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GOVERNANCE AND NAME CHANGE FOR CATHOLIC HEALTHCARE WEST

Attribute to: Gail Daly, Interim President, St. Mary Medical Center



Long Beach, CA – January 23, 2012 – Catholic Healthcare West (CHW) announced today that it has restructured its governance and changed its name to Dignity Health. Please link to the video announcement from Dignity Health President/CEO Lloyd H. Dean: <http://www.dignityhealth.org>.

In the rapidly changing health care environment, this new name and structure position the entire organization for growth and success. Our mission, vision, and values remain the same, as does our commitment to providing the Long Beach community with excellent care.

These changes will have no impact on the operations, policies, or mission of St. Mary Medical Center. We will remain a Catholic hospital, sponsored by the Sisters of Charity of the Incarnate Word, following the Ethical and Religious Directives for Catholic Health Care Services, and committed to the overall health of the communities we are so privileged to serve.

“Dignity” is one the key values of St. Mary and its parent company. Dignity Health’s long term strategic plan is focused on integrated care and enhanced quality that reduces costs. According to Dignity Health president Lloyd Dean, growth plans anticipate expanded partnerships, which will include both Catholic and non-Catholic care centers. The system currently owns or operates 25 Catholic hospitals and 15 non-Catholic hospitals.

About St. Mary Medical Center

St. Mary Medical Center, a member of Dignity Health, has cared for the people of the Long Beach area since 1923. With more than 500 physicians, 1,456 employees and 389 patient beds, St. Mary is committed to providing a unique balance of leading edge technology while ensuring dignity and compassionate care of body, mind and spirit to the community it serves. For more information, please visit us at www.stmarymedicalcenter.org.

About Dignity Health (formerly Catholic Healthcare West)

With its headquarters in San Francisco, CA, Dignity Health provides integrated, patient and family centered care to more than five million people annually. It is the fifth largest health system in the country with nearly 10,000 physicians and 55,000 employees across Arizona, California, and Nevada. Through its network of 115 ancillary care sites and 40 acute care hospitals, Dignity Health is committed to delivering compassionate, high-quality, affordable health care services with special attention to the poor and underserved. In 2011, Dignity Health provided more than \$1.4 billion in charity care, community benefit, and unreimbursed patient care. For more information, please visit our website at www.dignityhealth.org.

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