

# ***In Solidarity with Nurses***

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**We are in solidarity with the nearly 1,000 nurses at St. Catherine's of Siena Medical Center, St. Charles and St. Joseph's who are bargaining for fair contracts.** They are fighting for safe staffing, protection from workplace violence, and fair wages.

Nurses are demanding Catholic Health invest in patient care in every community it serves, not just those communities surrounding the larger, more affluent Catholic hospitals. Catholic Health operates several hospitals on Long Island, from small community-based hospitals to larger regional medical centers where revenue-generating services like heart procedures and surgical services are concentrated.

No patient deserves to be left behind because nurses are stretched thin at Catholic Health's small community hospitals. No matter where someone becomes a patient, they deserve safe, quality care with enough nurses to do the job.

Long Island is facing a healthcare staffing crisis, and Catholic Health must do everything it can to recruit and retain enough qualified nurses to care for patients. We call on the hospital administration to agree to strong and enforceable safe staffing standards that ensure quality care in our communities. Providing safe working conditions where healthcare professionals can thrive and deliver quality care is essential to retaining enough nurses for safe staffing.

We urge you to agree with the nurses' just demands and commit to a fair contract. We see fulfilling these demands as a pathway to protecting the health and safety of our communities.

Sincerely,

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