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## **HSHS St. Joseph's Hospital announces new CEO**

**CHIPPEWA FALLS** – HSHS Western Wisconsin Division administrators are pleased to announce Charisse Oland, Ed.D, FACHE, has accepted the position of president and CEO of HSHS St. Joseph's Hospital. She will begin serving St. Joseph's on Monday, Nov. 27.

The position at St. Joseph's became available when Joan Coffman, former president and CEO, moved to Decatur, Ill., to take the same position at HSHS St. Mary's Hospital.

Julie Manas, HSHS Western Wisconsin president and CEO, said Oland did great work for the division in the past, and she's excited to welcome her back.

"She has affected meaningful change in every role she has held," Manas said. "She has a history of leading health care facilities, strategic planning methods and significant community involvement that correlate well with our forward movement and our mission."

Oland, who will transition from Rusk County Memorial Hospital CEO to take this position, is not a stranger to HSHS Western Wisconsin Division. In 2010, she served as regional director of strategy and business development for the division. She led the development of a five-year strategic plan to clinically integrate medical group practices and master facility planning in collaboration with the senior executive team. She also administered a nationally recognized community health needs assessment process for the health care community in Western Wisconsin.

In 2012, Oland became CEO of Rusk County Memorial Hospital and clinics in Ladysmith. During her tenure, she collaborated with the board of trustees and county board to create a strategic plan, which included starting a provider-based clinic with primary care and subspecialties, employing its own emergency physician group, launching a nationally recognized Advance Practice Nurse Hospitalist program and remodeling facilities to enhance patient safety, quality and patient experience.

Recently, Oland received her Doctorate in Leadership from the University of St. Thomas in St. Paul, Minn. In her dissertation entitled "*The Experience of Health System Leaders in Meeting Patients' Spiritual Needs*," Oland wrote, "I am blessed to work in the field of health care where I am daily surrounded by the mysteries and miracles of healing. I value and admire my colleagues in the healing profession who provide holistic care: mind, body and spirit, especially those who participated in this study and the now deceased Monsignor Klimek who is the face of God to me." Klimek served HSHS Sacred Heart Hospital and the division for 45 years, and was a pillar of faith for colleagues, patients and visitors in the hospitals.

Oland and her husband Eivind are high school sweethearts who grew up in Minnesota. The couple has three adult children. While not spoiling their grandson, they enjoy being outdoors near woods and water.

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### **About HSHS St. Joseph's Hospital**

[HSHS St. Joseph's Hospital](#) is sponsored by Hospital Sisters Ministries, the [Hospital Sisters of St. Francis](#) is the Founding Institute, and it is an affiliate of [Hospital Sisters Health System](#). Since 1885, it has served the people of the Chippewa Falls area with health care that is high tech and high touch. Known locally for the quality of the care it provides patients, the hospital has been recognized nationally for its outstanding patient satisfaction levels.

### **About Hospital Sisters Health System**

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