PATERSON, NJ [May 15, 2012] – St. Joseph's Healthcare System (SJHS) recently celebrated the superior healthcare services provided by the team of nurses at St. Joseph's Regional Medical Center (SJRMC)/St. Joseph's Children's Hospital (SJCH) in Paterson, St. Joseph's Wayne Hospital (SJWH), a division of SJRMC, in Wayne, and St. Vincent's Nursing Home (SVNH), in Cedar Grove. Maria Brennan, MSN, RN, CPHQ, Chief Nursing Officer, SJHS, and Vice President, Patient Care Services, SJRMC (third from right) presented the 2012 Nursing Excellence Award to 6 nurses selected by their peers. The 2012 St. Joseph's Healthcare System Nursing Excellence Award recipients are (left to right): Marissa James, RN, SJWH (resident of Belleville); Steven Gildea, RN, Perioperative Services, SJRMC (resident of Belleville); Robelisa Sistoso, RN, Critical Care Division, SJRMC (resident of Clifton); Jesusa Raiz, RN, SVNH (resident of Bloomfield); Essence Harris, RN, Maternal/Child Division, SJCH (resident of Paterson); and Maureen Nooney, RN, Medical/Surgical Division, SJRMC (resident of Wayne). The awards were presented at the Annual Nursing Excellence Awards Presentation held during Nurses Week.

Founded by the Sisters of Charity of Saint Elizabeth in 1867, St. Joseph's Hospital, now St. Joseph's Healthcare System, has grown in size and scope of service to encompass St. Joseph's Regional Medical Center, an academic tertiary medical center and state-designated trauma center including acute care comprehensive St. Joseph's Children's Hospital, a state-designated children's hospital in Paterson, NJ; St. Joseph's Wayne Hospital, an acute care community hospital and division of St. Joseph's Regional Medical Center in Wayne, NJ; and St. Vincent's Nursing Home, a long-term skilled nursing home in Cedar Grove, NJ. For more information about St. Joseph's leading edge programs and services, visit www.StJosephsHealth.org or call 877.757.SJHS (7547).