



July 15, 2006 - Caritas Christi Health Care Chief Executive Search

BRIGHTON, Mass. - The Archdiocese of Boston has announced that John A. Kaneb, chairman of HP Hood, has agreed to chair the search committee for a new president/CEO of Caritas Christi Health Care. Under Mr. Kaneb's leadership, Caritas has commenced the process of contacting respected leaders in the health care and business community to serve on this committee.

Caritas Christi interim CEO, John Chessare, MD, MPH, notes that the Caritas system is poised to record its second consecutive fiscal year of multi-million dollar profitability. The Caritas Christi leadership team will remain focused on even better financial performance centered squarely on continuing to provide its patients with exceptional clinical outcomes and service. As a Catholic health care system rooted in the history of the Archdiocese of Boston, Caritas Christi affirms Christ's healing ministry in accordance with the principles of the Catholic Church.

The search for a new president/CEO will be thorough and will include a comprehensive analysis of Caritas' position in the New England health care market. Caritas St. Elizabeth's Medical Center, the tertiary referral center for Caritas Christi's six-hospital system, continues its own positive financial turnaround and success. The Archdiocese also announced that Chris O'Connor, COO of Caritas St. Elizabeth's Medical Center, will continue to maintain leadership responsibilities until Caritas Christi names a new president/CEO. Mr. O'Connor assumed these additional responsibilities after the recent announcement that Caritas St. Elizabeth's chief executive will be leaving next month to lead a multi-hospital system in Rochester, New York.

Mr. O'Connor holds a master degree in health service administration from George Washington University and has extensive experience as a hospital administrator.

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