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PRESS RELEASE

President and CEO Joan Coffman Announces Departure from HSHS St. Mary's Hospital to Head Home to Louisiana

DECATUR-- Accepting a new position near her hometown of New Orleans, Louisiana, Joan Coffman is resigning as president and CEO of HSHS St. Mary's Hospital in Decatur. Prior to starting at St. Mary's in September 2017, Coffman's career with HSHS began in 2008, and she served as president and CEO of HSHS St. Joseph's Hospital in Chippewa Falls, Wisconsin since 2010.

Joan is leaving HSHS for a job in Louisiana, where her parents, siblings, son and grandson still reside. She will serve as the new president and CEO at St. Tammany Parish Hospital in Covington, where she started her career as a radiologic technologist. She also served for several years as chief executive officer of The Louisiana Clinic and assistant administrator of Lindy Boggs Medical Center in New Orleans until 2005 when it closed due to flood damage sustained in Hurricane Katrina.

"I feel honored and privileged to have served on behalf of Hospital Sisters for more than a decade," said Coffman. "I feel as though I was given far more than I contributed to the HSHS ministries that I've served. I thank the Sisters and other HSHS leaders for believing in and supporting me throughout my time here. My hope is that in some small way, I have contributed toward the advancement of the mission of the Hospital Sisters in caring for those most vulnerable and building teams that embrace change, support collaboration, contribute meaningfully toward the journey to excellence for our patients and serve as a vessel that allows the charism of Hospital Sisters to spill over into the communities that we serve."

Joan's last day at St. Mary's will be July 13, 2018. The search for her replacement has begun. Until the new president and CEO is hired at St. Mary's, E.J. Kuiper, the president and CEO of HSHS Central Illinois Division Hospitals, will serve as interim.

"We wish Joan all the best in her new endeavor as she returns to the state where she began her career, where her heart resides—the place she still calls home," said Mary Starmann-Harrison, president and CEO of HSHS. "We thank her for her many years of service at HSHS."

We will have a 30 minute media availability on Friday, June 22 at 1 p.m. in the lobby of St. Mary's for any reporters who wishes to interview Coffman.

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About HSHS St. Mary's Hospital

Founded in 1878 by three Hospital Sisters of St. Francis, HSHS St. Mary's Hospital is a 244-bed, all private room health care facility that combines modern technology with the caring spirit of the original founders. St. Mary's is situated on an attractive 21-acre campus overlooking Lake Decatur and offers a broad spectrum of comprehensive health services, including the latest diagnostic equipment, interventional cardiology, surgical and medical intervention, emergency medical care, outpatient radiation therapy, pain management and a sleep center. St. Mary's also offers a wide range of community education and wellness programs. The hospital also has both a unique intergenerational day services program and the community's only provider of hospital-based behavioral health services for all ages. Learn more by visiting www.stmarysdecatur.com.

About Hospital Sisters Health System

Hospital Sisters Health System's (HSHS) mission is to reveal and embody Christ's healing love for all people through our high quality Franciscan health care ministry. HSHS provides state-of-the-art health care to our patients and is dedicated to serving all people, especially the most vulnerable, at each of our 15 local systems and physician practices in Illinois (Breese, Decatur, Effingham, Greenville, Highland, Litchfield, O'Fallon, Shelbyville and Springfield) and Wisconsin (Chippewa Falls, Eau Claire, Oconto Falls, Sheboygan and two in Green Bay). HSHS is sponsored by Hospital Sisters Ministries, and [Hospital Sisters of St. Francis](http://www.hospital-sisters.org) is the founding institute. For more information about HSHS, visit www.hshs.org. For more information about Hospital Sisters of St. Francis, visit www.hospital-sisters.org.