



OSF HealthCare Ministry Welcomes Perry Memorial Hospital

OSF Saint Clare Medical Center becomes 15th OSF HealthCare hospital

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(Princeton, IL | July 1, 2021) – OSF HealthCare Saint Clare Medical Center is now part of the [OSF HealthCare](#) Ministry. The former Perry Memorial Hospital became the 15th hospital in the Peoria-based integrated health system on July 1.

A 25-bed critical access facility, OSF Saint Clare is one of Bureau County's largest employers.

The Sisters of the Third Order of St. Francis lead the health care Ministry with a philosophy, mission and values that guide decision-making in a way that respects the dignity of the whole person and puts the needs of the patient first. It is the Mission of OSF HealthCare to serve with the greatest care and love in a community that celebrates the gift of life.

"While the signs may change, the care that's going to be provided is still from those same people that have been serving the community for years and they're still taking care of their friends, family, and neighbors and that's not going to change. That caring and compassion is going to be here but now supported by the OSF Mission and values across the Ministry that's able to support us and help serve the community," said Jackie Kernan, president of OSF Saint Clare Medical Center.

The Most Reverend Louis Tylka, Coadjutor Bishop of the Diocese of Peoria, conducted the Blessing and Dedication ceremony which marked the culmination of years of discussions and months of work to integrate the former Perry Memorial staff and facilities into OSF HealthCare. Additionally, OSF is pleased to welcome nearly 300 new Mission Partners (employees) to the OSF family.

Beginning this fall, OSF Saint Clare will offer new services to the community including [OSF OnCall](#), and [OSF MyChart](#) with the integration of Epic, OSF's electronic medical record system. This will expand the focus on digital health access and opportunities.

"Innovation is one of our core competencies and goals for our Ministry," said Roxanna Crosser, Western Region CEO for OSF HealthCare. "So as we look at some of the teleservices that we have within our Ministry and some of the things that we do with predictive analytics, those are important items for the Princeton community, and I see that they really embrace that change. They are very traditional and very culture-driven in the area of quality and safety and how they serve their patients, but they also look toward the future of rural health care."

Discussions to explore the partnership that ultimately led to the transfer of ownership began in August of 2019 with representatives of Perry Memorial Hospital, the City of Princeton, which owned the hospital, and OSF HealthCare. The Illinois Health Facilities and Services Review Board approved the change of ownership exemption application in January of 2021.

With the addition of OSF Saint Clare, OSF HealthCare employs nearly 24,000 Mission Partners at more than 150 locations – including 15 hospitals throughout Illinois and the Upper Peninsula of Michigan.

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OSF HealthCare is an integrated health system owned and operated by The Sisters of the Third Order of St. Francis, headquartered in Peoria, Illinois. OSF HealthCare employs nearly 24,000 Mission Partners in 150 locations, including 15 hospitals – ten acute care, five critical access – with 2,089 licensed beds, and two colleges of nursing throughout Illinois and Michigan. The OSF HealthCare physician network employs more than 1,500 primary care, specialist and advanced practice providers. OSF HealthCare, through OSF Home Care Services, operates an extensive network of home health and hospice services. It also owns Pointcore, Inc., comprised of health care-related businesses; OSF HealthCare Foundation, the philanthropic arm for the organization; and OSF Ventures, which provides investment capital for promising health care innovation startups. More at <https://www.osfhealthcare.org>.