

WellGroup HealthPartners Responds to Growing Needs in Orland Park

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On Monday, June 11th, WellGroup HealthPartners opened another family care office with physician services provided by Dr. Michele Danaher. Dr. Danaher is a Board Certified Family Practice physician who specializes in the care and treatment of children and adults. The new office is located in the Marley Creek Square at 179th and Wolf Roads in Orland Park.

In celebration of the opening, a Blessing Ceremony was held during which prayers and a reflection were read. All in attendance were reminded of the joys and challenges faced by those who undertake the care of others in the Franciscan tradition. In her prayer, Sr. Madonna Rougeau, OSF asked that God "fill us with the joy of Your love for us, and help us serve our patients, their families and one another." In addition to blessing the facility, Fr. Ron Kondziolka blessed the attendees asking God to "Strengthen them in mind and soul, and bless their work, that they may give comfort to those who [come] here."

Dr. Danaher read a quote from Dr. Thomas Sydenham, a 17th century physician who has been called the English Hippocrates and who was one of the principal founders of epidemiology, known for his detailed observations of many disease entities. Her reading made clear the obligations of service and that a "doctor being himself a mortal human being, should be diligent and tender in relieving his suffering patients, inasmuch as he himself must one day be a like sufferer."

Welcoming remarks were made by Daniel McCormick, Chief Executive of WellGroup Health Partners. Also speaking to the staff and attendees was Peter J. Murphy, President, St. James Hospital and Health Centers and Regional CEO, Sisters of St. Francis Health System.

Dr. Danaher is a lifelong Chicagoland resident. She received her medical degree from Rush Medical College and, following her residency, served a 4-year tour of duty with the United States Navy reaching the rank of Lieutenant Commander. She resides in Orland Park with her husband and four children.

**Scheduled and same day appointments with Dr. Danaher can be made by calling:
708.9650**