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HSHS ANNOUNCES NEW LEADERSHIP ROLES AT HSHS ST. JOSEPH'S HOSPITAL HIGHLAND

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SPRINGFIELD, IL (June 2, 2023) – Effective today, HSHS announced the appointment of Chris Klay, president and CEO of HSHS St. Elizabeth's Hospital in O'Fallon, Ill., to serve in an additional leadership role as president and CEO of HSHS St. Joseph's Hospital in Highland, IL. Klay succeeds John Ludwig, who is stepping away from his role due to his health.

"I am honored to be succeeding John in this role," shared Klay. "Under his leadership, St. Joseph's has excelled locally and nationally in patient experience, patient safety, and financial performance. I am excited to serve the patients in the Highland community and support the colleagues of St. Joseph's as we continue to deliver high-quality health care to all," added Klay.

Klay has served as president and CEO of St. Elizabeth's since May 2022. Prior to his current role at St. Elizabeth's, Chris served as president and CEO of HSHS St. Joseph's Hospital in Breese. He joined HSHS in 2009 as the director of rehabilitation services for HSHS St. Joseph's Hospital in Chippewa Falls and was promoted to also lead the service line at HSHS Sacred Heart Hospital in Eau Claire.



In addition, Teresa Cornelius, DNP, RN, CENP, will begin serving as chief operating officer (COO) at St. Joseph's Hospital in Highland as well as continue her role as chief nursing officer (CNO).

Cornelius has been with HSHS since 2006 and was most recently serving as interim CEO at St. Joseph's Hospital in Highland. She started her nursing career as a registered nurse at St. Joseph's Hospital. Prior to her position as CNO, Teresa served as the director of clinical operations, inpatient nurse manager and charge nurse, gaining progressive leadership experience in each role.

About Hospital Sisters Health System

Hospital Sisters Health System's (HSHS) mission is to reveal and embody Christ's healing love for all people through our high quality, Franciscan health care ministry. HSHS provides state-of-the-art health care to our patients and is dedicated to serving all people, especially the most vulnerable, at each of our 15 Local Systems and physician practices in Illinois (Belleville, Breese, Decatur, Effingham, Greenville, Highland, Litchfield, Shelbyville and Springfield) and Wisconsin (Chippewa Falls, Eau Claire, Oconto Falls, Sheboygan, and two in Green Bay). HSHS is sponsored by Hospital Sisters Ministries. For more information about HSHS, visit www.hshs.org. For more information about Hospital Sisters of St. Francis, visit www.hospitalsisters.org.

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