precious Blood have lived and worked in O'Fallon, Mo., since 1873. They have been a constant presence in the community, educating children and adults, providing spiritual support and even giving city residents access to drinking water when O'Fallon experienced a critical water shortage in the 1920s. Their Motherhouse, St. Mary's Institute, recently was assigned a designation on the National Register of Historic Places, recognizing the importance of the Sisters to the O'Fallon community.

“Seeking historic designation of our buildings acknowledges that our history as Sisters of the Most Precious Blood is engrained in the very walls of these buildings and at this site. Even more, historic designation stirs a desire to commit ourselves anew to a future that will serve others in this space we now call ‘home,’” said Sister Mary Whited, the congregational leader.

After a long, careful and collaborative process with McEagle Properties and a team of experts, the Sisters have a plan for their 42-acre Motherhouse site on North Main Street that will breathe new life into part of their existing campus, while also providing services and housing for seniors in the area.

Ninety five sisters currently live on the campus, which includes 12 main buildings and five supporting buildings, ranging in age from 10 to 130 years old. The Sisters have worked with McEagle Properties to develop a plan to turn a portion of their 42-acre site into an assisted living community for seniors, with some additional mixed-use services. The project is slated to begin in September and should be completed in 2011.

The development will be called the Village of St. Mary's and the continuing care retirement community will be known as Theresa Center, named for the order's Foundress, Theresa Weber.

The project will provide three types of senior living, including senior apartments, assisted living, and skilled care. The remainder of the site will include single family villas and homes available for purchase as well as a portion of mixed-use development to include services, such as retail and small businesses, which will generate taxes that will go back into the O'Fallon community.

The project development team includes McEagle Properties, Sisters of the Most Precious Blood; Paric Corporation, design/build contractor; Cole & Associates, engineers; the Lawrence Group, architects; St. Andrew's Management Services, senior living consultant; St. Louis Equity Fund; and the City of O'Fallon.

The Sisters of the Most Precious Blood is a Roman Catholic order of women religious dedicated to bringing the reconciling presence of Jesus to the world through various ministries, including their outreach to the poor and through their sponsored institutions: St.

Elizabeth Academy, St. Elizabeth Adult Day Care Center and Centers for Professional and Pastoral Services. For more information, visit www.cpps-ofallon.org.

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