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SAINT MARY'S NAMES STEVE POOLE TO MANAGER OF SPIRITUAL CARE

-Services offered to patients, visitors and staff of all faith traditions-

RENO, Nev. Thursday, June 10 – Saint Mary's Regional Medical Center has named Reverend Steve Poole as manager of spiritual care. In his role, Poole is responsible for managing the hospital's spiritual care services and the six full-time spiritual care staff members, which include Catholic priests and sisters, multi-faith chaplains, and more than 20 trained spiritual care volunteers from a variety of faith traditions.

Poole is a graduate of Garrett Evangelical Theological Seminary located in Evanston, Ill. where he earned his master's degree in Divinity. He went on to train at Harborview Medical Center in Seattle, Wash. where he received his fellowship in clinical pastoral education. Prior to coming to Saint Mary's, Poole was the supervisor of spiritual care at Providence Hospice of Seattle. In addition to his education, Poole has authored several short stories and a book called *Streams of Consciousness*.

"I am glad to be part of Saint Mary's and its tradition of caring for the community," said Steve Poole, manager of spiritual care at Saint Mary's Regional Medical Center. "We recognize that the spiritual care needs of our patients are an essential part of the healing process and we are glad to offer a wealth of services."

Saint Mary's has the region's largest spiritual care staff, which provides spiritual care services to patients, visitors and staff of all faiths. The staff is available from 8 a.m. to 9:30 p.m., seven days a week, and chaplains are available after hours for emergencies and other spiritual care needs. Saint Mary's Chapel, located on the first floor of the hospital is open 24 hours a day for quiet reflection and meditations. Catholic Mass is celebrated in the Chapel at noon on Sunday through Friday, and at 4 p.m. on Saturday.

For more information about Saint Mary's Spiritual Care services, contact 775.770.3746.

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About Saint Mary's

In 2010 Saint Mary's celebrates 102 years of delivering compassionate, high-quality, affordable health services to northern Nevada. Founded in 1908 by the Dominican Sisters of San Rafael, Saint Mary's is a member of the Catholic Healthcare West family of hospitals and medical centers in Arizona, California, and Nevada. As a fully integrated, faith-based healthcare system with 380 licensed beds, approximately 2,300 employees, 850 affiliated physicians, and 300 volunteers, Saint Mary's provides a wide variety of inpatient, outpatient, and community services to go Well Beyond for the community we serve. For more information, please visit www.saintmarysreno.org.

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