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Madonna University awarded Gold status for environmentally-friendly building

LIVONIA, Mich. – Madonna University’s commitment to developing a sustainable and eco-friendly campus was recognized today when the U.S. Green Building Council awarded Gold level LEED® (Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design) certification for the University’s new, 60,000 square-foot Franciscan Center. The LEED certification was verified by the Green Building Certification Institute (GBCI).



"We are very pleased to be recognized with Gold certification by the U.S. Green Building Council," said Madonna University President Sr. Rose Marie Kujawa. "With the Franciscan Center, we not only wanted to build a state-of-the-art facility for our students, but also to do so in a way that was friendly to our environment and that testified to our seriousness of purpose regarding the Franciscan value of reverence for creation."

LEED is the nation’s preeminent program for the design, construction and operation of high performance green buildings. LEED is an internationally recognized green building certification system, providing third-party verification that a building or community was designed and built using strategies aimed at improving performance across all the metrics that matter most: energy savings, water efficiency, CO2 emissions reduction, improved indoor environmental quality, and stewardship of resources and sensitivity to their impacts.

The Franciscan Center, Livonia’s first LEED-certified building, includes an array of environmentally-friendly and energy-efficient features, such as motion-detecting lights and natural lighting, waterless urinals and low-flush toilets, recycled and environmentally-friendly materials, and storm water diversion.

"Buildings are a prime example of how human systems integrate with natural systems," said Rick Fedrizzi, President, CEO & Founding Chair, U.S. Green Building Council. "The Madonna University project efficiently uses our natural resources and makes an immediate, positive impact on our planet, which will tremendously benefit future generations."