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Marian Foundation funds New State-of-the-Art Mammography Equipment

Santa Maria, CA, September 26, 2007 – Marian Breast Imaging Center recently acquired a new digital mammography system that enables its physicians to detect and diagnose breast cancer at its earliest and most treatable stage. The most modern mammography equipment available today, this innovative new system provides outstanding image quality and clear, highly-detailed images of the breast. The funding for the new equipment comes largely from donations to Marian Medical Center Foundation.

Dr. Mark Ziemba, Medical Director of Marian Imaging Services explains, “This new, all-digital system is revolutionizing breast care by providing our patients with state-of-the-art mammograms that are faster, easier and more comfortable than ever before, while providing our physicians with highly detailed images to use in the diagnosis.”

Marian Breast Imaging patients will now not only have the benefit of more advanced diagnostic technology but exams can take less than half the time. The average exam time for a digital mammogram is 10-15 minutes as opposed to the 30 or more minutes it takes for a traditional film-based mammogram. Digital imagery also allows for virtually instantaneous reading of results as the images can be reviewed electronically and need not be printed like a traditional x-ray film.

Dr. Ziembra states, “We’re proud to provide the community of Santa Maria with this powerful new tool in the detection of and fight against breast cancer.”

For more information about digital mammography or to schedule an appointment, please call the Marian Breast Imaging Center at 739-3790.

About Marian Medical Center

Located in Santa Maria, California, Marian Medical Center is a not-for-profit hospital founded by the Sisters of Saint Francis in 1940. Our team of 1,300 employees and more than 260 physicians work daily to extend the mission of providing compassionate, high quality health care services to the Santa Maria Valley and surrounding communities. Marian Medical Center is a member of Catholic Healthcare West, the largest Catholic healthcare system based in the Western United States with 40 hospitals and medical centers in California, Arizona and Nevada. For more information about Marian Medical Center or Catholic Healthcare West, visit our website at www.marianmedicalcenter.org.

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