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CATHOLIC HEALTHCARE WEST JOINS EFFORT TO ADDRESS CLIMATE CHANGE

*Not-for-profit hospital system is first in the nation
to commit to measuring greenhouse gas emissions*

LOS ANGELES, California – Catholic Healthcare West has joined a key group of environmental leaders as a new member of the California Climate Action Registry (the Registry). As a participant in the Registry, Catholic Healthcare West will voluntarily measure and report all emissions of greenhouse gases, the main contributors to global warming. The company operates 43 acute care hospitals throughout California, Arizona and Nevada and is headquartered in San Francisco, California.

By joining the Registry, Catholic Healthcare West becomes the first Healthcare Provider in the country to commit to publicly measure and report their greenhouse gas emissions. In doing so, Catholic Healthcare West builds upon its previous record of activism on this issue.

"We recognize that we must provide compassionate care in a way that enhances patient and employee safety while minimally impacting the environment," said Lloyd H. Dean, president/CEO of Catholic Healthcare West. "We're pleased to be working with the California Climate Action Registry to help keep our environment healthy."

The Registry was created by California law as a private nonprofit corporation that helps companies and other organizations to track, publicly report and reduce their emissions of the gases that can lead to global warming.

The results are certified by independent organizations to ensure accuracy, and the State of California will work to ensure that participants receive appropriate consideration in any future state, federal or international regulatory scheme governing greenhouse gas emissions. The Registry is supported by businesses, government and environmental organizations.

“In joining the Registry, Catholic Healthcare West has committed to not only protect the health of their patients, but to protecting the health of all Californians and environment” said Terry Tamminen, Chair of the Registry Board of Directors and Secretary of the California EPA.

The Registry provides companies the opportunity to keep pace with their counterparts throughout the world, where greenhouse gas emissions are becoming subject to mandatory reductions with credits traded on an open market. Participants in the Registry are provided a place to protect their early actions in anticipation of future credit trading opportunities or regulation.

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Catholic Healthcare West, headquartered in San Francisco, CA, is a system of 43 hospitals and medical centers in California, Arizona and Nevada. Founded in 1986, it is one of the nation's largest not-for-profit health care systems and the largest Catholic health care system based in the Western United States. CHW is committed to delivering compassionate, high-quality, affordable health care services with special attention to the poor and underserved. The CHW network of more than 7,500 physicians and approximately 40,000 employees provides health care services to more than four million people annually. In 2003, CHW provided more than \$422 million in charity care and unsponsored community benefit. For more information, please visit www.CHWhealth.org.

The California Climate Action Registry is a non-profit public/private partnership that serves as a voluntary greenhouse gas (GHG) registry to protect, encourage, and promote early actions to reduce GHG emissions. Over 40 major companies, cities, government agencies and NGOs measure and publicly report their GHG emissions through the Registry. More information is available at www.climateregistry.org.