

News Release

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Catholic Eldercare is a Founding Partner of Archdiocese-Sponsored Catholic Senior Services

Minneapolis, Minn. — Catholic Eldercare is a founding partner of Catholic Senior Services (CSS), a new organization created by the Archdiocese of Saint Paul and Minneapolis to address the housing, care services and spiritual needs of the community's older adults in a more comprehensive way.

“We are honored to partner with the Archdiocese for such an important community mission. The well being of our elders is an issue of great personal interest in every parish,” said Catholic Eldercare President and CEO Mary Broderick. “The goal of CSS is to bring together community resources to strengthen the availability of affordable housing, quality care and services for older adults. We want to ensure elders live dignified lives and remain engaged in the wider community, to the greatest extent possible. In doing this important work we serve our biblical mandate to honor our elders,” she added.

CSS represents a continuum of Catholic-sponsored senior housing and services that will serve older adults of all economic levels. It will collaborate with parishes, Catholic long-term-care and other organizations, always looking to develop additional community partnerships. Serving as a resource, CSS will draw Catholic entities together in a more organized way to meet the expanding needs of seniors and to increase opportunities for elders to stay connected to their neighborhoods and church.

Initially, CSS will offer coordinated long-term-care and housing referrals through its four founding Twin Cities area Catholic affiliates: Catholic Eldercare; the Franciscan Health Community—St. Paul; St. Therese—New Hope; and St. Therese Southwest—Hopkins.

More information on this innovative community collaboration is available at:

www.catholicseniorservices.org.