Christine M. Candio, RN, FACHE President and Chief Executive Officer St. Luke's Hospital

Christine Candio was appointed president and chief executive officer of St. Luke's Hospital, St. Louis, MO. in January 2015. Prior to joining St. Luke's, she served for six years as CEO of Inova Alexandria Hospital in northern Virginia and as senior vice president of Inova Health System.

Ms. Candio began her career as a nurse, progressed through nursing leadership ranks at several hospitals and gained extensive healthcare operations and senior executive leadership experience in both acute care and outpatient settings during the past three decades.

She holds a Bachelor of Science degree in nursing from William Paterson University of New Jersey and a Master of Public Administration degree with a focus in healthcare management from Fairleigh Dickinson University.

As a Fellow of the American College of Healthcare Executives, she is board-certified in healthcare management and is a Past Chairman of the American College of Healthcare Executives, which is an international professional society of more than 40,000 healthcare executives who lead hospitals, healthcare systems and other healthcare organizations.

She has served on the boards of many other professional and community organizations and has been a guest speaker at numerous healthcare conferences throughout the country. Currently, she is an adjunct faculty member of the Georgetown University Graduate Mentorship Program, an advisory board member of the George Washington University MHA Program, Washington, D.C., and a member of the Missouri Hospital Association Board of Trustees.

Ms. Candio is a recipient of the 2012 Washington SmartCEO Brava! Award, which celebrates top female CEOs who demonstrate an entrepreneurial spirit along with a passion for giving back to the community. In 2014, she was recognized by Becker's Hospital Review as one of "24 of the Leading Women to Know in Healthcare."