



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** (Patron of the Sovereign Military Order of Malta), **Dott. Domenico Crupi** (Vice President & Director General of CSS), **Msgr. Vernon Gardin** (Director of CHI) & **Jere Palazzolo** (President & Director of CHI)

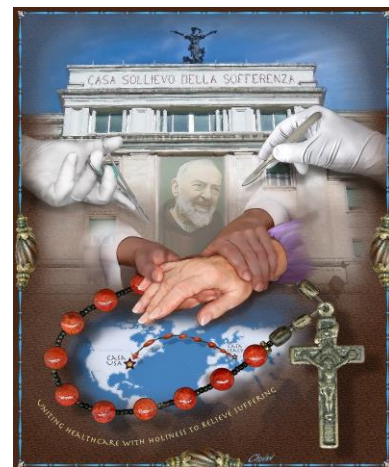
• Objectives of The Collaboration Initiatives:

- Duplicate Padre Pio's *Home For The Relief of Suffering* (CSS) in the United States and other areas around the world.
- Establish a Catholic Medical School fully faithful to the Magisterium of the Catholic Church & in the charism of Padre Pio to form physicians and healthcare providers to practice as faithful Catholics in the secular 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 "Beacons of Light" in a secular world... "*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



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!"