

St. Ann's complex breaks ground

Mike Latona/Catholic Courier

WEBSTER — Groundbreaking has begun on Cherry Ridge, a senior-citizen housing development owned and operated by St. Ann's Community.

The 41-acre site is located northeast of the Ridge Road-Five Mile Line Road intersection, just south of the Route 104 expressway. Site work began in early October, with construction set to begin in the spring of 2003. The first units are expected to become available in the spring or summer of 2004, with the entire complex to be completed by the end of that year. LeCesse Construction Co. currently serves as the construction manager.

Cherry Ridge will offer several options for lifestyle choices and nursing care. The project's first phase will include 75 assisted-living units, including 24 beds for people requiring special care related to dementia; 71 independent apartments for people with moderate incomes; and 68 cottage-style homes. The second phase will offer more than 100 beds for patients requiring skilled nursing care. The third, and final, phase is expected to include 26 assisted-living units and 71 moderate-income apartments.

Residents of assisted-living units



Courtesy of St. Ann's Community

Cherry Ridge, a senior housing complex, will be constructed by 2004.

would receive help with bathing, dressing and eating. Residents of the cottages and apartments would have "a la carte" options for meals and housekeeping.

Another major feature of Cherry Ridge will be a multi-purpose community center with such amenities as a cafe, activity room, fitness center, library with computer stations, beauty and barber shop and chapel. Outdoors, much of the site's wooded surroundings will be preserved,

with hiking trails to be added.

Cherry Ridge marks St. Ann's first full-time residential facility away from its main campus at 1500 Portland Ave., Rochester. That campus comprises St. Ann's Home, a nursing facility; The Heritage, an apartment building connected to St. Ann's Home; and Chapel Oaks, a retirement community.

"This is very exciting, to bring our services to a new community," said Eileen Ryan-Maruke, vice

president of marketing and community relations for St. Ann's Community. She said St. Ann's has already received double the projected number of deposits from people wishing to occupy moderate-income apartments.

The \$46 million Cherry Ridge project is the result of "several years of market research," said Debra Metzger, St. Ann's vice president of planning and project development. Metzger explained that suburbs in eastern Monroe County have less of this type of senior housing than is available on the west side. She also noted that many adult children of St. Ann's Community residents already reside in the Webster-Penfield area.

Metzger said that if this project is successful, St. Ann's Community would like "to try and replicate it again in a few years" elsewhere in Monroe County.

EDITOR'S NOTE: For details on Cherry Ridge, visit the information center at 876 Ridge Road, Webster. Or call 585/697-6700 or go to www.cherryridgecommunity.com.

Catholic man crucified in Ireland

Cian Molloy/CNS

DUBLIN, Ireland — The crucifixion of a Catholic man on the outskirts of Belfast was a sectarian attack, said a priest in Northern Ireland.

"It may have started off for other reasons," said Father Martin Magill of the Church of the Nativity in Poleglass, an area of West Belfast. "But once they realized who they had, the attack took on an extra viciousness."

Harry McCartan, 23, of Poleglass was attacked by a gang early Nov. 2. His hands were nailed to a wooden stile, and he was found bleeding profusely from his eyes, ears and mouth. He was taken to the hospital with blocks of wood still attached to his hands.

McCartan was so disfigured from the beating that his father could identify him only from a tattoo of his daughter's name on his arm.

Police said the attack was linked to a rise in car crime in the area.

McCartan was released from prison in October after serving a

15-month sentence for car theft.

Father Magill said there was no justification for what happened to the victim.

"My experience of talking to a wide variety of people in this community is that there is absolutely no support for what happened to McCartan. Nobody, but nobody, deserves such absolutely horrific and barbaric treatment," he said.

An Ulster Defense Association source told the *Guardian* newspaper that loyalists were behind the assault but denied leadership sanctioned it. The source said the attack was in response to car crime in the staunchly Protestant Seymour Hill area of Dunmurry, on the outskirts of South Belfast.

Loyalists, mainly Protestants, want Northern Ireland to remain a province of Great Britain while nationalists, mainly Catholics, want Northern Ireland united with the Irish Republic.

Father Magill said that, while his parishioners have suffered sectarian attacks and shootings for several years, sectarian violence has in-

creased in recent months.

Vigilante groups in Northern Ireland routinely mete out their own style of punishment for crimes in their neighborhood, such as car theft and drug dealing not authorized by the groups. Victims often are beaten with nail-studded baseball bats, which is believed to be what happened to McCartan.

Following the attack, Father Magill was part of an ecumenical delegation that met with the assistant police chief to request extra police in Poleglass and Lisburn to address the car crime issue.

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