Holy Cross Health Celebrates Grand Opening of Holy Cross Hospital’s South Building on Newly Named Kevin J. Sexton Campus of Holy Cross Health

(Silver Spring, Maryland) – Holy Cross Health of Silver Spring, Maryland, is celebrating the historic expansion of Holy Cross Hospital and the completion of a seven-year plan to meet the needs of its communities. The grand opening event and ribbon cutting were held on October 15, 2015 with the official opening of the south building taking place on November 1, 2015.

In attendance were members of the Holy Cross Health and Holy Cross Health Foundation Board of Directors, Sisters of the Holy Cross, physicians and members of the Medical Executive Committees, staff, elected and government officials, and community and Catholic health care leaders. The historic expansion was made possible by generous donors who also were in attendance and have contributed more than $15 million toward the organization’s $25 million capital campaign goal.

The new seven-story patient care building represents the hospital’s largest expansion in more than 50 years, adding 232,000 square feet and bringing the latest technology, privacy and comfort to all patients. As part of the expansion, an additional 42,000 square feet of the main hospital building’s critical care and surgery areas has been expanded or renovated, and 300 new parking spaces were created. With the addition of 150 private patient rooms in critical care, intermediate care and medical-surgical units, Holy Cross Hospital joins Holy Cross Germantown Hospital as the only area hospitals to offer private rooms to all patients.

Judith Rogers, R.N., Ph.D., president of Holy Cross Hospital said, “The building itself is spectacular. And now we can use private rooms to care for our patients, respecting their privacy and optimizing their safety and outcomes and permitting the staff to work in an environment that makes them as successful as they can be.”
In recent years, Holy Cross has invested more than $450 million in the expansion of health care facilities. In addition to Holy Cross Germantown Hospital, which celebrated its one-year anniversary this month, and the establishment of four health centers for the underserved, 85 percent of the patient care areas at Holy Cross Hospital are new or renovated since 1998, when Kevin J. Sexton joined the organization as President and CEO of Holy Cross Health.

In recognition of his role in the transformation of Holy Cross Health, the Board of Directors named the campus on which Holy Cross Hospital and other services are located the Kevin J. Sexton Campus of Holy Cross Health. Hercules Pinkney, Chair of the Holy Cross Health Board of Directors, presented Sexton with the Board’s Resolution naming the campus, which was approved that same day.

“I am honored to be associated with Holy Cross Health in this public way. Holy Cross Health’s system of care reaches more people than ever through two hospitals, multiple community health centers, ob/gyn clinics, primary care sites, and outreach programs,” said Kevin Sexton, President & CEO of Holy Cross Health. “Today’s grand opening event is exciting in its own right but also as a culmination of an integrated long-term plan to improve health care access to everyone in our community and continue to fulfill our Mission.”

Sister Carol Keehan, D.C., President and CEO of the Catholic Health Association of the United States, who spoke at the grand opening, said, “On behalf of Catholic health care in this country, which has given so much to this nation, I want to thank Holy Cross for being the finest example of what Catholic health care should be.” George Leventhal, President, Montgomery County Council, praised Holy Cross Health for always being there for the neediest in our community with care that is of the highest quality.

Other Key Features of Holy Cross Hospital’s New South Building

- Curved building design that follows the beltway incorporates special “curtain wall” design into the structure to assure a quiet and peaceful environment to enhance patient recovery.
- Beautifully designed concourse connecting the new south building to the rest of the hospital
- Continuing the Holy Cross Health commitment to be at the forefront of quality care for seniors by creating a designated space for older adults in the renovated surgery department
- “Green” design that meets all the latest standards for sustainability, working toward obtaining Leadership in Energy and Environment Design (LEED) Gold certification.

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Holy Cross Health, founded in 1963 by the Sisters of the Holy Cross, is a comprehensive Catholic health care delivery system that includes two hospitals and a network of community health centers in Montgomery County, Maryland. Holy Cross Hospital, the largest hospital in Montgomery and Prince George's Counties, is located on the Kevin J. Sexton Campus of Holy Cross Health in Silver Spring. Holy Cross Germantown Hospital is the first hospital in the nation located on the campus of a community college. Holy Cross Health Network provides primary care at health centers located in Silver Spring, Aspen Hill, Gaithersburg, and Germantown and community education throughout Montgomery County.