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St. Louis Center CEO Transition on December 1st, 2023

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St. Louis Center, a residential care facility for individuals with intellectual and developmental disabilities (I/DD) in Chelsea, MI, is pleased to announce significant leadership changes effective December 1, 2023. Father Satheesh Alphonse, SdC, will assume the role of Chief Executive Officer, succeeding Father Enzo Addari, SdC, who will transition to a supporting role.

Father Enzo Addari, a dedicated member of the Servants of Charity, has been instrumental in the growth and success of St. Louis Center since 1983. His commitment began in seminary when he chose to work with those with developmental disabilities. His journey brought him from Italy to the United States in 1977, where he earned a master's degree from Villanova University, eventually becoming Chief Executive Officer of the St. Louis Center in 2005. Under his leadership, St. Louis Center celebrated its 50th and 60th Anniversaries, expanded into St. Louis Guanella Village, and evolved into a pioneering model for comprehensive and integrated services for people with I/DD. Father Enzo's vision has made the Center a lighthouse of hope and a model replicated nationwide.

Father Satheesh Alphonse, also a member of the Servants of Charity, brings his own unique energy and charisma to the role. Originally from India, he is known for his joyful spirit and commitment to spreading the Gospel. Father Satheesh began his journey at St. Louis Center in 2006, later serving at Pious Union in Grass Lake, and since 2018 as pastor of Our Lady of Fatima in Michigan Center. Father Satheesh's new role as CEO reflects his extensive service and community involvement. His leadership is warmly embraced by both the residents and staff of St. Louis Center, who are excited to welcome a familiar and respected figure into this pivotal role. Father Satheesh is well-positioned to lead the Center into the future, further enriching its legacy of innovation and compassionate care.

Reflecting on the transition, Father Enzo shares, "There is a time for beginning projects and a time for passing them to capable hands. I am confident in Father Satheesh's leadership and look forward to supporting him during this transition. I extend my heartfelt thanks to the community for their unwavering support over the past 18 years as CEO."

St. Louis Center, now in its 64th year, remains committed to providing a nurturing and inclusive community for adults with I/DD. For more information about St. Louis Center or to support its programs, please visit stlouiscenter.org or call 734-475-8430.

St. Louis Center is a caring, residential, family living and learning environment providing for the physical, emotional and spiritual needs of adults with intellectual and developmental disabilities (I/DD). v2



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