



### *Collaboration Agreement*

On October 1, 2009 a formal Collaboration Agreement was signed by the leadership of Padre Pio's hospital in Italy (Casa Sollievo della Sofferenza) and Catholic Healthcare International.

#### Key Collaboration Points:

##### • Parties to the Agreement:

- **Casa Sollievo della Sofferenza (CSS)** - Established by Padre Pio, his "Work", Vatican owned, & based in San Giovanni Rotondo, Italy.
- **Catholic Healthcare International (CHI)** - U.S. nonprofit with the vision to implement these collaborative initiatives with CSS.
- **Signed By: Cardinal (Archbishop) Raymond Burke** (Prefect, The Supreme Tribunal of the Apostolic Signatura), **Dott. Domenico Crupi** (President & General Director, CSS), **Msgr. Vernon Gardin** (Director, CHI) & **Jere Palazzolo** (President & Director, CHI)

##### • Objectives of The Collaboration Initiatives:

- Duplicate Padre Pio's *Home For The Relief of Suffering* (CSS) in the United States and other areas around the world.
- Emulate the structure, name, operation, organization, etc. as closely as possible to that of Padre Pio's Casa.
- Maintain absolute loyalty to the Magisterium of the Catholic Church.
- Operate the new network of Casa's as "*Clinics for the Body & the Soul*" for our "guests" (From the words of Padre Pio).



#### **Collaboration Signing Celebration**

Msgr. Vernon Gardin, Cardinal Raymond Burke, Dott. Domenico Crupi & Jere Palazzolo

#### **Phase I Casa USA Initiatives (2 Years):**

##### • Eastern Kentucky/Diocese of Lexington:

- Duplicate Padre Pio's Church, Santa Maria Delle Grazie, as pilgrim shrine in Kentucky
- Identify cloistered religious order and implement perpetual adoration of the Eucharist at pilgrim shrine
- Expand Catholic physician practice network to ten clinics to care for those in need in the region
- Recruit initial leadership team
- Planning & infrastructure development for Casa USA hospital & faithful Catholic medical school

### *Our Vision*

*"The Casa Sollievo della Sofferenza should therefore be the first link in a great chain. It should be the model for many other, innumerable Casa's with the same name and above all the same spirit, which must bring love to all of humanity. A program which would make us tremble with awe, if it was not inspired by God who is above all love!"*