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CALVARY CELEBRATES WINNING CIRCLE OF LIFE AWARD®

Bronx native Edwin Cardinal O'Brien gives Keynotes Remarks

BRONX, NY, October 1, 2012 – On September 28, Edwin Cardinal O'Brien gave keynote remarks as the Hospital celebrated winning a 2012 Circle of Life Award® winner for innovation in palliative and end-of-life care. Special guests included: Ken Raske, President of the Greater New York Hospital Association, and Carolyn Forcina, American Hospital Association. More than 125 patients, family members, employees, and special guests attended the celebration.

“We are very proud to receive a Circle of Life Award® this year,” said Frank A. Calamari, President & CEO. “This honor is a testament to the dedication of our entire staff to providing the best possible care to our patients *and* their families, at a very sacred and special time in their lives.”

The former Archbishop of Baltimore, Cardinal O'Brien is only one of two Americans elevated to cardinal by Pope Benedict XVI in February 2012. A native of the Bronx, his career has included: serving the parish of Our Lady of Solace (Bronx), being a military chaplain in Vietnam, and currently serving as Grand Master of the Equestrian Order of the Holy Sepulchre of Jerusalem. As Grand Master, His Eminence is the pope's representative to Catholics in the Holy Land. ***Three of the Cardinal's relatives received care at Calvary.***

This is the thirteenth year for the Circle of Life Award. The 2012 awards are supported, in part, by the California HealthCare Foundation, based in Oakland, Calif., and the Archstone Foundation. Major sponsors are the American Hospital Association, the Catholic Health Association, and the National Hospice and Palliative Care Organization & National Hospice Foundation. The awards are cosponsored by the American Academy of Hospice and Palliative Medicine and the National Association of Social Workers, with additional support from the Hospice and Palliative Nurses Association. The Circle of Life Award is a program administered by the Health Research & Educational Trust.

Calvary Hospital is the nation's only fully accredited acute care specialty hospital devoted exclusively to providing palliative care to adult advanced cancer patients. A 225-bed facility with locations in the Bronx and Brooklyn, Calvary is the model for the relief of cancer pain and symptoms for more than a century. More than 6,000 patients are cared for annually by Calvary's inpatient, outpatient, home, hospice, nursing home hospice, and wound care services. To learn more or sign up for the e-newsletter, Calvary Life, please go to www.calvaryhospital.org.

PHOTOCAPTION

On September 28, 2012, Calvary Hospital celebrated winning a Circle of Life Award® winner for innovation in palliative and end-of-life care. Bronx native, Edwin Cardinal O'Brien, gave keynote remarks at Calvary's event. Representatives from the Greater New York Hospital Association (GNYHA) and the American Hospital Association (AHA) were on hand as well.



Caption #1

Pictured (left to right): **Frank A. Calamari**, Calvary; **Edwin Cardinal O'Brien**; **Michael J. Brescia, MD**, Calvary; **Ken Raske**, GNYHA; and **Carolyn Forcina**, AHA.



Caption #2

Carolyn Forcina, AHA, presents the 2012 Circle of Life Award® to Frank A. Calamari.