



(Clockwise from top left) Donors tour the surgery department to learn about the life-saving equipment their gift helped purchase. Members of the Radiology Department take a moment to pose after St. Joseph Health, St. Mary was named the #1 place to work by Daily Press readers. Sr. Christine Schleich recently celebrated 60 years as a Sister of St. Joseph of Orange and was honored with the Blessed Theresa of Calcutta Award from the Diocese of San Bernardino. St. Joseph Health, St. Mary Emergency Department.

# Year End Achievements

As 2015 is now behind us, St. Mary would like to reflect on a busy year in which we continued to grow our network and overcome challenges in a changing health care industry. Here are a few of the things our co-ministers at St. Mary contributed to that we are most proud of.

## Successful Joint Commission Survey

St. Joseph Health, St. Mary has been awarded a three-year accreditation by The Joint Commission, an achievement recognized nationwide as a symbol of quality that reflects an organization's commitment to meeting high performance standards.

## Diocese Award to Sr. Schleich

Sr. Christine Schleich received the 2015 Blessed Teresa of Calcutta Award by the Diocese of San Bernardino. Sr. Christine was chosen for the award for her outstanding service in health care and fulfilling the

mission of the Diocese "so that people's lives are filled with hope."

## Faith and Wellness

St. Joseph Health, St. Mary was able to touch more than 11,800 people's lives who otherwise would not have received care. St. Mary has also developed a partnership with local spiritual and faith leaders to create a database of events, classes and programs to help those in the community battling with addiction, looking for support, services, programs or events throughout the community. Visit [StMaryAppleValley.com/Resources](http://StMaryAppleValley.com/Resources).

## Best of the Desert

St. Joseph Health, St. Mary is humbled by our recognition from Daily Press readers as the best hospital in the desert for eight consecutive years. St. Mary was also named, for the first time, best place to work in the High Desert. Last year, St. Joseph Health, St. Mary treated nearly 80,000 patients in the emergency department and cared for 18,000 in patients.

## Best Urgent Care

St. Mary High Desert Medical Group's Victorville location was named best urgent care while seeing nearly 32,000 patients last year.

## LOOKING AHEAD

2016 will be a very exciting year for St. Joseph Health, St. Mary. The ministry is expected to unveil new plans for the expansion of its health care network including details on a newly redesigned Victorville campus project, breaking ground on a new Urgent Care on its Apple Valley campus, and moving through the process of creating a new company that will include Providence Health and Services.

Learn more at [StMaryAppleValley.com](http://StMaryAppleValley.com).

