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**Clare Oaks Welcomes Archbishop Blase Cupich
*Leader of Archdiocese of Chicago celebrates Mass with residents***

BARTLETT, IL – Clare Oaks, the premier retirement living community in northwest Chicago, welcomed an honored guest today, when Archbishop Blase Cupich of the Archdiocese of Chicago celebrated a special Mass with residents in the Sacred Heart Chapel at Clare Oaks.

Following the celebration of Liturgy, Archbishop Cupich greeted Clare Oaks residents at a small reception.

"Today has been an incredibly special memory for our residents and for everyone at Clare Oaks," said Beth McGowan Welch, CEO, Clare Oaks Retirement Community. "We have all been looking forward to this day for the past few months, and we could not be more honored that Archbishop Cupich took the time to be with us today."

Archbishop Cupich was installed as the 9th Archbishop of the Archdiocese of Chicago in November 2014. Born in Omaha, Nebraska, he was ordained into the priesthood in 1975 and went on to serve in many pastoral and administrative roles in Omaha, Washington, D.C., Columbus, Ohio, Rapid City, South Dakota, and Spokane, Washington before arriving in Chicago. Archbishop Cupich serves on many committees, including: The National Catholic Educations Association Board; The United States Conference of Catholic Bishops (USCCB) Subcommittee for the Church in Central and Eastern Europe; The USCCB Ad Hoc Committee on Scripture Translation; Catholic Extension Society The Catholic Mutual Relief Society; and The Crazy Horse Memorial Foundation Board. He is also Chancellor of the University of St. Mary of the Lake, Mundelein, Illinois.

Clare Oaks was founded by the Sisters of St. Joseph of the Third Order of St. Francis. Located on a beautiful 41-acre campus set in Bartlett, the Continuing Care Retirement Community offers a selection of independent living apartments and cottage homes, assisted living apartments, and skilled nursing at the Assisi Health Care Center, which has received a Five-Star rating from Medicare. Clare Oaks was recently awarded a five-year term of Accreditation from the Continuing Care Accreditation Commission (CARF-CCAC), the nation's only accrediting body for continuing care retirement communities and similar organizations.

Residents at Clare Oaks enjoy compassionate care and fantastic amenities, including gourmet dining, recreation and educational activities and a variety of social, cultural and entertainment events, all surrounded by nature's lush, wooded beauty.

Opened in 2008, Clare Oaks provides a complete spectrum of care to seniors, with assured access to assisted living, memory care, skilled nursing and rehabilitative services. The outstanding and fulfilling lifestyle at Clare Oaks gives residents the opportunity to age in place in an environment of their choosing. Seniors select a residence for their current lifestyle, and gain the ability to change their level of care should the need arise.

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