

Catholic Scholars for Worker Justice

STATEMENT OF SUPPORT

St. Joseph's Health System (CA)

Catholic Scholars for Worker Justice supports the right of the workers at St. Joseph Health System (CA) to bargain collectively with their employer through an independent union of their choice. Catholic Scholars for Worker Justice calls upon the Board of Trustees of SJHS to follow the letter and the spirit of Catholic Social Doctrine on workers' rights by supporting in word and deed the workers' efforts to form labor unions at SJHS. Catholic Scholars for Worker Justice calls upon the Trustees and administrators of SJHS to end their campaign of harassment and intimidation against workers who have freely chosen to support a union at SJHS. Catholic Scholars for Worker Justice calls upon SJHS to meet with workers and the union they have selected to agree to mutually acceptable ground rules in preparation for a union election. Catholic Scholars for Worker Justice strongly urges the Board of Trustees of SJHS to immediately discontinue its reliance on consultants or firms that specialize in "union free" workplaces. Catholic Scholars for Worker Justice calls upon St. Joseph Health System to recognize that labor unions are an "indispensible element of social life." (*Compendium of the Social Doctrine of the Church*, #305).

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