



OSF HealthCare and Little Company of Mary Finalize Agreement

Sisters unveil new - yet familiar - name for Evergreen Park facility

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(Peoria, IL | October 9, 2019) – [OSF HealthCare](#) and [Little Company of Mary Hospital and Health Care Centers](#) are continuing their journey toward becoming one organization. The organizations' boards have adopted a definitive agreement and decided on a new name: OSF HealthCare Little Company of Mary Medical Center.

"A focused discernment went into the decision to rename our facility," said Sister Sharon Ann Walsh, L.C.M, Chairperson of the Board of Directors. "As our two congregations came together and discussed ways to reflect our new partnership, it was important to both communities that we found a name that would preserve our strong heritage."

"We admire the longstanding commitment to the gift of life demonstrated by Little Company of Mary," said Sister Judith Ann Duvall, O.S.F., Major Superior and Chairperson of the Board of Directors. "As colleagues in this sacred calling of health care ministry, we are honored to carry on the Little Company name and tradition as they join our OSF family."

The merger is anticipated to take place on February 1, 2020. Over the next few months, the two organizations will seek the necessary regulatory and canonical approvals while continuing work on the planning of strategies to meet the needs of the communities in the southwest Chicago area.

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About Little Company of Mary Hospital and Health Care Centers

Little Company of Mary Hospital and Health Care Centers is comprised of 2,100 employees, along with a dedicated core of Sisters, volunteers, physicians and benefactors 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.

About OSF HealthCare

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 21,000 Mission Partners (employees) in 126 locations, including 13 hospitals – nine acute care, four critical access – and two colleges of nursing. Its physician network employs more than 1,200 primary care, specialist physicians, and advanced practice providers.