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Sacred Heart Health System Names New CEO As Ascension Unites Florida Sites of Care

PENSACOLA, Fla. (June 5, 2018) – Ascension has appointed Tom VanOsdol to serve as the chief executive officer of Sacred Heart Health System as well as St. Vincent’s HealthCare in Jacksonville.

In his new role, VanOsdol will serve as chief executive for all of Ascension’s sites of care in Florida, which include seven hospitals and regional physician networks operated by St. Vincent’s and Sacred Heart. His promotion to become CEO at Sacred Heart is part of a restructuring within Ascension that unites its sites of care in Florida as a single Florida Market. The creation of the Ascension Florida organization became effective May 1.

Sacred Heart and St. Vincent’s were both founded by the Daughters of Charity and have been part of Ascension for 19 years. Ascension is the largest non-profit health system in the United States.

VanOsdol was named President and CEO for St. Vincent’s HealthCare in 2017, having come to Jacksonville in 2015 as the Chief Operating Officer. Prior to his arrival in Florida, VanOsdol served for more than 26 years at Ascension’s St. Vincent Health in Indiana.

“Sacred Heart Health System is blessed with an exceptional leadership team, dedicated caregivers and support staff, very involved board members and donors, and a highly qualified medical staff,” VanOsdol said. “I’m blessed by the opportunity to lead a great healthcare ministry that has served Northwest Florida for more than 100 years. I look forward to the privilege of serving with the Sacred Heart team to provide compassionate, personalized care to individuals along the Gulf Coast.”

VanOsdol began his healthcare career as a speech-language pathologist. He earned his master’s degree in speech-language pathology from Ball State University, and a master’s in business management from Indiana Wesleyan University. VanOsdol also earned his LEAN Six-Sigma certification from Purdue University and a two-year graduate certificate in theology and formation for Catholic healthcare ministry leadership from the Aquinas Institute in St. Louis. He is a Fellow in the American College of Healthcare Executives.

He will work with Florida and national Ascension leaders to develop organizational structures and services to best achieve Ascension’s mission of serving all people with special attention to the poor and vulnerable.

Sacred Heart’s regional services include the 566-bed Sacred Heart Hospital in Pensacola, the Studer Family Children’s Hospital at Sacred Heart, Sacred Heart Hospital on the Emerald Coast, a 76-bed hospital near Destin, and Sacred Heart Hospital on the Gulf, a 19-bed hospital in Port St. Joe, Fla. Other key services are provided by Sacred Heart Medical Group, the

region's largest network of physicians with offices in seven counties between Pensacola to Apalachicola, Fla.

About Ascension Florida

In Florida, Ascension operates Sacred Heart based in Pensacola and St. Vincent's HealthCare based in Jacksonville. Together, these Ascension facilities operate seven hospitals and more than 100 other sites of care, and they employ more than 10,000 associates. Across the region, Sacred Heart and St. Vincent's have served North Florida communities for more than 130 years. In fiscal year 2017, they provided \$168 million in community benefit and care of persons living in poverty. Ascension is a faith-based healthcare organization committed to delivering compassionate, personalized care to all, with special attention to persons living in poverty and those most vulnerable. Ascension is the largest non-profit health system in the U.S. and the world's largest Catholic health system, operating 2,600 sites of care – including 153 hospitals and more than 50 senior living facilities – in 22 states and the District of Columbia. For more information about Sacred Heart, visit www.sacred-heart.org.

