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Syracuse Catholic Diocese and Partners Break Ground for Cortland Housing

Ground was broken recently for a new \$7.35 million apartment complex to house a diverse population of people with low to middle incomes in Cortland County. Representatives of the property's owners — Catholic Charities of Cortland County, and Christopher Community, Inc. (a not-for-profit development and management company) — were among dozens of team members on hand to celebrate.

The 17,306-square-foot building will have a total of 39 affordable apartments with 20 one-bedroom apartments designated for people with serious mental illness. Catholic Charities of Cortland County will provide wrap-around mental-health services to these residents. The remaining 19 affordable units will provide a housing option for low-income families. The complex will be ready for occupancy in early 2017.

Providing funding are New York State Homes and Community Renewal, the state Office of Mental Health, the Community Preservation Corp., and Enterprise Community Investment Group.

Joseph Slavik, president and CEO of Catholic Charities of the Diocese of Syracuse said,



Bishop Robert J. Cunningham speaks at the groundbreaking ceremony for the Riverview Project in Cortland. At left is the master of ceremonies, Douglas J. Reicher, president of Christopher Community, Inc. SUN PHOTOS | CHUCK WAINWRIGHT

“Based on the success of this, we’d love to be able to model this elsewhere in the diocese, especially in the rural communities, if possible.”

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