



## **OSF HealthCare Little Company of Mary Medical Center Continues Tradition of Catholic Health Care on Chicago's Southwest Side**

*OSF Little Company of Mary Medical Center becomes 14<sup>th</sup> Hospital in OSF HealthCare Ministry*

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(Evergreen Park, IL | February 3, 2020) – OSF HealthCare Little Company of Mary Medical Center officially became part of the [OSF HealthCare](#) Ministry on Feb. 1, making it the 14<sup>th</sup> hospital in the Peoria-based health system.

The Sisters of the Third Order of St. Francis and the Little Company of Mary Sisters align themselves with the 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.

“On January 19, we celebrated 90 years of our health care ministry in Evergreen Park,” said John Hanlon, MD, MMM, president of OSF HealthCare Little Company of Mary. “This merger between OSF and Little Company of Mary assures the continuation – and strengthening – of Catholic health care in the southwest Chicago suburbs, while allowing us to join with OSF in leading health care transformation throughout our community.”

At the stroke of midnight Feb. 1, the process began to switch all information technology systems, including patient medical records, lab, pharmacy, and every other technology that runs a hospital, over to OSF. The process took several hours, with no disruption to patient care.

As part of OSF, Little Company of Mary will immediately offer new services to the community including [OSF OnCall](#), [OSF MyChart](#) and [OSF Listens](#).

“Personalized, innovative care is a priority for OSF HealthCare. Our innovation teams have partnered in and committed to the advancement of care at the most personal level,” said Bob Sehring, CEO, OSF HealthCare. “OSF HealthCare believes that through this partnership, better health can be created and value delivered across our communities.”

The Illinois Health Facilities and Services Review Board approved the change of ownership exemption application between OSF and Little Company of Mary in mid-December, with the merge of the organizations receiving canonical approval from the Vatican a week later.

With the addition of Little Company of Mary, OSF HealthCare employs 23,678 Mission Partners at more than 147 locations including 14 hospitals.

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***OSF HealthCare Little Company of Mary Medical Center*** is comprised of 2,100 Mission Partners (employees), committed to serving the southwest Chicago area. Operating 12 unique facilities, including a 252-bed acute care hospital, Little Company of Mary has strong community connections and robust service offerings.

***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 more than 23,600 Mission Partners in 147 locations, including 14 hospitals – nine acute care, four critical access – with 2,097 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>.