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Annual Volunteer Appreciation Dinner A Grand Time at Maristhill Nursing & Rehab Center

REVEREND MICHAEL HARRINGTON GUEST SPEAKER



WALTHAM, MA – (June 23, 2009) **Maristhill Nursing & Rehabilitation Center**, a non-profit provider of rehabilitative services, short-term and long-term care located in Waltham Massachusetts, recently celebrated their annual **Volunteer Appreciation Dinner** with **Reverend Michael Harrington**, Assistant Director of Vocations for the Archdiocese of Boston, as guest speaker.

The Maristhill chapel was transformed into a “red carpet” dining room for the event, at which a special menu was prepared and gifts of appreciation given to each volunteer in attendance. Father Harrington praised the volunteers for their work, noting that “it is truly a special kind of person who volunteers.” He spoke passionately about the spiritual joy spread by their efforts, and shared some of his positive experiences working with young people from local parishes.

Administrator **Carolyn Fenn** also addressed the audience, providing insight into Maristhill’s “culture change” initiative, which is part of an overall philosophy and practice of creating a more home-like environment, where residents are truly at the center of the organization. “These improvements could not be done without the daily support of our strong volunteer staff,” she said. “Their dedication adds a significant component to the quality-of-life for all of us here at Maristhill.”

Janet DiNapoli, an accomplished flutist, provided background music throughout the evening.

Originally founded in 1969 by the Marist Missionary Sisters, Maristhill is a licensed skilled-nursing and rehabilitation center with a highly-recognized performance record for clinical excellence and quality care. People of all faiths and denominations are welcomed at the 123-bed facility, which is a member of **Covenant Health Systems**, a Catholic health care system sponsoring hospitals, nursing homes, assisted living residences and other health and elder services throughout New England. For additional information please contact Ms. Carolyn Fenn, Administrator, at (781) 893-0240 or visit www.maristhill.org.

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