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SAINT FRANCIS PHYSICIAN RECEIVES ARCHBISHOP'S AWARD FOR HEALTH CARE

Cardiologist Dr. Daniel J. Diver is the first recipient

(Hartford, Conn. – April 29, 2015) Daniel J. Diver, M.D., Chief of the Section of Cardiology at Saint Francis Hospital and Medical Center, is the recipient of the inaugural *Archbishop's Award for Excellence in Health Care*. The award was presented Sunday by the Most Reverend Archbishop Leonard Blair, S.T.D., at a White Mass honoring medical professionals at the Graduate Club in New Haven.

The award is bestowed on a healthcare professional who, by personal service, professional accomplishment and collegial endeavor, has exemplified the finest traditions of the medical profession and the purpose of healthcare.

"Jesus is often referred to as the 'Divine Physician' of both body and soul. People of faith like Dr. Diver participate in this healing ministry. His outstanding work and commitment to the medical profession help to bring the healing touch of Jesus to those entrusted in his care. I thank Dr. Diver for his dedication to his patients and their families," says Archbishop Leonard Blair.

"Dr. Diver is truly deserving of this award that recognizes his lifelong commitment to the care of others," notes Chris Dadlez, President and CEO, Saint Francis. "He is a role model to physicians across the Hospital and throughout our region, exemplifying the spirit of Saint Francis de Sales through his devotion and compassionate approach to his patients and their families."

At Saint Francis, Dr. Diver is the Director of the Cardiovascular Service Line *and Hoffman Heart and Vascular Institute of Connecticut*, the state's largest center for heart bypass surgery. He is also a professor of Medicine at the University of Connecticut School of Medicine. He is a Farmington resident.

Prior to joining the medical staff at Saint Francis, Dr. Diver served as the Chief of Cardiology at Georgetown University Hospital, Washington, and held academic appointments at Georgetown University School of Medicine as Chief of its Division of Cardiology, Vice Chairman of the School's Department of Medicine and Associate Professor of Medicine. His initial academic appointment was assistant director of the cardiac catheterization laboratory at Beth Israel Deaconess Medical Center in Boston and assistant professor of medicine at Harvard Medical School.

He is a graduate of the Johns Hopkins University School of Medicine, Baltimore. He is a diplomate of the American Board of Internal Medicine, and a fellow of the American College of Cardiology and the Council on Clinical Cardiology of the American Heart Association.

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