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## SAINT FRANCIS IS NOW A MEMBER OF TRINITY HEALTH

*(Hartford, Conn. and Livonia, Mich.)* Oct. 1, 2015 – Saint Francis Care is a member of Trinity Health, effective immediately. With the closing of their agreement to join together, Trinity Health and Saint Francis will embark on efforts to advance people-centered care in New England through the immediate establishment of a new not-for-profit regional health system in New England. Christopher M. Dadlez, FACHE, president and CEO of Saint Francis Care, immediately assumes the role of president and CEO of the new, yet-to-be-named New England region.

Saint Francis Hospital and Medical Center, Mount Sinai Rehabilitation Hospital and other Saint Francis entities will provide care under the umbrella of the new Trinity Health region in New England, as will the Sisters of Providence Health System in Springfield, Mass., and its subsidiaries. Daniel P. Moen will continue to serve as president and CEO, Sisters of Providence Health System, as well as having a significant role in the regional system.

"Trinity Health is committed to strengthening Catholic health care locally and nationally through the delivery of people-centered care," said Richard J. Gilfillan, M.D., president and CEO, Trinity Health. "We are now taking that commitment further with the help of a new region that joins Saint Francis Care with Sisters of Providence Health System in our shared, faith-based mission to serve the people and communities of New England."

The strengths that Saint Francis brings to the region and to Trinity Health related to its expertise in clinical integration are expected to result in better care coordination for people in New England. These strengths will also provide models that can be shared across the Trinity Health system.

"This is an historic day for Saint Francis, our patients, employees, physicians, and community," said Dadlez. "Our aligned mission, vision and core values have guided this alliance since the inception of our discussions and we are confident that together, Trinity Health, Saint Francis and the region's other partners will deliver the greatest opportunities for providing the compassionate, transformative care that will make us the most trusted health partner for life."

In the near future, and subject to regulatory approvals, Saint Mary's Health System in Waterbury, Conn., and Johnson Memorial Medical Center in Stafford Springs, Conn., will also join the new region. The new regional health system will embody all participating organizations' shared commitments to Catholic values and high-quality, high-value healthcare. It will combine its members' strengths in inpatient, outpatient and continuing care settings to better serve patients.

Over the next five years, Trinity Health will invest at least \$275 million to support the healthcare needs of the new region through capital projects and other programmatic investments. Members in the region will have access to Trinity Health resources, including shared services, intellectual capital,

operational expertise and its AA- credit rating that significantly improve access to capital and cost of financing for future investments.

"We partner with organizations that share our commitment to excellence and people-centered care as part of a very deliberate strategy," said Scott Nordlund, executive vice president for Growth, Strategy and Innovation for Trinity Health. "We're glad to welcome Saint Francis to our health system today and look forward to all that our work together can accomplish."

In joining with Trinity Health, Saint Francis adopts Trinity Health's Mission and Core Values, as well as its governance and management structure and policies. It also transfers its religious sponsorship from the Archdiocese of Hartford to Catholic Health Ministries. A special transition ceremony marking the event ritually will be held later in the month.

"As we move forward in a healthcare environment that is ever-changing, taking the time to honor and celebrate our shared Catholic heritage is a priority, especially as we begin this new chapter of our history," said Rick O'Connell, executive vice president, East Group, Trinity Health. "Today is when we can finally begin our work together to change the future of health and well-being in New England. I couldn't be more optimistic about the future."

The New England region will be governed by a regional board of directors comprised of local community representatives as well as physician and Catholic organization representatives with ties to the region. Saint Francis Hospital and Medical Center, Mount Sinai Rehabilitation Hospital and Mercy Medical Center, as well as other members of the region, will maintain separate local boards focused on the respective needs of each community.

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### **About Trinity Health**

Trinity Health is one of the largest multi-institutional Catholic health care delivery systems in the nation. It serves people and communities in 21 states with 88 hospitals, 126 continuing care locations — including home care, hospice, PACE and senior living facilities — that provide nearly 2.5 million visits annually. With annual operating revenues of about \$15.1 billion and assets of about \$20.4 billion, the organization returns almost \$980 million to its communities annually in the form of charity care and other community benefit programs. Trinity Health employs about 119,000 people, including 3,900 employed physicians. Committed to those who are poor and underserved in its communities, Trinity Health is known for its focus on the country's aging population. As a single, unified ministry, the organization is the innovator of Senior Emergency Departments, the largest not-for-profit provider of home health care services — ranked by number of visits — in the nation, as well as the nation's leading provider of PACE (Program of All Inclusive Care for the Elderly) based on the number of available programs. For more information, visit [www.trinity-health.org](http://www.trinity-health.org). You can also follow @TrinityHealthMI on Twitter.

### **About Saint Francis Care**

Saint Francis Care is an integrated healthcare delivery system established by Saint Francis Hospital and Medical Center, an anchor institution in north central Connecticut since 1897. Licensed for 617 beds and 65 bassinets, it is a major teaching hospital and the largest Catholic hospital in New England. Saint Francis and its other major entities - Mount Sinai Rehabilitation Hospital, the Connecticut Joint Replacement Institute, the Hoffman Heart and Vascular Institute of Connecticut, Smilow Cancer Hospital Yale-New Haven at Saint Francis, the Joyce D. and Andrew J. Mandell Center for Comprehensive Multiple Sclerosis Care and Neuroscience Research, and Saint Francis HealthCare Partners – joined Trinity Health in 2015. Johnson Memorial Medical Center, parent organization of Johnson Memorial Hospital and Home and Community Health Services, is also a Saint Francis Partner. For more information, visit [www.stfranciscare.com](http://www.stfranciscare.com).

### **About Sisters of Providence Health System**

The Sisters of Providence Health System (SPHS) has established itself as one of the leading providers of

health care services in Western Massachusetts. SPHS includes Mercy Medical Center, a 182-bed acute care hospital in Springfield; Providence Behavioral Health Hospital, located in Holyoke and licensed for 126 beds; Weldon Rehabilitation Hospital, a comprehensive hospital-based rehabilitation center on the campus of Mercy Medical Center; Brightside for Families and Children, an outpatient service offering counseling and family support programs; two outpatient substance abuse treatment centers; and Mercy Continuing Care Network that includes skilled nursing facilities, residential care facilities, an adult day health program, Mercy Homecare, Mercy Hospice and Mercy LIFE, a Program of All-inclusive Care for the Elderly. More information about SPHS is available at [www.mercycares.com](http://www.mercycares.com).