



Press Release

Little Sisters of the Poor to withdraw from Sacred Heart Home in Oregon, Ohio

(08/24/2018) – Today the Little Sisters of the Poor announced with sadness that they will be withdrawing from the Sacred Heart Home in Oregon, Ohio. This morning the Sisters met with the Residents, their families, lay Associates, staff and volunteers sharing their decision.

The Little Sisters have served in the diocese of Toledo continuously since 1885 when they rented a house on Front and Platt Street; they moved to a new building on Starr Avenue in 1889. In 1969 they moved to Navarre Avenue and in 2003 to the present Home on South Wynn Road. In making the announcement, Mother Loraine Marie Clare, provincial superior, explained: “As part of a strategic plan aimed at strengthening their ministry and the quality of our religious and community life, we Little Sisters have recognized the need to withdraw from a certain number of homes in the United States, while at the same time dedicating our resources to much needed upgrades and reconstruction projects in several others.”

The community is in discussions with a Catholic senior living group who is very interested in assuming the ownership and operation of Sacred Heart Home. The Residents will be offered the opportunity to remain at Sacred Heart.

Bishop Daniel Thomas offered the following statement: “For 133 years, the Little Sisters have exercised an invaluable apostolate of care for the poor, sick, elderly and dying in our diocese. Their public witness of the evangelical counsels of poverty, chastity and obedience, and selfless service in Jesus’ name of their brothers and sisters in need, have been a tremendous blessing for countless individuals and families. ”

In letters to the Residents and their family members, Mother Jeanne Mary, superior of Sacred Heart Home, also offered the Residents the possibility of moving to another Home sponsored by the Little Sisters of the Poor. “Know that if you wish to go to any of our other Homes so that you can continue to be part of the Little Sisters’ family, you will be welcomed with open arms.”

Mother Loraine Marie Clare concluded the announcement by thanking all those who have supported the mission of Sacred Heart Home and the Little Sisters of the Poor for so many years. In a special way she thanked to Diocese of Toledo for its leadership in promoting and supporting the mission of the Little Sisters of the Poor for the past 133 years. She assured every one of the Sisters’ prayers and support throughout the transition period.

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