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### **St Vincent's Brisbane celebrates 60 years of compassionate care**

St Vincent's Private Hospital Brisbane will celebrate its 60<sup>th</sup> anniversary on 8 September with the naming and blessing of hospital floors after those who have left a significant mark on the hospital's history.

The seven floors of the hospital, education centre and the boardroom overlooking the Brisbane River will be named in honour of three Religious Sisters of Charity and six former prominent Brisbane individuals:

- Floor 1 - Mother Mary Magdalen Burke
- Floor 2 – Sister Mary Agnes FitzGerald
- Floor 3 - Sister Nola Riley
- Floor 4 - Dr Alban Lynch
- Floor 5 - Professor Teresa 'Tess' Cramond
- Floor 6 – Honourable William 'Bill' Carter
- Floor 7 – Isidore James (Jim) Josephson
- Education Centre – Dr Lilian Cooper
- Boardroom - Honourable James A Douglas

Staff, distinguished guests and family representatives of those being honoured will be invited to attend the blessing, a special mass and commemorative afternoon tea.

St Vincent's Brisbane's Chief Executive Officer Daniele Doyle, who also serves as the CEO of Holy Spirit Northside Private Hospital, said the St Vincent's Brisbane story was built on a legacy of serving and bringing hope to those most in need.

"It's an unwavering value that has stood since we first opened in 1957 as Mount Olivet, a hospice for the sick and dying," said Ms Doyle.

"The Sisters of Charity served without prejudice, they cared with compassion, they instilled hope and through their vision, they were able to inspire other leaders in the community to rally behind them so the hospital could flourish.

"Today, we proudly serve as St Vincent's Private Hospital Brisbane, continuing in the footsteps of those pioneering women and the community who supported them.

“We are Queensland’s largest specialist palliative care provider.

“We innovate and lead highly specialised medical services for people with chronic, complex and multiple health needs.

“Through Mission, we reach out to support refugees and people who are homeless or at risk in our community, advocating for social justice,” said Ms Doyle.

Media are invited to attend the commemorative afternoon tea on-site at the hospital.

**When:** Friday 8 September 2017

**Time:** 2.45pm for 3pm start

**Meet:** Ground floor reception, St Vincent’s Private Hospital Brisbane, 411 Main Street Kangaroo Point

Interview opportunities exist with St Vincent’s Private Hospital Brisbane CEO Ms Daniele Doyle and vision opportunities of invited guests.

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Additional information:

St Vincent’s Private Hospital Brisbane is a 164 bed private Catholic not-for-profit hospital specialising in healthcare for people with chronic, complex and multiple health needs.