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## 2008 Architecture & Design Honor Roll



### Benedictine Living Community of St. Peter

**Type of facility:** Long-term care facility

**Location:** St. Peter, Minn.

**Client:** City of St. Peter

**Architect/Interior Design Firm:**

Paulsen Architects

**Design Consultant:** In association with  
Nelson-Tremain Partnership

**Engineer/Consultant:** Paulsen Architects, structural;  
Cain Ouse Associates, mechanical, electrical; Pierce Pini &  
Associates, civil; Robert Ripp & Associates, kitchen/laundry

**Contractor:** Yanik Companies

**Completion date:** Spring 2007

**Total cost:** \$9.7 million

**Square feet:** 64,182

The Benedictine Living Community of St. Peter is a long-term care facility with specialized units for Alzheimer's/dementia care and rehabilitative/short-term stays, as well as a hospice suite. The main building, which has common amenities and services, links

to two residential care center buildings with private, fenced courtyards. The brightly finished siding with a limestone base complements the Prairie Style details of the main building. The lobby is filled with natural light from clerestory windows at the top of the space. Each wing of the two residential buildings was designed to house residents of similar abilities and needs, providing a more common "neighborhood" identity for residents.

*Top: The main entry building has a Prairie Style covered canopy and a two-story atrium at the lobby.*

*Inset: The limestone from outside is carried into the interior design of the fireplace room, an informal gathering place at the entry that is adjacent to the main offices and outside the multipurpose room.*