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**ST. MARY'S MEDICAL CENTER ANNOUNCES PROMOTION OF JOEY  
BULFIN TO CHIEF OPERATING OFFICER**

**WEST PALM BEACH, Fla. (November 21, 2011)-** St. Mary's Medical Center is proud to announce that Mary Jo (Joey) Bulfin has been promoted from chief nursing officer to chief operating officer at St. Mary's Medical Center. As chief operating officer, Bulfin will be responsible for hospital operations of both clinical and non-clinical departments.

Bulfin has been St. Mary's Medical Center's chief nursing officer since 2005 and her tenure at St. Mary's spans more than 30 years, beginning in 1980 as an RN in the Neonatal Intensive Care Unit (NICU) after earning her nursing degree.

"The St. Mary's team congratulates Joey Bulfin on her promotion to chief operating officer," said Davide Carbone, chief executive officer of St. Mary's Medical Center. "She is often praised for her keen insight and leadership abilities, which instill confidence in the hospital's employees, as well as for her longstanding commitment to St. Mary's Medical Center."

Bulfin earned her Bachelor of Science in Nursing from McMaster University in Hamilton, Ontario, Canada, where she graduated summa cum laude and received the Ruth Burke Memorial Award for highest GPA. She completed her Master of Business Administration / Health Administration and Policy from the University of Miami, where she also graduated summa cum laude and was inducted into the Honor society for AACSB Accredited Business Programs. She is also certified in Executive Nursing Practice by the American Association of Nurse Executives.

In 2009, Bulfin was appointed to the Board of Directors for the Florida Center for Nursing by Governor Charlie Crist and currently holds the position of Treasurer. She also received the Palm Healthcare Nursing Leadership award in May of 2009. As member of the senior leadership team, Bulfin assisted in St. Mary's earning the prestigious Tenet Circle of Excellence Award in 2009 and 2010.

“Joey Bulfin brings a great background of clinical and operational knowledge and working strategically with physicians in all areas of the hospital and we look forward to the expanded leadership role she will play in her new role at St. Mary’s,” continued Carbone.

### **About St. Mary’s Medical Center**

St. Mary’s Medical Center is a 463-bed acute care hospital located at 901 45th Street in West Palm Beach. The hospital has been serving the medical and health care needs of the greater West Palm Beach area for more than 70 years. St. Mary’s Medical Center offers a broad array of services, including medical, surgical, obstetrics, pediatrics, orthopedics, trauma and emergency services. St. Mary’s specialty services include a pediatric trauma center, 24-hour children’s emergency department, pediatric intensive care unit, comprehensive stroke center, high-risk obstetrical unit, Level III Neonatal Intensive Care Unit (NICU), Children’s Hospital at St. Mary’s, the Rehabilitation Institute, and the Memory Disorders Center. St. Mary’s Medical Center is fully accredited by the Joint Commission, the nation’s oldest and largest hospital accreditation agency.

St. Mary’s Medical Center is also home to the Paley Advanced Limb Lengthening Institute at the Joint Preservation and Bone Reconstruction Center. Led by Dr. Paley, a board-certified, fellowship-trained orthopedic surgeon who is nationally and internationally recognized for his expertise in deformity correction and limb lengthening, the PALLI includes operating rooms, physician offices and a physical therapy center.

To learn more about St. Mary’s Medical Center, visit [www.stmarysmc.com](http://www.stmarysmc.com) or call 561-844-6300

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