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November 27, 2001

Top Hat Plan Exemption
Pension and Welfare Benefits Administration, Room N-1503
United States Department of Labor
200 Constitution Avenue N.W.
Washington, D.C. 20210

Re: The Saint Barnabas Corporation Supplemental Executive Retirement Plan
and The Saint Barnabas Corporation IRC Section 457(b) Supplemental
Retirement Plan

Ladies and Gentlemen:

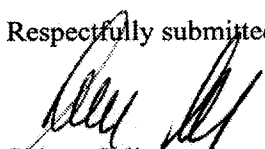
The purpose of this letter is to comply, pursuant to Department of Labor ("DOL") Regulation § 2520.104-23, with the reporting and disclosure requirements of Part 1 of Title I of the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974, as amended ("ERISA"), with regard to two (2) plans: The Saint Barnabas Corporation Supplemental Executive Retirement Plan (the "SERP") and The Saint Barnabas Corporation IRC Section 457(b) Supplemental Retirement Plan (the "457(b) Plan") (together, the "Plans"). The Plans are maintained by Saint Barnabas Corporation (the "Company"), 95 Old Short Hills Road, West Orange, New Jersey 07052, EIN: 22-2405279.

The Company adopted the Plans on November 1, 2001. 12 employees participate in the SERP and 12 employees participate in the 457(b) Plan.

The Company maintains the Plans primarily for the purpose of providing deferred compensation for a select group of management or highly compensated employees (*i.e.*, the Plans are "top-hat" plans), and as such are exempt from Parts 2, 3 and 4 of Title I of ERISA. Although a "top-hat" plan is not statutorily exempt from the reporting and disclosure requirements of Part 1 of Title I of ERISA, DOL Regulation § 2520.104-23 sets forth an alternative method of compliance with such reporting and disclosure requirements for unfunded "top-hat" plans. The Company intends to use this alternative method of compliance.

If you have any questions or need additional information, please contact the undersigned at (973) 322-4072.

Respectfully submitted,


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Senior Vice President



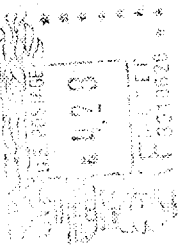
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