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New President Named for Saint Joseph London and Saint Joseph Berea

John C. Yanes begins new role September 9


“John has a wealth of experience as a health care executive in facilities similar to Saint Joseph London and Saint Joseph Berea,” said Bruce Tassin, CEO of CHI Saint Joseph Health. “We believe he is a great fit for these two facilities and the communities they serve.”

Yanes served most recently as chief executive officer at Andalusia Health in Andalusia, Ala. In that role, he led daily operations and business strategies for an 88-bed acute care community hospital within the LifePoint Health system. Under his leadership, the hospital added and expanded outpatient service lines, and achieved a CMS Hospital Compare hospital rating of four of five stars, as well as patient experience results in the 86th percentile rank for emergency services. He also created a leadership academy to foster leadership development and talent management among staff.

He has also served as a president and CEO in Ohio, Tennessee, Pennsylvania and Florida for 17 years. He began his career in Florida as an administrator and executive director for clinics and health networks in Jacksonville, Daytona Beach and Pompano Beach.

Yanes received a bachelor of science in business administration, an MBA and a master of health science from the University of Florida. He completed the Executive Program in Managed Care at the University of Missouri-Kansas City, is board certified in health care management from the American College of Healthcare Executives in Chicago and received the designation as Certified Professional in Patient Safety from the Institute of Healthcare Improvement in Boston.

“It’s truly an honor to join the CHI Saint Joseph Health team to serve as president of Saint Joseph London and Saint Joseph Berea,” Yanes said. “It has been my aspiration to serve a faith-
based system. We look forward to making Laurel County our new home and enjoying the wonderful communities of London and Berea.”

Yanes enjoys the outdoors, biking and hiking – and Florida Gators football. He and his wife Cheryl have three children: Chris, an architect living with his new wife in Tampa, Julian, a student at the University of Cincinnati, and Catherine, a freshman at the University of Missouri.

About CHI Saint Joseph Health
CHI Saint Joseph Health, part of Catholic Health Initiatives, is one of the largest and most comprehensive health systems in the Commonwealth of Kentucky with 135 locations in 20 counties, including hospitals, physician groups, clinics, primary care centers, specialty institutes and home health agencies. In total, the health system serves patients in 35 counties statewide. CHI Saint Joseph Health is dedicated to building healthier communities by elevating patient care through an integrated physical and behavioral health delivery system. CHI Saint Joseph Health embodies a strong mission and faith-based heritage and works through local partnerships to expand access to care in the communities it serves.

About Saint Joseph London
Saint Joseph London is a 150-bed full service hospital located in London, KY. Established in 1926, the facility serves patients from southeastern Kentucky, including those from Clay, Laurel, Jackson, Whitley, Knox and Pulaski counties. The current $152 million regional hospital opened in 2010, and offers all private patient rooms, with most overlooking a small lake and garden on the 52-acre healing environment.

About Saint Joseph Berea
Saint Joseph Berea is a 25-bed critical access hospital located in Berea, KY. Established in 1898 on the grounds of Berea College, the facility serves residents of Madison, Estill, Garrard, Jackson and Rockcastle counties. Saint Joseph Berea recognizes the importance of family, friends and familiar surroundings in the healing process and provides a breadth of services so that getting first-rate care doesn’t have to mean being far from home.

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