

## **Sister Martha Ann Fitzpatrick**

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### ***Vice President, Advocacy & Ministry Formation***

For more than 60 years, Sister Martha Ann Fitzpatrick, a member of the Sister's of St. Joseph of Orange, Congregation of St. Joseph (CSJ), has provided both professional and spiritual guidance for the health and well-being of the communities she has served. She came to Mission Hospital in 1994 when it was acquired by the St. Joseph Health System. Initially serving as the hospital's Vice President of Sponsorship, Sister Fitzpatrick has played an integral role in the formation of Mission Hospital's healthcare ministry for nearly 15 years. She is responsible for the advocacy of health issues in the community the hospital serves. She also serves as a faculty member of Mission and Mentoring a system-wide program that aims to develop and form employees to carry on the mission and values of the Catholic health ministry.

Before coming to Mission Hospital, Sister Fitzpatrick served as Vice President of Sponsorship, at Santa Rosa Memorial Hospital. As a former member of the Executive Council for the Sisters of St. Joseph of Orange, she was involved in planning and developing the organization's education and healthcare ministries. Her commitment to education is evident, as she was also an Associate Professor of History for 13 years, first at St. Joseph College and later at Loyola-Marymount University.

Sister Fitzpatrick currently serves on the Advisory Board of the Assistance League in Saddleback Valley and is a board member of St. Mary Medical Center in Apple Valley, California. She is a graduate of Dominican University of California in San Rafael, and holds a master's degree and a Ph.D. in American History from the Catholic University of America in Washington, D.C.

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