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Catholic Healthcare West Names Jarrett S. Anderson Chairman of the CHW Board of Directors

San Francisco, CA – May 7, 2008 – Catholic Healthcare West (CHW), the eighth largest hospital system in the nation, announced today that Jarrett S. Anderson has been named Chairperson of the CHW Board of Directors, effective May 1. Mr. Anderson joined the CHW Board of Directors in 2002 and has served as Vice Chair since 2005.

Mr. Anderson's appointment comes as CHW is stepping up its advocacy efforts for healthcare reform. The not-for-profit hospital system recently released its 2008 Health Security Index, which measures the level of security the American public has in their ability to maintain their health and access health care services. The Index is one example of CHW's long history of advocating for healthcare reform.

"I've always been driven by the ideal of community service and not-for-profit healthcare embodies that ideal," Mr. Anderson said. "I'm honored to serve the mission of CHW as the Board Chair and will ensure we continue to be an organization that focuses on delivering excellent, compassionate care to all in need, partnering with others, and advocating for a more just healthcare system while speaking out for those who are disenfranchised."

Since 1964, Mr. Anderson has practiced law with the offices of Melby & Anderson LLP, based in Glendale, California. He has served on the Board of Trustees for the Los Angeles County Bar Association and the Los Angeles County Law Library, and has been a member of the Advisory Committee on the State Bar of California on Continuing Legal Education. He has also served as Judge Pro Tem for the Los Angeles Superior Court.

"We are pleased and fortunate that Jarrett has accepted this leadership position on our Board," said Lloyd H. Dean, president/chief executive officer for CHW. "His role is a natural outgrowth of the expertise, guidance and contributions he has brought to our healing ministry over the past six years."

In addition to being a member of the CHW Board of Directors, Mr. Anderson has served on numerous boards and committees in his community, including the Board of Directors of the Y.M.C.A and the Board of Directors of Glendale Memorial Hospital and Health Center (a CHW hospital). Mr. Anderson holds a J.D. degree from the University of Southern California, School of Law. Anderson replaces Adrienne Crowe as Chairperson of the CHW Board of Directors, whose three one-year terms expired in 2008.

About Catholic Healthcare West

Catholic Healthcare West (CHW), headquartered in San Francisco, CA, is a system of 41 hospitals and medical centers in California, Arizona and Nevada. Founded in 1986, it is the eighth largest hospital system in the nation and the largest not-for-profit health care system in California. CHW is committed to delivering compassionate, high-quality, affordable health care services with special attention to the poor and underserved. The CHW network of more than 9,500 physicians and approximately 48,000 employees provide quality health care services during more than four million patient visits annually. In 2007, CHW provided \$922 million in charity care and unsponsored community benefit. For more information, please visit our website at www.chwHEALTH.org.