

## Sisters? expansion helps wider community

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Something new to address aging is taking shape in northern California. Looking toward an innovative model of healthy age-in-place and community hospitality, the [Dominican Sisters of Mission San Jose](#) [1] broke ground this week in Fremont, Calif., on a new residence for themselves. This opens the way for their existing Siena building to be re-purposed as a dementia-specific community health and wellness center for the people of Fremont.

The \$20 million project includes a 36-unit residence for active retired sisters and a community wellness center that will provide services not only to them but also to the wider community. Additionally the existing Siena building will be renovated to become a day-time memory care unit operated by Alzheimer's Services of the East Bay. The ASEB program will serve adults, veterans and low-income families living in the area. It is expected to open this fall.

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**Editor's Note:** The *National Catholic Reporter* is embarking on a groundbreaking project to give greater voice to sisters around the world. To learn more about this project or sign up for email alerts visit, <http://ncronline.org/sisters> [3].

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