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**Regina Cleri, Home for Retired Priests in the Archdiocese of St. Louis,
Reports Additional Confirmed Cases of COVID-19**

Regina Cleri, a residence for retired priests located in Shrewsbury, Mo., has reported eight new confirmed cases of COVID-19, in addition to the first confirmed case reported on Saturday, April 18. Two of the residents confirmed with COVID-19 are currently hospitalized and are expected to be discharged within the next 48 hours. All of the residents have been quarantined to their living spaces with meals being provided to them. The Archdiocese of St. Louis and leadership at Regina Cleri are working with Missouri and St. Louis County health officials to ensure they are following all protocols.

Regina Cleri continues to adhere to the guidelines offered by the Center for Clinical Standards and Quality as well as the Department of Health and Senior Services to ensure the health and safety of residents. This includes the following measures:

- The restriction of all visitors and non-essential personnel, except for health care workers and compassionate care situations such as hospice care, since March 16, 2020.
- The restriction of all travel outside the grounds of Regina Cleri by residents since March 20, 2020, with the exception of essential medical appointments.
- An order for all residents to self-quarantine in their individual apartments since April 18, 2020.
- Daily health screenings for all essential employees and residents, which increased to three times daily beginning April 18, 2020.
- Increased availability and accessibility of alcohol-based hand rubs (ABHRs), tissues and facemasks, as well as reinforcement of strong hand-hygiene practices and the use of non-touch receptacles for disposal.
- Increased regular professional cleanings for all areas within Regina Cleri. The next scheduled disinfection is scheduled for this evening, April 20, 2020.
- The use of gloves, masks and all appropriate personal protective equipment by staff.

Residents are being closely monitored for symptoms, and leadership of the community as well as the Archdiocese of St. Louis will continue to be in communication with health officials to ensure all guidelines and protocols are followed.