



**St. Rose Dominican Hospitals**

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## **The Adrian Dominican Sisters Fact Sheet**

In 1947, the Adrian Dominican Sisters of Adrian, Michigan, purchased a small hospital from the United States Government in the industrial town of Henderson, Nevada, for \$1 a year for 25 years. Today, the hospital system consists of three campuses – Rose de Lima, San Martín and Siena – and is known as St. Rose Dominican Hospitals, the only not-for-profit, religiously sponsored hospital system in Southern Nevada.

An enduring presence to this day at St. Rose Dominican Hospitals, the Adrian Dominican Sisters have been the sponsors of the hospital system for more than 60 years. This extraordinary group of women still serve in various roles at St. Rose – from hospital executives to volunteers. It was their dedication to improving the health status of the community with a commitment to those with special needs that created the unique environment of quality, compassionate care that embodies the St. Rose Dominican Hospitals' approach to health care today.

The origins of the Dominican Sisters date back to the 12<sup>th</sup> century when Dominic Guzman, a Canon Regular in Osma, a city on the Christian frontier of Moorish-held Spain, called together a group of 11 women to form the St. Mary Convent in Prouille, France, and founded the Order of Preachers. Through the years, most Dominican Convents for women were cloistered. In 1853, four women were sent from Europe to teach in the New World and these women became the foundation of 11 Dominican congregations in the United States. In 1884, six sisters opened the St. Joseph Hospital and Home for the Aged in Adrian, Michigan, which began the Adrian Dominican legacy of service for the poor, sick and oppressed.

In the evolutionary spirit of St. Dominic, the Adrian Dominican Congregation became distinctly American in character, retaining, however, the legacy of its founder and his descendents. This legacy is recognized by the initials "OP" used after each sister's family name, connoting the Order of Preachers.

The Adrian Dominicans now serve all over the United States, Canada, the Dominican Republic, Panama, Puerto Rico, South Africa and the Virgin Islands preserving their commitment to education, health and social services.

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