

## Healthcare, fun runs, TIME's 100 list, miracles

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*Women religious in the news*

The last nun to run a Chicago-area hospital [stepped down March 27](#) [1] after 35 years.

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Pope Francis [approved](#) [2] a ?Decree of Miracle? March 27 to [Mother Maria Theresia Bonzel](#) [3], who founded the Sisters of St. Francis of Perpetual Adoration in Olpe, Germany, in 1863.

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Three regional health systems [have joined Ascension Health](#) [4], the largest Catholic and largest nonprofit health system in the country, according to an April 1 press release.

The three systems are Ministry Health Care in Wisconsin and Minnesota, St. John Health System in Oklahoma, and Via Christi Health in Kansas, which has been an affiliate of Ascension Health since 2007.

Those three belong to the Marian Health System, based in Tulsa, Okla., and founded by the Sisters of the Sorrowful Mother in 1989.

Sr. Therese Gottschalk, who has served as president and CEO of Marian Health System, will become executive advisor to the president and CEO of Ascension Health and will continue to serve on the boards of Ministry Health Care, St. John Health System and Via Christi Health.

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You can vote for Sr. Simone Campbell (and a lot of other people -- including Benedict XVI and Pope Francis) of Nuns on the Bus fame as one of the most influential people in the world [as part of TIME's 100 list](#) [5].

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And, oh, the anticipation of pursuing a Guinness World Record. This Atlanta fun run [will attempt to break the record](#) [6] for most people dressed as nuns.

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[3] <http://stfrancis.org/blessed-mother-maria-theresia-bonzel/#press-release>

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[5] <http://time100.time.com/2013/03/28/time-100-poll/slide/all/>

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