

April 25, 2025**Immediate Release****Contact:** Carrie Sette-Camara, Director, Public & Media Relations**Office:** (716) 923.9677 | **Cell:** (716) 387-1002 | **Email:** csettecamara@chsbufalo.org**Catholic Health Names Derek Drake President of Mercy Hospital of Buffalo**

Buffalo, NY – Catholic Health is pleased to announce the appointment of Derek Drake, DNP, MBA, RN, FACHE, as President of Mercy Hospital of Buffalo, effective July 2025.

Drake brings more than two decades of healthcare leadership experience to his new role, with expertise spanning clinical operations, strategic planning, continuous improvement, and organizational growth.

“We are thrilled to welcome Derek to Catholic Health and to our leadership team at Mercy Hospital,” said Jim Garvey, Executive Vice President and Chief Operating Officer of Catholic Health. “Derek is a dynamic and accomplished healthcare executive with a strong clinical background. His track record of driving quality, improving employee engagement, and leading complex service lines will be a tremendous asset as we continue to grow and enhance care delivery at Mercy and across our system.”



Derek Drake, DNP, MBA, RN, FACHE

Drake began his career as a registered nurse and held a series of progressively senior leadership roles, including Director of Emergency and Trauma Services at Renown Health in Reno, Nevada, and Vice President of Patient Care Services and Chief Nursing Officer at St. Francis Medical Center in Lynwood, California.

Most recently, he served as Chief Executive Officer at Orange County Global Medical Center in Santa Ana, California, a tertiary care facility providing comprehensive services including trauma, burn care, stroke care, advanced cardiovascular and neurosurgical services, and maternal-child health programs.

Drake earned his Bachelor of Science in Nursing, Master of Science in Nursing, and Doctor of Nursing Practice from the University of Nevada, Reno. He later received his Master of Business Administration from Western Governors University. He will be relocating from California to Buffalo this summer.

As President of Mercy Hospital, Drake will work closely with hospital leadership, medical staff, and associates to continue advancing clinical excellence, employee engagement, and system-wide strategic initiatives across Catholic Health.

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With its roots dating back to Buffalo's first hospital in 1848, Catholic Health is one of the largest health systems in Western New York, serving the Buffalo/Niagara region across its network of hospitals, subacute and long term care facilities, ambulatory care centers, and home care agencies. Known for excellence in quality and patient safety, its care network includes Kenmore Mercy Hospital, Mercy Hospital of Buffalo, Mount St. Mary's Hospital and its Lockport Memorial Hospital Campus, Sisters of Charity Hospital and its St. Joseph Campus, and Home & Community Based Care Services. Along with its more than 9,000 associates and 1,500 physician partners, including Trinity Medical WNY and Catholic Medical Partners, Catholic Health integrates the most advanced clinical and information technology with a tradition of medical excellence and compassionate care. Its healthcare team works together to lead the transformation of healthcare and carry out its mission to reveal the healing love of Jesus to all.