

Time capsule found during construction; contents unveiled

Trinity President & CEO Rick Seidler unsealed the contents of a time capsule on Sunday, June 29, at a reception attended by several 40-year Trinity employees, board members, and Monsignor Paul E. Showalter, P.A., Vicar General of the Catholic Diocese of Peoria at Trinity Rock Island.

The box was recently discovered by workers during construction of the new Heart Center/Emergency Department project. The time capsule was sealed into a wall when the original Franciscan Hospital facility was built in the early 1970s. Located at the front of the hospital, the \$61.3 million construction expansion is the largest in the facility's history since the hospital opened in June 1972.

UnityPoint Health – Trinity officials formally broke ground on the 90,000 square-foot, three-story expansion of its Heart Center and Emergency Department (ED) at Trinity Rock Island just over a year ago on June 5, 2013. When finished, the space will include an all-new state-of-the-art emergency department (ED), a comprehensive Heart Center adjacent to the ED that will provide all cardiac services on one campus (cath lab, surgery, cardiac rehab and education), and a Crisis Stabilization Unit (CSU) with six psych patient safe rooms, interview rooms, and a “living room” area that would provide a higher quality of care to behavioral health patients while assisting in the staff's ability to quickly consult and treat a diverse set of patients entering the ED.

The project, which is designed to improve patient safety and privacy, better coordinate care, reduce operational costs and accommodate increased demand, is scheduled to open in spring 2015.

Seidler also will give a construction update to those in attendance and will be available for press interviews.