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**Santa Marta Announces The Plaza Health Services,
A New Option for Area Seniors**

Faith-based, Life Care Community Offers Quality Care in Tuscan-inspired Setting

Olathe, Kan. – Now that Santa Marta has created an entirely different independent lifestyle in Kansas City, the community is opening its doors to seniors and their families who need a different level of quality care and assistance. In its beautiful Tuscan-inspired setting, Santa Marta, a new faith-based senior living community, is now offering assisted living, memory support, skilled nursing and rehabilitation.

Walking through Santa Marta, you are quickly enveloped in the elegant architectural details, from arched cathedral ceilings and incredible chandeliers, to fine woodwork and many artistic Italian touches. This warm and inviting atmosphere carries through into The Plaza Health Services at Santa Marta.

“We are excited to offer a health care presence in Olathe and the surrounding communities. The Plaza offers the area’s most advanced and innovative health care available in a spiritual environment,” said Mari Ann Laricks, senior living counselor for Santa Marta. “The Plaza provides needed services, and supports the Archdiocese in its mission to provide quality health care to the community.”

Sponsored by the Archdiocese of Kansas City in Kansas, The Plaza provides three levels of care, including 32 assisted living apartments, 16 memory support suites and 32 skilled nursing suites. As a Life Care community, The Plaza’s services are available both as part of the continuum of care for Santa Marta’s residents, and also for outside residents on a private-pay basis.

“One of the great things about Santa Marta is that we can provide short-term care for those who have had, for example, knee or hip surgery, to around-the-clock care for those needing full-time assistance,” said Laricks. “Residents and their families can enjoy peace of mind that our community will provide a high level of care in a safe and engaging environment.”

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Health care at The Plaza is delivered by care professionals, including physicians, RNs, LPNs, Certified Nurse Aides and Certified Medication Aides.

According to Laricks, Santa Marta works with residents and families to determine the appropriate level of care for each resident, then develops a personalized care plan that is implemented to best fit their physical, social, emotional and spiritual needs.

“But more than just physical health services, at The Plaza we’re committed to going above and beyond for our residents and their families,” said Laricks. “We offer a range of programs customized for personal attention, and provide experts in everything from diet to spiritual needs – all delivered in warm, comfortable surroundings that cater to all parts of life, not just the ones requiring medical attention.”

More information about The Plaza Health Services at Santa Marta is available by calling Mari Ann Laricks at (913) 323-7107, or by visiting www.santamartaretirement.com.

Santa Marta, located at 13800 W. 116th Street in Olathe, Kan., and across from St. Thomas Aquinas High School, is sponsored by the Archdiocese of Kansas City in Kansas. The community’s 45-acre campus provides adults age 62 plus with a unique lifestyle experience and a variety of residential options, including 138 spacious apartment homes and The Villas at Santa Marta, 24 Tuscan-inspired private homes located in an exclusive setting on the grounds of Santa Marta. Santa Marta residents enjoy a full range of services and amenities such as maintenance-free living, restaurant-style dining, heated underground parking, a chapel, library, arts and crafts studio, and fitness and aquatic center.

The Archdiocese of Kansas City in Kansas is comprised of 21 counties in northeastern Kansas, covering more than 12,500 square miles. The Archdiocese serves more than 180,000 Catholics through its agencies, departments, parishes, schools and institutions.

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