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Catholic Healthcare West Names Hunt, O'Quinn to Chief Operating Officer Posts

San Francisco, CA – October 13, 2008 – Catholic Healthcare West (CHW), the eighth largest hospital system in the nation, announced today that William J. (Bill) Hunt and Marvin O'Quinn have been named to dual Executive Vice President/Chief Operating Officer positions. Each executive will have operational responsibility for approximately half of CHW's facilities. The pair replaces Michael Erne, who retired this month after serving with CHW since 1997. With the dual EVP/COO positions CHW has eliminated the three group president of operations positions, resulting in a flattening of the operations structure for the organization.

Bill Hunt has served in several leadership roles at CHW since 1996. Since 2003 he has served as President of Group Operations overseeing the operations of fifteen hospitals throughout Northern California and Reno, Nevada. He also served as the President/Chief Executive Officer of the CHW Medical Foundation, a 300+ physician group practice in Northern California. In his new role he will be responsible for operations in Northern California from the Oregon border south to Kern County. Hunt will additionally be responsible for physician engagement efforts across the 41-hospital system.

Marvin O'Quinn is currently the President and Chief Executive Officer of Jackson Health System in Miami, Fla. He will remain in that position to ensure a smooth transition and join CHW effective Jan. 1, 2009. O'Quinn will be responsible for the service areas in Arizona, Nevada, and in California from San Luis Obispo south. He will also be responsible for integrated process management and ambulatory operations.

"Bill and Marvin bring a breadth of healthcare experience to CHW," said Lloyd Dean, President/Chief Executive Officer of CHW. "They are ideally suited to this role, I have the utmost confidence in their leadership, and I look forward to working with them to further strengthen our ministry and ensure that all who need healthcare are able to receive it. The benefit of this new model is a much broader range of expertise and oversight for an organization of our size than would be possible under the conventional, single-executive approach."

Bill Hunt has more than 35 years experience in healthcare, as a practicing physician assistant, educator and administrator. Prior to joining CHW he served in leadership roles at Thomas-Davis Medical Centers, a 230-provider multi-specialty in Arizona and with the Geisinger Health System in Pennsylvania. He holds a bachelor's of Science degree in health sciences and certification as a physician assistant from Hahnemann

University and a Master's of Science degree in Management from Houston Baptist University, College of Business and Economics. He is a Vietnam Veteran who served on active duty in the United States Air Force for seven years.

Before assuming his current role in 2003, Mr. O'Quinn served as Executive Vice President and Chief Operating Officer of Atlantic Health System in Florham Park, N.J. Earlier he held executive positions with New York Presbyterian Health System, Providence Medical Center and Providence Milwaukee Hospital in Portland, Ore. He also held key positions with other hospital and medical centers in Portland, Fresno and Seattle. Mr. O'Quinn received his bachelor's degree in biology and master's degree in health administration from the University of Washington.

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 nearly 10,000 physicians and approximately 53,000 employees provide quality healthcare services during more than four million patient visits annually. In 2008, CHW provided \$967 million in charity care and unsponsored community benefit. For more information, please visit our website at www.chwHEALTH.org.

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