

**\*\*Media Alert\*\***

**Grand Opening and Blessing of St. Anthony Garden Courts–  
Osceola County’s Newest Low Income Senior Housing Development**

- Who:** Bishop John Noonan, Diocese of Orlando  
Arne Nelson, President and CEO of Catholic Charities of Central Florida  
Brandon Arrington, Chairman of the Board of County Commissioners
- What:** Catholic Charities of Central Florida and Osceola County will host a ribbon cutting ceremony to celebrate the grand opening of St. Anthony Garden Courts in St. Cloud. Bishop John Noonan will bless the 50-unit low income housing development for seniors.
- When:** October 6, 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.
- Where:** St. Anthony Garden Courts, 444 Hamilton Park Circle St. Cloud, FL 34769
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Catholic Charities of Central Florida was able to move forward with this housing project after being awarded a \$7 million dollar Neighborhood Stabilization Program grant through the county and federal government. The 50-unit low incoming housing development for seniors complies with Fair Housing Act guidelines.

The complex features one, two and three bedroom rental units with safety features for seniors and has a community center for recreational activities.

There will be a reception to follow the ribbon cutting and blessing.

**Additional Information:**

There will be interview opportunities with newly approved residents of this senior housing community.

Catholic Charities of Central Florida developed and operates a similar facility, St. Joseph Garden Courts, in East Orlando for low-income seniors. “There is great need for developments of this kind. It is imperative that we reach out to our senior population. It is our moral obligation,” remarked Arne Nelson, President and CEO of Catholic Charities of Central Florida. “We are grateful to Osceola County and the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development for choosing Catholic Charities of Central Florida to develop and operate this critical project.”

Osceola County Chairman Brandon Arrington commented that he is pleased to see St. Anthony Garden Courts opening its doors to serve our community in these tough economic times. “The

use of federal dollars not only made this project a reality, but also infused several million dollars into our local economy through the construction of several new homes,” said Arrington.

Catholic Charities of Central Florida, Inc. is one of the foremost providers of social services in the state of Florida, having served more than 130,000 men, women and children over the past year. Catholic Charities of Central Florida’s mission is to provide vital social services to people in need, regardless of race, religion or social status to improve the lives of individuals, families and the community.