

**Remarks at Holy Cross Hospital's
50th Anniversary Reception
January 9, 2013**

**Judith Rogers
President, Holy Cross Hospital**

Good evening. It is my great pleasure to thank you for sharing with us this very special occasion of the 50th anniversary celebration of Holy Cross Hospital.

It has been an emotional night -- hasn't it -- as we reflect on the past 50 years and recognize that tomorrow, we begin the next 50.

I'd like to offer my own gratitude on behalf of those who work at Holy Cross Hospital for your continued support over the many years of our history. I have worked at Holy Cross for 10 years, and I know first-hand, your support gives deeper meaning to our work and inspires us every day.

We deliver health care, it is true, but we provide so much more beyond the application of medical or scientific methods designed to heal -- we offer comfort, strength and compassion as we minister to patients at the bedside when they are often most vulnerable.

It is within these intimate bedside relationships and the accompanying set of critical encounters along the way -- unique to each patient -- that we continue to nurture the legacy of caring of the Sisters of the Holy Cross.

Going forward, we will continue to embrace change, we will continue to strive to earn trust, and we will continue to do what needs to be done to meet unmet needs -- just as the Sisters of the Holy Cross did.

It is my great honor to steward this responsibility forward.

I am neither the first woman nor **nurse** president of Holy Cross Hospital.

But, as the first non-Sister, female president of Holy Cross Hospital -- and a nurse -- I feel a special connection to, and responsibility for supporting the nurse leaders and ensuring that the practice of nursing at Holy Cross Hospital -- the way we interact with patients, the way we treat patients -- and the way that we operate our facility -- are all consistent with the values of our Catholic, faith-based organization.

Fifty years is a long history, and the next fifty years begins now. We are prepared to continue our success, we are prepared to remain nimble in address of the significant challenges the industry will present and we are prepared to continue to embrace the mission that defines Holy Cross Hospital. We certainly cannot go wrong if we continue to choose the route that best demonstrates the values the Sisters of the Holy Cross brought forth 50 years ago. They are as right and serviceable now as they were then.

It is our commitment to continue to work hard every single day to deliver the very highest quality of care to everyone we see, especially the most vulnerable.
You can count on us to be here in the future, as we have been in the past.

I am humbled by this evening, by the context and the perspective of the past.

I am so very honored by the opportunity to provide leadership at this moment in our history.

And, I am extremely optimistic about and energized by the prospect of our future -- working with Kevin Sexton, our board, our physicians, my colleagues, and the staff throughout Holy Cross Hospital.

The past inspires us, and we promise to deliver on the mission commitments that we hold dear as the family of Holy Cross Hospital.

Thank you very much for your support and for being here with us tonight.

At this time before we unveil the artwork, I'd like to draw your attention to the special video presentation we have prepared.

We hope that you will see reflected by our Holy Cross family in their personal recollections, some of the very themes you heard about tonight in our remarks -- the hospital's long-standing commitment to the changing needs of our community, to partnerships, to growth and to innovation.