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**HSHS MEDICAL GROUP AND ST. JOHN'S HOSPITAL ANNOUNCE THE OPENING OF
ST. JOHN'S HEALTH CENTER AT PRAIRIE CROSSING.
Michael Nenaber, MD, to Open Practice Beginning February 8, 2010**

SPRINGFIELD, IL –The grand opening of the new St. John's Health Center at Prairie Crossing on February 8 features the practice opening of Michael Nenaber, MD, an Internal Medicine physician. Dr. Nenaber also joins the HSHS Medical Group.

St. John's Health Center at Prairie Crossing, located at 4337 Conestoga Drive in Springfield, is another in a series of regional satellite facilities that will extend the high quality health care of St. John's Hospital throughout the city and surrounding communities. A St. John's Health Center site in Rochester was announced in late 2009 and is scheduled to open in April.

Dr. Nenaber is the latest physician to join the HSHS Medical Group, a growing network of primary care and specialty care physicians aligned with St. John's and the 12 other hospitals in Illinois and Wisconsin that comprise Hospital Sisters Health System. Dr. Nenaber has been in practice since 1978 and brings a robust patient base to St. John's Health Center at Prairie Crossing.

"We are very pleased and proud to welcome Dr. Nenaber to the HSHS Medical Group," said Richard Rolston, MD, CEO of the HSHS Medical Group, "Dr. Nenaber is an outstanding physician and we look forward to providing him and his patients a seamless, integrated network of care."

"St. John's Health Center at Prairie Crossing is one component of our Care Integration strategy to provide enhanced health care services in the communities we serve," said Bob Ritz, President and CEO of St. John's Hospital in Springfield. "By working with physicians and physician groups in our community and by expanding our presence with new, easy to access facilities in Springfield and the surrounding communities, we are increasing access to high quality health care services. Emphasizing primary care with these new facilities in our immediate area is consistent with our Journey to Excellence."

The Prairie Crossing location eventually will house three physicians and offer a wide array of services to the community. A Family Medicine physician and a pediatrician are expected to locate their practices at the new facility in early spring.

An Open House will be held at the facility on Sunday, February 7, 2010, from 1:00 to 3:00 p.m. Dr. Nenaber's patients and the community are invited to attend.

About HSHS Medical Group

HSHS Medical Group is a network of primary care and specialty care physicians, physician groups, nurses and medical professionals closely aligned with Hospital Sisters Health System in communities throughout Central and Southern Illinois and Northeastern and Northwestern Wisconsin. Launched in 2008, the HSHS Medical Group is a key component of the HSHS Care Integration strategy, which is designed to enhance quality health care by placing every patient at the center of a seamless, highly-efficient and compassionate network of services. For more information about HSHS Medical Group, visit www.hshsmedicalgroup.org.

About Hospital Sisters Health System

Hospital Sisters Health System is a Roman Catholic health care mission founded to continue the healing ministry of Jesus Christ. Sponsored by the Hospital Sisters of St. Francis, HSHS provides state-of-the-art health care framed in traditional values taught by St. Francis and St. Clare of Assisi. It is dedicated to serving all people, including the poor and the needy, at each of its 13 Local Systems in Illinois (Belleville, Breese, Decatur, Effingham, Highland, Litchfield, Springfield and Streator) and in Wisconsin (Chippewa Falls, Eau Claire, Sheboygan and two in Green Bay). For more information about HSHS, visit www.hshs.org.

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