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## An Exercise in Humility!

Or...How to Deal With  
New-Found Fame!



By Sr. Karen Carlson, sscm

I try really hard to walk humbly with God, but I find myself being challenged daily because:

I was on my way to my chiropractor's appointment recently while sitting at a stop light I happened to look up at the billboard across the street. Imagine my surprise when the face staring back at me was ME!! Last week I went to an Ethics Symposium at St. Joseph Hospital in Joliet as I was walking out of the garage into the hallway leading to the conference center I was greeted by a life

sized placard of ME!! Then on Sunday Sr. Mary Himens was reading the local paper, guess what she saw in the paper - you guessed it ME!! I'm even a screen saver on the hospital computers, along with several others but still I find it a little disconcerting to look up and see my countenance in front of me everywhere I look.

It's becoming more and more difficult to maintain humility when everyone you meet, especially hospital employees, laughingly asks for your autograph. Thank you Lord for the constant challenge to continue to walk HUMBLY WITH YOU!!!

Blessings

Karen



## Transfer of Sponsorship

Sisters Evelyn Varboncoeur and Carol Karnitsky attended the Mass of Thanksgiving and ritual of Transfer of Sponsorship at Old St. Patrick's Church in Chicago the afternoon of May 7. The Transitional Ritual signified the acquisition of Presence Health by Ascension Health of St. Louis, MO. Representing Ascension Health was Sr. Anne Rodgers, CSJ. Sr. Mary Elizabeth Imler, OSF, represented Presence Health.



*Sr. Anne Rodgers  
Sr. Mary Elizabeth Imler*

The historic church was filled with religious, board members, corporate and other staff. This transfer is yet another iteration of our involvement in the healing ministry of Christ. We

have been sponsors, board members and employees of three Catholic Healthcare systems: ServantCor, Provena Health and Presence Health. When Presence Health became a Public Juridic Person (a "juridic person" is the canon law equivalent of a civil corporation), we were no longer considered sponsors. Our congregation had "a heritage connection" with Presence Health. It is considered the same with Ascension Health.



**Sr. Evelyn Varboncoeur  
Distributes the Host**

A sub-division of Ascension Health called Amita Health is in charge of the hospitals. Amita Health is a joint operating company formed by Alexian Brothers Health System and Adventist Midwest Health and belongs in the Ascension Health family. Nursing facilities will be under the Ascension banner.

Bishop Alberto Rojas presided at the liturgy and gave a thoughtful reflection on the names of the two systems.



**Bishop Alberto Rojas**

"The words Presence and Ascension keep repeating in my thoughts," he offered. Bishop Rojas stated that the words are interrelated in a way that brings together a long standing commitment to Catholic Healthcare, as the blending of the two systems brings strength to the ministry.

A pleasant gathering with a variety of delicious hors d'oeuvres followed in the meeting hall and the courtyard of the church. Warm spring weather confirmed the atmosphere of hope engendered in all.

Sr. Carol Karnitsky



**Happy Spring, Everyone!**



**If you have news you would like to see published in Heartbeats, please send it in to either Sr. Carol or Laurie. If you'd like to write up a little something to go with it, please do!**

**We want to hear what is happening and make sure everyone else knows, too!**