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NAZARETH ACADEMY INSTALLS GREEN ROOF

School is first in the area to build green.

Oak Park, IL—August 13, 2008—While many individuals and businesses are busy talking about “going green,” some are truly making huge changes to help the environment. Green Home Experts, a retailer of environmentally friendly products, recently teamed with EcoGardens, a landscaping company with a green focus, to install a green roof on top of Nazareth Academy, a private high school in LaGrange, IL.

This 720 sq. ft. structure is filled with native plant species that are beneficial to the environment and require little maintenance or watering. Green roofs provide safe, healthy habitats for birds, improve air quality, and effectively manage storm water. They are also known to reduce heating and cooling costs because of the insulation they provide. Nazareth’s green roof can be seen from the school’s library, hallways, and administrative offices. “This job is certainly unique for us—this is the first private school we have done an installation for as well as our first suburban installation,” says Greg Raymond, owner of EcoGardens.

The Sisters of St. Joseph, who sponsor Nazareth Academy, along with Dennis Moran, the school’s president who has overseen a recent multi-million dollar expansion, were focused on adding a green element to their new construction. “Environmental stewardship is an important element to the school’s mission and to the Sisters’ mission,” Moran said. “With the green roof, we wanted to set a good example not only for our students, but also for our teachers, staff and community.”

Moran approached two area businesses—Green Home Experts and EcoGardens—to make his green dream a reality. Green Home Experts, a retailer of eco-friendly building and home supplies in Oak Park, supplied the

roofing materials for the job. EcoGardens, a Chicago company who has pioneered green landscaping and green roofs, provided the design, plants, and installation for the job. “Nazareth exemplifies this generation’s commitment to doing what is right for the environment. All of us must take responsibility for our actions, and any time someone walks by the green roof, they will be reminded of that,” says Onesto Moran, a Nazareth Academy graduate.

To see photos of the green roof and learn more about the installation, please visit www.GHExperts.com and click on the “Insulate and Weatherize” icon.

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