



CHRISTIAN BROTHERS SERVICES AND PLANTE MORAN CRESA ANNOUNCE

A FORMAL COLLABORATION TO SERVE THE REAL ESTATE NEEDS OF RELIGIOUS ORGANIZATIONS

JAN. 6, 2009 – Christian Brothers Services, a not-for-profit organization that administers cooperative programs for church organizations, and Plante Moran CRESA, a real estate consulting firm, today announced a formal collaboration to expand the breadth of real estate services offered to their respective clients. Plante Moran CRESA and Christian Brothers Services will complement each others' services when a need is identified.

Together, their areas of expertise will include programs that focus on real estate consulting, property/casualty coverage, health care, retirement planning, management consulting, and technology.

Religious organizations face many real estate and facility challenges, including: excess and under-utilized property, misalignment of their facilities with the needs of their aging members, building maintenance and renovations concerns, and other real estate-related issues.

"We are pleased to be working with Plante Moran CRESA to provide our membership with expert real estate services," said Brother Michael Quirk, FSC, president and chief executive officer of Christian Brothers Services. "Our mutual commitment to exceptional customer service makes this collaboration a good fit for both companies."

"We are humbled and privileged to have the opportunity to work with Christian Brothers Services, the respected risk management leader for religious communities," said Plante Moran CRESA President and CEO Bill Lichwalla. "Christian Brothers Services and Plante Moran CRESA's comprehensive services and religious expertise bring the resources to religious communities to allow them every opportunity to be good stewards of their real estate assets."

ABOUT CHRISTIAN BROTHERS (www.cbsservices.org)

Christian Brothers Services is a nonprofit organization that administers cooperative programs in the areas of health/retirement, property/casualty, and consulting/technology to church organizations. Founded in 1958 by Brother Joel Damian, FSC, Christian Brothers Services began as a mutual cooperative purchasing group for Chicago area high schools conducted by the De La Salle Christian Brothers. Under Brother Damian's leadership, the Brothers realized that pooling the financial resources and risk exposures of the schools would allow both the congregation and the individual institutions greater financial strength and leverage to purchase better coverage, with higher limits, at significantly reduced costs; benefits that commercial insurance carriers could not offer nonprofit organizations. Over time, the company has grown to administer and serve 11 trusts, which provide a variety of programs to congregations, organizations, and dioceses both in the United States and Canada.

ABOUT PLANTE MORAN CRESA

In serving religious institutes, we recognize that your mission and ministry is at the heart of your organization, and we work diligently to appreciate it and help make certain your real estate holdings support your mission in the near term and well into the future.

We recognize that each religious congregation's priorities and mission are different. We understand that you face a multiplicity of issues when it comes to real estate planning, but more importantly we also understand that how your Community addresses and prioritizes those issues should lead your real estate decisions. Establishing a common vision through a collaborative process with the members of your Community will help create a unified set of priorities. Those priorities should be the foundation of your real estate decisions. Plante Moran CRESA will work as a partner with you and your Community to chart the best course and help guide you step by step along your real estate management journey.

Plante Moran CRESA's multidisciplinary real estate advisory team can provide guidance throughout the process. Our role is to help facilitate meaningful discussion based on facts rather than the natural bias that develops when firms provide a product or service. We do not design, build, own, finance, or invest in real estate. We act solely as independent advisors with a guiding philosophy to provide professional and independent advice so that you can make the most informed decisions. Our professionals are there to help develop a sound real estate plan which includes negotiating a fair transaction, assembling the best team (external and internal), and coordinating the details. Further, we recognize the importance of integrating the sensitivities to mission and ministry that should remain at the center of all quantitative financial and operational analyses. Our experience in working with religious communities over the years enables us to help you manage risk and allows you to remain focused on the everyday demands of leading your organization.

PLANTE MORAN CRESA SERVICES

ASSESS

- Demographic and financial forecasting
- Retirement facility and healthcare assessments
- Facility condition and real estate assessments

PRIORITIZE

- Capital planning
- Project feasibility

IMPLEMENT

- Real estate asset management
- Collaboration
 - Developers
 - Not-for-profit alliance
 - Mergers and consolidation
- Program/project management
- Environmental sustainability

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