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SSM Health and CSA complete sponsorship transfer of Agnesian HealthCare and Monroe Clinic

Agreement adds 4 hospitals, 8 post-acute facilities and dozens of outpatient care sites to SSM Health's integrated health care delivery network in South Central Wisconsin

(Jan. 4, 2018) – The Congregation of Sisters of St. Agnes (CSA) and SSM Health announced today they've successfully completed a transfer of sponsorship of CSA's health care ministries. Agnesian HealthCare, based in Fond du Lac, Wis., and Monroe Clinic, based in Monroe, Wis., are now part of SSM Health. Patients and residents will continue to receive the high-quality compassionate care they've come to know and expect from Agnesian HealthCare and Monroe Clinic, but also benefit from the additional expertise, resources and extensive network of specialists provided by SSM Health.

The announcement marks the union of three highly-regarded and mission-driven organizations who share a commitment to ensuring the long-term sustainability of Catholic healthcare and providing high-quality, affordable healthcare services to meet the needs of the patients and communities they serve.

"We are excited and proud to have the talented and dedicated employees and physicians of Agnesian HealthCare and Monroe Clinic become part of SSM Health," said Laura S. Kaiser, President and CEO of SSM Health. "This partnership is a natural fit and we look forward to working together to further improve access and enhance quality of care in Wisconsin."

The decision to pursue a sponsorship transfer was initiated and guided by CSA, who established the health ministries more than a century ago. Changes in the Wisconsin payer and provider markets, combined with the changing demographics of the Congregation, led CSA to consider how to best uphold the legacy of its healthcare ministries and maintain the level of care that patients and communities expect.

"As sponsors and partners in ministry with Agnesian Healthcare and Monroe Clinic, CSA has experienced 120 years of continuous blessings," said Sister Jean Steffes, General Superior of the Congregation of Sisters of St. Agnes. "Sharing in the mission of Jesus with all those serving and being served through these vital and vibrant ministries has been a privilege beyond measure. We know that Agnesian HealthCare and Monroe Clinic will continue into a future of dynamic growth and depth of mission with SSM Health."

Agnesian HealthCare, Monroe Clinic and their affiliates will adopt the SSM Health brand, while also honoring their legacy names. The brand transition is expected to be completed by the end of 2018.

With the completion of the sponsorship transfer, SSM Health's integrated health care delivery network in Wisconsin now extends into Northern Illinois and includes seven hospitals, 10 post-acute facilities, and more than 85 physician offices and other outpatient care sites, as well as a health plan and pharmacy benefit management company. In addition, the health system now has about 14,000 employees and physicians in Wisconsin – and more than 40,000 across the Midwest.

About The Congregation of Sisters of St. Agnes

The Congregation of Sisters of St. Agnes (CSA), founded in 1858, is based in Fond du Lac, Wisconsin within the Archdiocese of Milwaukee. Today, CSA has more than 200 sisters across the United States and Nicaragua who strive to minister with simplicity and hospitality in the fields of education, healthcare, pastoral ministry and social service.

For more than 120 years, Agnesian HealthCare has been a pillar within the Fond du Lac region, and it continues its mission to offer high quality services with compassionate care. A total of nine ministries offer a wide array of quality health and wellness services for individuals and families, including Agnesian Pharmacies/Prescription Centers and Agnesian Health Shoppe, Christian Home & Rehabilitation Center, Consultants Laboratory, Fond du Lac Regional Clinic, Ripon Medical Center, St. Agnes Hospital, St. Francis Home, Villa Loretto & Villa Rosa, and Waupun Memorial Hospital.

Monroe Clinic is a not-for-profit, single hospital health system serving communities in southern Wisconsin and northern Illinois. The system includes a multi-specialty physician practice with 122 employed providers, 12 clinic locations, a 24-hour emergency department, a home care and hospice agency, retail and urgent care clinics, rural residency and fellowship programs, and primary care sites offering preventive, acute and rehabilitative care.

For additional information, please visit www.csasisters.org, www.agnesian.com or www.monroeclinic.org.

About SSM Health in Wisconsin

SSM Health (www.ssmhealth.com/about) is a Catholic, not-for-profit health system serving the comprehensive health needs of communities across the Midwest through a robust and fully integrated health care delivery system. The organization's more than 40,000 employees and physicians are committed to providing exceptional health care services and revealing God's healing presence to everyone they serve.

In Wisconsin and Northern Illinois, SSM Health employs 14,000 people through a community-based network of leading physicians/providers, and inpatient and outpatient care facilities. The organization provides high-quality coordinated care across seven hospitals, 10 post-acute care facilities, and more than 85 physician offices and other outpatient care sites. SSM Health also serves 425,000 lives through Dean Health Plan, making it one of the largest and most diversified HMOs in the Midwest, and serves more than 4.5 million people across 34 states through Navitus, a pharmacy benefit management services company.

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