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## Awards Celebrate Values of St. Joseph Manor Founder

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St. Joseph Manor, celebrated the end of Founder's month with Founder's Night, an awards dinner dance held Friday, October 14<sup>th</sup>, at the Massasoit Conference Center in Brockton.

Each year two prestigious awards are bestowed. The first, called the Sponsor's Award, was given out by Sr. Mary Valliere, President of St. Joseph Manor Health Care, Inc. and General Superior of the Sisters of Jesus Crucified. Sr. Mary presented this year's award to Linda Kanarr, Chief Executive Officer at St. Mary's Villa Nursing Home located in Elmhurst Township, Pennsylvania and member of Covenant Health Systems of Tewksbury, Massachusetts. This award recognizes her hard work and dedication to the Manor and its residents.

The second award, the Founder's Award for Excellence, is created to honor St. Joseph Manor's Founder, Father Alphonsus Maria. This Award is presented annually to the individual that embodies the Manor's mission: Our Catholic ministry of compassionate healthcare provides person-centered services to people of all faiths in our home and within our community. In addition, the individual must also exemplify the Manor's values of respect, integrity, compassion and excellence.

Sr. Mary Valliere asked the crowd of associates and honored guests in attendance, "Have you ever heard the expression: 'Love is a choice?'" During this past year, the Sisters of Jesus Crucified witnessed what that extraordinary phrase really meant, and it was all because of you." Sr. Mary continued by commenting "Each of you are a gift to the Sisters of Jesus Crucified and forever you will be remembered in our prayers."

In presenting the award to the 232 associates of St. Joseph Manor, Sr. Mary Valliere congratulated the staff by saying, "Tonight is your night-a night to celebrate you! A night that the Sisters, the Board of Directors and Covenant Health Systems can say thank you for your loving service and commitment to the elderly."

***St. Joseph Manor is a non-profit nursing home and skilled care facility with 118 beds. A majority of the resident rooms at St. Joseph Manor are private. Also available is our Mater Dei Adult Day Health Program with a 60 client a day capability. St. Joseph Manor is a member of Covenant Health Systems.***

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