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**NEWS RELEASE
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**School Sisters of Notre Dame Central Pacific Province Receives Grant
from Catholic Community Foundation of Milwaukee**

Grant will support expenses associated with the health care costs of retired sisters

Milwaukee (February 3, 2023) – The School Sisters of Notre Dame Central Pacific Province (SSND) received a grant from the Catholic Community Foundation of Milwaukee to support expenses associated with the health care costs of retired sisters in the Milwaukee area.

Currently there are more than 150 SSND living in the Milwaukee area. More than half of those sisters are retired, nearly 50 require full-time nursing care. In December 2021, retired SSND moved from their longtime Elm Grove location to Trinity Woods, an intergenerational living community on the campus of Mount Mary University providing private residences for the retired sisters, lay seniors and undergraduate Mount Mary single mothers and their children under the age of 12.

“The SSND Resource Development Office raises funds for sponsored ministries and the needs of retired sisters,” said Mary Kay Murray, Director of Development. “The sisters have given so much to their community over their lifetimes, it is heartwarming that the community continues to support them in retirement. This grant award from the Catholic Community Foundation will help offset the cost of caring for our retired sisters. It is deeply appreciated.”

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The School Sisters of Notre Dame Central Pacific Province (<https://www.ssndcentralpacific.org/>) is part of an international community of women religious whose mission is to proclaim the good news, directing their entire lives toward that oneness for which Jesus Christ was sent. The sisters live and minister in 47 dioceses, 22 states, Ghana, Guam, Italy, Japan, Kenya and Nepal. They continue the sacred work of their foundress, Blessed Theresa of Jesus Gerhardinger, to



transform the world through education, giving special emphasis to women, young people and those who are poor.

Since 2001, The Catholic Community Foundation of Milwaukee (<https://catholiccf.org/>) has supported effective philanthropy in Southeastern Wisconsin through two primary roles: **For donors:** Establish permanent charitable funds to create long-lasting support for the causes individuals and families care about. **For parishes, schools and other Catholic organizations:** Provide cost-effective, socially responsible investment management to keep endowment assets growing. As a not-for-profit 501(c)(3) corporation, the Foundation is independent of the Archdiocese of Milwaukee. Our board of directors includes Catholic religious and community leaders. The Foundation focuses on four priority areas: education; leadership development; health care for the underserved in Milwaukee; and community-building to strengthen families, parishes and those suffering from poverty, discrimination, and violence.

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