

# Impact of faith-based health care

## Catholic health care

- \* "One in eight hospitals in the U.S. is affiliated with the Catholic Church; they employ more than 750,000 people and handle 16% of hospital admissions."<sup>1</sup>
- \* "Each year, one in six patients in the U.S. is cared for in a Catholic hospital."<sup>2</sup>
- \* Over 5.6 million patients are admitted to Catholic hospitals per year.<sup>3</sup>
- \* "Catholic hospitals account for more than one-fifth, or 20 percent, of admissions in 22 states."<sup>4</sup>
- \* \$95.75 billion of expenses by Catholic hospitals per year.<sup>5</sup>
- \* 19 million emergency room visits.<sup>6</sup>
- \* 102 million outpatient visits.<sup>7</sup>

## Adventist health care

- \* Adventist Health System alone (a not-for-profit system serving the Southern and Southwestern regions of the U.S.):
  - o Supports 37 hospitals and employs 50,000 individuals.
  - o Hospitals comprise of 6,600 plus licensed beds
  - o Provide care for 4 million patients each year in inpatient, outpatient and emergency room visits.
  - o Adventist Health System's flagship, Florida Hospital, is one of the largest healthcare providers in America, a national leader in cardiac care and includes almost 2,200 beds on seven campuses.<sup>8</sup>

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<sup>1</sup> "Health-Care Overhaul Creates Dilemma for Some Catholics," *Wall Street Journal*, August 5, 2009.

<sup>2</sup> "Catholic Health Care in the U.S." - January 2011 report.

<http://www.chausa.org/WorkArea/linkit.aspx?LinkIdentifier=id&ItemID=2147489259>

<sup>3</sup> Ibid.

<sup>4</sup> Ibid.

<sup>5</sup> Ibid.

<sup>6</sup> Ibid.

<sup>7</sup> Ibid.

<sup>8</sup> Adventist Health System web site, <http://www.adventisthealthsystem.com/AboutUs.aspx>