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PORT JERVIS, N.Y., Dec. 5, 2003 — The Catholic Daughters of the Americas will dedicate a Habitat for Humanity house in Port Jervis, N.Y., on Saturday, Dec. 6, as part of its 100th anniversary celebration. The new home, at 8 Brown St., is the seventh home built by the Catholic Daughters, the largest organization of Catholic women in the Americas.

The home is sponsored by the national Catholic Daughters office in New York City and the local Court Madonna No. 114 in Port Jervis. Catholic Daughters' members came from across the country to build the Habitat home.

"Building this home is a wonderful undertaking as we are reaching out to a family in need and helping them realize the dream of owning their own home," said Grace DiCairano, national regent. "We find our relationship with Habitat for Humanity is an important segment of our program, Circle of Love, which embraces many non-profits and charities."

New homeowners Joseph and JoAnne Burton, along with their four children, will move into the home in December, just in time for the holiday season. The Burtons have invested 400 hours of sweat equity toward construction of their Habitat home and the homes of future Habitat homeowners, and will pay off a no-profit, zero-interest mortgage over the next 20 years.

"This is a special opportunity for a young affiliate like Habitat for Humanity of Pike County to be tapped by the Catholic Daughters to celebrate their organization's 100th anniversary with the construction of a Habitat for Humanity home," said Jack Dennis, president of the board of directors for Habitat for Humanity of Pike County.

About the Catholic Daughters of the Americas

The Catholic Daughters of the Americas, founded in 1903, is the largest organization of Catholic women in the Americas. Its mission is to strive to embrace the principal of faith through love in the promotion of justice, equality, the advancement of human rights and human dignity for all. The Catholic Daughters have built seven Habitat for Humanity homes in New Jersey, New York, Louisiana, Minnesota, Oklahoma and California.

About Habitat for Humanity International

Habitat for Humanity International is a Christian ministry dedicated to eliminating poverty housing. Founded in 1976 by Millard Fuller, along with his wife, Linda, Habitat for Humanity International and its affiliates in more than 3,000 communities in 92 nations have built and sold more than 150,000 homes to partner families with no-profit, zero-interest mortgages. www.habitat.org