



# SISTERS *of* CHARITY HEALTH SYSTEM

**PRESS RELEASE** *for Sisters of Charity Health System*

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## **SR. ROSEMARIE CARFAGNA, OSU JOINS THE SISTERS OF CHARITY HEALTH SYSTEM AS SENIOR VICE PRESIDENT, MISSION AND MINISTRY**

**CLEVELAND – Ohio/October 2007** — Sr. Rosemarie Carfagna, OSU joins the Sisters of Charity Health System as Senior Vice President, Mission and Ministry. The announcement was made by Sisters of Charity Health System President & CEO Sr. Judith Ann Karam, CSA.

In this position, Sr. Rosemarie leads the Mission Council of hospital-based Vice Presidents for Mission and Ministry in Canton and Cleveland, Ohio and Columbia, South Carolina. Under Sr. Rosemarie's leadership, this group implements several programs in the areas of leadership development, mission and values, pastoral care and ethics in each of the health and human service organizations sponsored by the Sisters of Charity Health System.

An integral part of this work is assessing how mission is accomplished in each of our ministries. In this regard, Sr. Rosemarie will also oversee mission audits at each organization that are conducted annually to comprehensively examine mission competencies and achievements. Sr. Rosemarie will also provide oversight to annual action plans that ensure the continued focus of mission at our sponsored ministries.

Sr. Rosemarie brings extensive knowledge in the areas of developing and implementing spiritual and leadership formation programs. In addition to her work at the Sisters of Charity Health System, Sr. Rosemarie serves on the faculties of Ursuline College and John Carroll University and is a frequent presenter at local and regional conferences. She has published articles, books and monographs on St. Angela Merici, contemplation, and Ursuline College and has extensive experience serving on non-profit Boards and Advisory Committees.

A graduate of Ursuline College, Sr. Rosemarie earned a Masters Degree in Religion and Personality and a Ph. D. in Formative Spirituality from Duquesne University in Pittsburgh, PA.

### **About the Sisters of Charity Health System**

Headquartered in Cleveland, Ohio, the Sisters of Charity Health System was established in 1982 as the parent corporation for the sponsored ministries of the Sisters of Charity of St. Augustine in Ohio and South Carolina. In 1999, Sisters of Charity Health System formed two Ohio not-for-profit corporations with University Hospitals to equally own and operate St. John West Shore Hospital, St. Vincent Charity Hospital, Mercy Medical Center, Cuyahoga Physician Network, WestShore Primary Care and Professional Medical Equipment. Through this equal ownership, the Sisters of Charity of St. Augustine continue their legacy of high quality, compassionate care that began at the time of the founding of these organizations.

The Sisters of Charity Health System is the sole sponsor of Sisters of Charity Providence Hospitals, a leading cardiovascular center in South Carolina, which includes Providence Hospital/Providence Heart Institute and Providence Hospital Northeast in Columbia, South Carolina. The organization also oversees three grantmaking foundations located in Cleveland and Canton, OH and Columbia, SC. Each foundation sponsors significant community initiatives and collaborations that address causes and consequences of poverty.

Other health and human services and education-related organizations within the Sisters of Charity Health System include Cleveland's Joseph's Home, a unique residential care center for homeless men, Canton's Early Childhood Resource Center for people working in childcare in all settings; and Healthy Learners, a South Carolina health care resource for children from low-income families. The Sisters of Charity Health System also provides residential eldercare services at Regina Health Center in Richfield, Ohio and Light of Hearts Villa in Bedford, Ohio. Light of Hearts Villa is jointly sponsored by the Sisters of Charity of Cincinnati.

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For more information on the Sisters of Charity Health System or its individual healthcare or outreach ministries, visit [www.sistersofcharityhealth.org](http://www.sistersofcharityhealth.org).