

# The Clare at Water Tower

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Chicago, Illinois

**Owner**

Franciscan Sisters of Chicago Service Corporation

**Client/Architect**

Perkins+Will

**General Contractor**

Bovis / McHugh Joint Venture

**Completion Date**

2008

**Construction Cost**

\$133 million

**Total Area**

750,000 sf

**Number of Stories**

54

**Award**

Award of Merit 2009, *Midwest Construction Magazine*



Located in the heart of Chicago's Gold Coast, this 54-story "life care" retirement center offers residents a stimulating environment rich in social and cultural pursuits. The concrete high-rise senior center includes three levels of skilled nursing suites, three levels of assisted living suites, with the remaining floors devoted to independent living units. The building also houses several dining rooms, a chapel, retail, six parking levels, and space for use by neighboring Loyola University.

The architectural design called for as few columns as possible to maximize tenant use of space and to meet the tight space constraints of the previously developed site. Thornton Tomasetti developed a structural system that allowed for many variations from floor to floor to accommodate the range of program requirements throughout the height of the building. The concrete frame is exposed on all sides, which required close integration of the structural and architectural specifications.