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PRESS RELEASE

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God's Providence Calls Sisters to New Spaces and Places

In a joint statement released in October, the Sisters of St. Francis of the Providence of God announced the sale of their motherhouse property in Pittsburgh to Penn Cove Group Capital.

“God’s Providence has been with us throughout the many changes that have taken place in our history and we know that Providence continues to lead us,” said General Minister Sister Joanne Brazinski. “We have been blessed to be on Mount Providence for 93 years, and now we are being called to journey forward to new spaces and places.”

The Sisters will continue to have a presence on the property. The Franciscan Child Day Care Center will remain at its current location in the St. Francis Academy building, and some Sisters will continue to reside on the property. The offices for Vicariate 2 of the Diocese of Pittsburgh will also remain at their current location.

The future of the remaining property has yet to be announced by PCG Capital. In the joint statement PCG Capital said, “The Sisters have treated this property with respect for the past 93 years, and PCG Capital will continue to honor the traditions of the Sisters being a good community steward.”

Guided by Providence and embracing Franciscan simplicity, the Sisters are “right-sizing” to continue to be good stewards of their mission and the environment, as well as best care for their senior members. Their administrative offices and several Sisters recently relocated to more sustainable office space and residences in Pittsburgh’s Castle Shannon, South Park and Jefferson Hills neighborhoods.

“We’re going through many changes and as we do so we are focusing on our charism and mission,” said Sister Joanne. “We are simply relocating. Our ministries will continue, and we have every intention of maintaining our presence in the Pittsburgh area and beyond.”

Sisters missioned outside of Pittsburgh continue to reside close to their ministries in other areas of Pennsylvania, Ohio and New York. The congregation’s senior sisters in need of assisted living and personal care services reside at Presbyterian SeniorCare in Oakmont, PA. Beyond the United States, 45 Sisters continue to minister in Brazil with some serving in Bolivia and Haiti.

Founded in 1922, the Sisters of St. Francis of the Providence of God is an international congregation of Catholic women religious comprised of 29 Sisters in the USA and 45 Sisters in Brazil. The Sisters actively serve in the cities of Pittsburgh and São Paulo, as well as other urban and rural areas of the USA, Brazil, Bolivia and Haiti. Ministries and outreach efforts include



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prayer, education, advocacy, health care, social work, spiritual direction and parish ministries. Sponsored ministries in Pittsburgh include the Franciscan Child Day Care Center that oversees the needs of over 125 infants, toddlers and pre-kindergarten aged children under their care and guidance. The Center also provides Before-and-After School Care and Summer Enrichment Programs. For more information, please visit www.osfprov.org.

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Sisters of St. Francis of the Providence of God – Penn Cove Group Capital Joint Statement Concerning the Motherhouse Property in Pittsburgh, PA

The Sisters of St. Francis of the Providence of God have owned the property at the corner of Grove and McRoberts Roads in Whitehall for 93 years. Desiring to be good stewards as they plan for their future, they are selling this land to Penn Cove Group Capital.

To date, this land has been the home for the sisters, the site of the former St. Francis Academy and has offered, for many, spiritual refreshment through the hermitages and programs of the Franciscan Spirit and Life Center. *Faithful to their charism and conscious of their mission in the Church, the Sisters witness to the Kingdom by their lives of service.*

This site is the present location for the Franciscan Child Day Care Center and offices for the Vicariate 2 of the Diocese of Pittsburgh, which will both continue at this location. The Sisters will also continue their various other ministries. Values that have been important to the sisters are shared by the new owner of the property - preservation of the green space, respect for the wild life, and a sense of the sacred. Some of the sisters will continue to reside at the site while others have taken up residence in other locations. The administration offices of the congregation have also been relocated.

Penn Cove Group Capital would like to thank the Sisters of St. Francis of the Providence of God for the opportunity to collaborate on the project. The Sisters have treated this property with respect for the past 93 years, and PCG Capital will continue to honor the traditions of the Sisters being a good community steward.

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