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Francis J. Cronin Jr., LFACHE, Receives ACHE's Lifetime Service Award

CHICAGO, January 09, 2008—Francis J. Cronin Jr., LFACHE, has been named the recipient of the American College of Healthcare Executives Lifetime Service Award. Cronin will receive the award on Tuesday, March 11, 2008, at the Malcolm T. MacEachern Memorial Lecture and Luncheon during ACHE's 51st Congress on Healthcare Leadership in Chicago.

The Lifetime Service Award was established in 2000 to recognize a healthcare executive who has made substantial contributions to ACHE during his or her career. It is awarded to a Life Fellow or Retired Fellow who has made significant contributions to ACHE through elected office, has served on ACHE committees or task forces and has participated in ACHE activities or affiliated groups.

Cronin embarked on his career in healthcare in 1963 as administrative assistant at St. Elizabeth Hospital in Elizabeth, N.J. Three years later he earned his master's degree and served as an assistant to the director at Raritan Bay Medical Center in Perth Amboy, N.J. Cronin also was an assistant administrator at two other organizations before becoming administrator of Elliot Hospital in Manchester, N.H., in 1975 and then its president and CEO in 1978. He held that position for 12 years. In 1990, Cronin moved to California for two years where he was the senior vice president/administrator at Sharp Health Care in Murietta, Calif.

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In 1992, he took the position of CEO of Leominster Health System and then Central New England Health System, both in Leominster, Mass. In 1997, Cronin became principal, Carlisle Consulting Group in Sea Girt, N.J. During 2000 he was president and CEO of Christ Hospital in Jersey City, N.J., where he engineered a merger between Christ Hospital and Bon Secours Health System.

Cronin's professional affiliations also include the American Hospital Association, American Academy of Medical Administrators—where he was named Healthcare Executive of the Year in 1994—and the New Hampshire Hospital Association where he was chairman from 1978 to 1980 and was named Trustee Emeritus in 1994. His education affiliations include the University of California, Riverside as Member, Chancellor's Executive Roundtable and Distinguished Lecturer; and The George Washington University, Health Services, Preceptor and Lecturer.

Cronin served as an ACHE Regent from 1977 to 1980 and then as Governor from 1980 to 1986. His commitment to the values and goals that ACHE embrace led to his service as Chairman-Elect, Chairman and Immediate-Past Chairman of ACHE's Board of Governors from 1986 to 1989.

He received his master's and bachelor's degrees from The George Washington University, Washington, D.C.

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The American College of Healthcare Executives is an international professional society of more than 30,000 healthcare executives who lead hospitals, healthcare systems and other healthcare organizations. ACHE is known for its prestigious credentialing and educational programs and its annual Congress on Healthcare Leadership, which draws more than 4,000 participants each year. ACHE also is known for its journals, the *Journal of Healthcare Management* and *Frontiers of Health Services Management*, and its magazine, *Healthcare Executive*, as well as ground-breaking research and career development and public policy programs. ACHE's publishing division, Health Administration Press, is one of the largest publishers of books and journals on all aspects of health services management in addition to textbooks for use in college and university courses. Through such efforts, ACHE works toward its goal of being the premier professional society for healthcare leaders by providing exceptional value to its members.

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