



December 7, 2012

Ms. Courtney Avery
Administrator
Illinois Health Facilities and Services Review Board
525 West Jefferson
Springfield, IL 62761

Dear Ms. Avery:

I understand that a question has been asked regarding Archdiocesan and Vatican approval of the transition of Holy Cross Hospital to the Sinai Health System.

This letter will confirm that, pursuant to Canon Law and Vatican practice, Cardinal George gave his nihil obstat (non-objection) to Holy Cross joining the Sinai System and Vatican approval was granted. It is my understanding that this approval was previously filed with the Board. Holy Cross will continue to be recognized as a Catholic Hospital after joining the Sinai Health System.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "William P. Grogan". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial "W".

Rev. William P. Grogan
Vicar for Healthcare

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Holy Cross Hospital/Sinai Health System Partnership Update

CHICAGO (December 3, 2012) Holy Cross Hospital and Sinai Health System are moving forward with plans to have Holy Cross become a member of Sinai Health System. As required for the partnership to proceed, the Vatican has granted a request for the transfer of the property, based upon the petition of Francis Cardinal George, OMI, Archbishop of Chicago.

As a member of Sinai Health System, Holy Cross Hospital will remain a Catholic hospital and fully comply with the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops Ethical and Religious Directives for Catholic Healthcare. The Sisters of St. Casimir will remain the Religious sponsors of Holy Cross Hospital.

The request was granted on October 17, 2012 and signed by Joao Braz Cardinal de Aviz, Prefect of the Congregation of Consecrated Life and Societies of Apostolic Life. The Sisters of St. Casimir and Cardinal George received word of the approval for the transfer of ownership from the Holy See in late November 2012.

This partnership is subject to approval by the State of Illinois and the Boards of each institution.

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Sinai Health System (SHS) is a Chicago-based private, not-for-profit organization that has served the west, south and near north sides of Chicago since 1919. With a total of 421 licensed beds and eight physician residency training programs, SHS is comprised of six member organizations: Mount Sinai Hospital, Schwab Rehabilitation Hospital, Sinai Children's Hospital, Sinai Medical Group, Sinai Community Institute and Sinai Urban Health

Institute. SHS is an affiliate of the Jewish United Fund/Jewish Federation of Metropolitan Chicago.

Holy Cross Hospital (HCH) is a private, Catholic, not-for-profit organization, founded and sponsored by the Sisters of St. Casimir since 1928, serving residents of Chicago's southwest neighborhoods and suburbs. HCH has 274 licensed beds and provides a comprehensive range of services, including emergency care, inpatient, outpatient, diagnostic, surgical and rehabilitation services.