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The Board of Directors of Saint Luke Institute (www.sli.org) announces that Monsignor Stephen J. Rossetti will be stepping down as the Institute's President and CEO effective October 20, 2009. He has been at the Institute since January 1993, initially as its Executive Vice-President/COO, and as CEO since 1997. Reverend Edward J. Arsenault, a priest of the Diocese of Manchester (New Hampshire) will succeed him as President and CEO.

Saint Luke Institute (SLI), located in Silver Spring, Maryland, is an internationally-recognized residential and outpatient treatment and education center serving the health needs of hundreds of Catholic priests and religious women and men each year.

Mr. Ray Brophy, Chair of the Board of SLI, said, "Msgr. Rossetti has been a remarkable leader and an exemplary priest. We are grateful for his extraordinary years of service and all that he has so expertly accomplished. During his leadership, the Institute has become internationally known for its excellence and has an amazing record of success. This is due, in no small measure, to the hard work and dedication of Msgr. Rossetti. We are fortunate to have had him for such a long period of time. He will be greatly missed."

Under Msgr. Rossetti's leadership, the Institute significantly expanded its services for both men and women. This includes establishing a highly effective treatment program for women religious, the Talitha-Life Program, and implementing a wide-ranging education program to promote the psycho-spiritual wellness of thousands of priests and religious internationally through its newsletters, workshops and consultation services. Msgr. Rossetti also expanded the focus of the men's residential program to treat a wide range of psychological and spiritual difficulties. In 2005, Msgr. Rossetti was asked by the Catholic Bishops' Conference of England and Wales to spearhead the founding of St. Luke's Centre, in Manchester, England, a similar program for priests and religious in the U.K. and Ireland.

During his tenure at SLI, Msgr. Rossetti was instrumental in strengthening the Catholic spirituality and identity of the Institute through an expanded spirituality program for its residents and requesting regular reviews of the Institute by the Archdiocese of Washington. Archdiocesan reports have consistently praised the work of the Institute. For example, the 2003 report said: "In sum, it is our conclusion that Saint Luke Institute is a fully Catholic institution based on Catholic teaching and authentic spiritual and theological principles. Moreover, it is the conclusion of the visitation team that the ministry provided by Saint Luke Institute is important and vital for the

welfare of the Catholic Church and worthy of strong support by Church leadership, as well as a model for the treatment of priests and religious everywhere.”

Msgr. Rossetti has played an important role in assisting SLI and the Catholic Church during a difficult time in its history, as it dealt with the clergy sex abuse crisis. He has been a consistent voice in the Church internationally in promoting compassionate, pastoral and professional care for victims, affected parishes, and perpetrators of child sexual abuse. He also served as a consultant to the U.S. Bishops’ Ad Hoc Committee on Sexual Abuse that drafted the “Charter for the Protection of Children and Young People” (“Dallas Charter”) and currently serves on its review committee.

Mr. Brophy announced that the new President and CEO will be the Rev. Edward J. Arsenault of the Diocese of Manchester. Mr. Brophy said, “We are very pleased to welcome Fr. Arsenault. He brings a breadth of experience and expertise that will be a great asset to SLI. We look forward to working with Fr. Arsenault and building upon the strong foundation that Msgr. Rossetti has laid.”

Ordained in 1991, Fr. Arsenault has spent the last 14 years in both pastoral work and diocesan administration, most recently as Moderator of the Curia and Vicar for Administration. In this capacity, Fr. Arsenault worked often with Msgr. Rossetti and the staff of Saint Luke.

He has also served in parish ministry, both in the diocesan Latino apostolate and as pastor. Fr. Arsenault has been deeply involved in Catholic healthcare ministry in the Diocese of Manchester. He was Bishop John B. McCormack’s delegate to the Catholic Healthcare System Board of Governors and as well as the bishop’s delegate on the Catholic Medical Center Board of Directors. Catholic Medical Center is the second largest hospital and the largest Catholic hospital in New Hampshire with 330 licensed beds.

Fr. Arsenault served as the chairman of the Board of Directors for the National Catholic Risk Retention Group, a captive insurance company in Lisle, IL, between 1998 and 2007. During his tenure as chair, Fr. Arsenault oversaw the development and implementation of the VIRTUS program, including the nationally recognized “Protecting God’s Children” safe environment program used in dioceses and religious institutes across the United States.

Fr. Arsenault said, “I see ministry at Saint Luke Institute as an opportunity to contribute to the ongoing health and wellbeing of clergy and religious from the United States and beyond. Msgr. Rossetti has developed a gifted and generous board of directors and a fine clinical, pastoral and administrative staff who bring the gift of the Lord’s healing to the lives of many people each day. I look forward to joining them in this important work of the Church.”

Fr. Arsenault received his Bachelor of Arts in History and Philosophy from Merrimack College, Andover, MA. He holds a Master of Science in Finance from Bentley University, Waltham, MA, a Master of Divinity and Master of Arts in Theology from Mount Saint Mary’s University and Seminary, Emmitsburg, MD. He also has a Pontifical License in Sacred Theology (STL) from the Weston Jesuit School of Theology of Boston College in Chestnut Hill, MA. Fr. Arsenault has been an invited speaker at many national conferences and institutes.

Mr. Brophy noted that Msgr. Rossetti very recently successfully guided the Institute through its triennial re-accreditation process with the Joint Commission on the Accreditation of Healthcare Organizations (JCAHO).

Msgr. Rossetti said, “I am grateful for the wonderful years I have had at Saint Luke Institute. It is a great ministry of grace and healing for our priests and religious. Nevertheless, after almost 17 years, it is time for me to move on. I am happy to say that I will be joining the faculty at the Catholic University of America in Washington DC and teaching in the School of Theology and Religious Studies. I look forward to working with our future priests and being part of their formation.”

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