

12-079

Williams, Don A.

From: stefa tamoseviciene [tamoado@gmail.com]
Sent: Tuesday, November 20, 2012 4:38 PM
To: Williams, Don A.
Subject: Holy Cross Hospital

Dear Mr. Williams,

I, being a member of the Lithuanian Roman Catholics community, send my commentary - the opinion to Your attention:

I am against the merger of Holy Cross Hospital in Chicago with Mount Sinai.

Sincerely - Stefa Tamoseviciene

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Ms. Courtney Avery, Administrator
Illinois Health Facilities and Services Review Board
525 West Jefferson
Springfield, IL 62761

Re: Applicant 12-079, Holy Cross Hospital, Chicago

Dear Members of the Illinois Health Facilities and Services Review Board:

We oppose the proposed transfer of Holy Cross Hospital to Mount Sinai, but support the alternate recommendation of the Archdiocese of Chicago that Holy Cross Hospital partner with St. Anthony Hospital with which it would be compatible on all fronts. Transferring Holy Cross to Mount Sinai would result in an ongoing conflict insofar that Mount Sinai espouses views contrary to Roman Catholic doctrine.

Draugas, the Catholic Lithuanian language Chicago-based newspaper now in its 103rd year of publication, was an integral partner in the development of Holy Cross Hospital, which George Cardinal Mundelein declared would stand as, "a monument to the Lithuanian Catholics of Chicago."

We recall the late Leonard Simutis, long-time editor of *Draugas*, and one of the foremost leaders of the Lithuanian Roman Catholic Charities, the corporate founder of Holy Cross Hospital. He harnessed the power of the press to assure broad-based lay involvement. He also chaired the dedication of the hospital and the blessing of the cornerstone which, even today, eloquently speaks out to all future generations: "First Hospital of the Lithuanian Roman Catholic Charities".

We are concerned with the recent turn of events and the draconian prospect that this community asset is being diverted to another hospital without the active consultation and involvement of the community, a community which was key to the founding of Holy Cross Hospital.

Respectfully submitted,



Vytas Stanevicius
Chairman of the Board
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Regarding the proposed merger of Holy Cross Hospital with Mount Sinai:

It would be much better if Holy Cross Hospital partners with St. Anthony's Hospital, as recommended by the Archdiocese of Chicago, instead of Mt. Sinai.

Sincerely,



Ilona Zelviene

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Dear Members of the Illinois Health Facilities and Services Review Board,

I am against the proposed merger of Holy Cross Hospital with Mount Sinai.

I support Holy Cross Hospital partnering with St. Anthony's Hospital as recommended by the Archdiocese of Chicago.

Sincerely,



Marta McCormack

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From: Jaunius Kelpsas [mailto:nativity6812@yahoo.com]
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Ms. Courtney Avery

Please find attached a letter in oposition to Holy Cross Hospital application for merger.

Rev. Jaunius Kelpsas

Administrator of Nativity BVM parish



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Dear Members of the Illinois Health Facilities and Services Review Board:

On behalf of our parish, we wish to be on record that we support the Archdiocese of Chicago's recommendation that Holy Cross Hospital consider partnering with St. Anthony Hospital, rather than Mount Sinai.

We base our recommendation on the historic record of Holy Cross Hospital as a community-based Catholic institution and are concerned with the potential incompatibility of Mount Sinai with the Church's teachings on the sanctity of life.

Notwithstanding protestations that the Church's teaching will be respected, past experience indicates that covenants regarding the Church's teachings are easily disregarded and appear only on paper, rather than in reality.

Thus it is our position that St. Anthony Hospital be the preferred and optimal choice, and not Mount Sinai.

Respectfully submitted,

Rev. Jaunius Kelpas
Administrator
Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary Parish