

UPDATE OCTOBER 2011: ASCENSION HEALTH MINISTRIES

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October 15, 2011, marked a new turning point as three Carondelet Provinces: Albany, N.Y.; St. Louis, Mo.; Los Angeles, Calif., alienated their canonical sponsorship of their historic health ministries to Ascension Health Ministries, the recently approved public juridic person (PJP) and sole sponsor of Ascension Health. This transfer of sponsorship marks a new juncture in the evolution of sponsorship. The other two founding participating entities: the Daughters of Charity, newly formed St. Louise Province, and the Congregation of St. Joseph also alienated their canonical sponsorship at the same time. Sr. Laura Bufano, CSJ a member of the Carondelet Congregational Leadership Team stated, "Although the provinces no longer sponsor their historic health ministries, they will continue to have an influence in appointing the members of the new sponsor, Ascension Health Ministries. This will provide for the strengthening of Catholic health care in the United States."

Go to our congregational website - www.csjcarondelet.org where you find a link to an excellent article on the transition. **Ceremony Marks Transition to Non-Congregational Public Juridic Person Sole Sponsorship Model.**

To access a brief video of the transition ceremony click on the link below – It is the 2nd segment of a 3-part video update from the October, 2011 edition of *Inside Ascension Health*. You will recognize some familiar faces there: Sisters Barbara Moore, CSJ; Kay Ryan, CSJ; Louise Gallahue, DC; Mary Anne Rodgers, CSJ; Mary Kay Hadican, CSJ and other members of the Sponsors Council.

http://www.corporatecontent.biz/clientassets/ascension_health/inside_ascension_health.html

We also highly recommend an article in the September – October issue of Health Progress, a publication of the Catholic Health Association (CHA). The article, *Vatican Expert Unpacks Canonical PJP Process*, is by Sister Sharon Holland, IHM, J.C.D.

http://www.chausa.org/pages/publications/health_progress/current_issue/