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Our Lady of Lourdes Bryan Lee Accepts New Role in Virginia *National Search Begins for Replacement*

(Lafayette, LA) – Our Lady of Lourdes President Bryan Lee has accepted an executive leadership position with Bon Secours Mercy Health in Virginia. Franciscan Missionaries of Our Lady Health System (FMOLHS) has convened a selection committee that includes several Lafayette leaders to choose a replacement to direct regional operations. Chief Financial Officer Jennifer Clowers will serve as Interim Market President upon Lee’s departure in mid-December and during the search process.

Bryan Hanks, Chairman of the Our Lady of Lourdes Board of Directors, shared these sentiments, “We are extremely grateful for Bryan Lee and his servant leadership to further both this hospital and our community. We have always seen great promise in him and wish him well. Bryan has assembled a tremendous executive team at Our Lady of Lourdes and we have full confidence in Jennifer Clowers to lead the organization forward as we select a new President.”

Since joining the organization almost four years ago, Lee made significant growth contributions to the health care organization in Lafayette. Under his leadership Our Lady of Lourdes expanded its Acadiana footprint with the acquisition of Women’s & Children’s Hospital, development of an Emergency Room in Scott, four new Lourdes Urgent Care locations and further alignment of Lourdes Heart Hospital. Under his steady guidance, Our Lady of Lourdes hospitals persevered through COVID-19 and led the community through the first two waves of the pandemic.

“The strategic growth of our Acadiana ministry is particularly notable under Bryan’s leadership. His thoughtful and collegial style will be missed. Our well wishes and prayers are with him as he makes this career move,” said Dr. Richard Vath, FMOLHS Chief Executive Officer.

About Our Lady of Lourdes

Founded by the Franciscan Missionaries of Our Lady in 1949, Our Lady of Lourdes is a regional acute care medical center focused on the healing ministry of Jesus Christ. Lourdes is a wholly owned subsidiary of the Franciscan Missionaries of Our Lady Health System, which is the largest locally-owned, not-for-profit health system in Louisiana. The hospital employs more than 2,800 people and offers a physician staff of over 600 doctors in a variety of medical and surgical specialties. Lourdes’ services include Centers of Excellence in the areas of Orthopedics, Stroke and a Robotic Surgery Program. Lourdes is home to the only burn unit in Southwest Louisiana and a Commission on Cancer-accredited oncology program. Our Lady of Lourdes operates Our Lady of Lourdes Heart Hospital, a premier 32-bed cardiac facility, and Our Lady of Lourdes Women’s & Children’s Hospital, offering the area’s only Pediatric Intensive Care Unit and Level 3 Surgical Neonatal Intensive Care Unit. With additional services including multiple clinics, four imaging locations and a primary care physician network, Lourdes provides easy access to comprehensive care throughout the community.