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Madonna Manor Celebrates One-Year Anniversary of Sponsorship Transfer

Villa Hills--February 1, 2008 marks the one-year anniversary of the transfer of sponsorship of Madonna Manor from the Benedictine Sisters of St. Walburg Monastery to the Sisters of St. Francis of Sylvania Ohio and Franciscan Services Corporation, the Sisters' health and human services ministry.

Madonna Manor continues to provide the exceptional level of compassionate care for which it has been committed since its founding in 1964 by Sr. Benedict Bunning and the Benedictine Sisters of St. Walburg Monastery. Built on the cornerstone of providing care for older adults who could no longer care for themselves and for those whose financial resources were exhausted, the Manor has grown to encompass 47 independent living apartments, 25 personal care rooms, and 35 nursing care beds. And in the 44-year history of the Manor, no one has ever been asked to leave because of their inability to pay for the care they receive.

In order to preserve the Manor's vision of providing a faith-based and responsive continuum of care for aging adults, the Benedictine Sisters chose to transfer sponsorship of Madonna Manor to the Franciscan Sisters, whose values of Reverence, Service and Stewardship are closely aligned to those of the Benedictines. In addition, the Franciscan Sisters bring over 90 years of experience and expertise to a shared healthcare ministry that not only enhances the values-centered service provided, but ensures that Madonna Manor is well positioned to continue this legacy into the future.

Manor residents and staff are celebrating the anniversary with cake and other festivities in recognition of the symbiotic relationship that exists between the history and continued presence of the Benedictine Sisters and the proficiency and influence of the Franciscan Sisters. This also kicks off a year-long commitment to honor the values of Reverence, Service and Stewardship while exploring inspiring and practical ways to express these values in caring for beloved residents and their families.

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