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## ***Buffalo Heart Group Joins Catholic Health***

Catholic Health is pleased to announce that Buffalo Heart Group, LLP, has joined its physician practice network, known as Trinity Medical WNY, PC. The transition will be a seamless one for Buffalo Heart Group patients, who will continue to see their same providers in the group's existing locations, which will be renamed Trinity Medical Cardiology.

Established in 1987, Buffalo Heart Group has grown to become one of the largest specialty cardiology practices in Western New York. With offices in Erie and Niagara counties, Buffalo Heart Group provides a variety of cardiology services including clinical cardiology, invasive and interventional procedures, electrophysiology and noninvasive diagnostic testing.

"As a leading provider of cardiac care in Western New York, we are happy to welcome Buffalo Heart Group into our Catholic Health family," said Joe McDonald, president & CEO of the Buffalo-based health system. "We have enjoyed a long and mutually beneficial relationship with the group's physicians and look forward to expanding our cardiology services to more patients in need of this specialized care."

Bradley Hall, formerly chief operating officer of Buffalo Heart Group, has joined Catholic Health as Vice President of Cardiac Practice. He will manage the practice's offices as part of Catholic Health's Cardiac Service Line. In addition to Hall, Buffalo Heart Group physicians; mid-level providers; and administrative, clinical and support staff have also joined Catholic Health, ensuring continuity of care for patients and their families.

"Coming together under the Catholic Health umbrella is a natural progression that will only serve to strengthen the cardiology services we provide throughout the Buffalo-Niagara region," said A.R. Zaki Masud, MD, FACC, FACP, managing partner of Buffalo Heart Group. "While this partnership is an important step for our respective organizations, it will be a seamless transition for our patients, who will continue to receive the highest quality care and service through this new alignment."

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