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Our Mission at Catholic Health International is to ensure the presence of Catholic values in our Corporations.

It's that time of year again—Christmas is coming!

For the poor within our communities, Christmas carries an enormous weight and many are unable to participate in special meals or festivities. Here are some of the outreach programs underway within our facilities:



Saint John's Uptown Clinic, (Methadone Clinic since 2009) based out of **St. Joseph's Community Health Centre** in Saint John, NB currently treats some 300 patients with addictions to opiates. The wait list holds just as many and is six months to a year, if not longer. The staff at St. Joseph's annually provide a celebration with small gifts and gently used or new clothing such as warm mittens, scarves, hats, coats, or gloves for the clients and families at the Clinic.

Hotel Dieu Hospital in Kingston, ON has been running a coat drive from the beginning of September until early January for the last 10 years. The Pastoral Care department and hospital volunteers collect gently used coats and snow suits that are available to those who need one.

Hotel Dieu Grace Hospital and the Salvation Army team up annually to try to provide a bag of toys to all needy children. Last year 3000 children received a bag from "Sparky's Toy Drive".

Let us know what your facility is doing to help the underserved in your community this year for Christmas. Send information to cbatten@chpci.com

2013 JOINT LEADERSHIP COUNCIL— PLENARY SESSION

Held every two years, this conference includes the CEO/ Executive Director/Facility Manager and Board/Advisory Chair from each of our sponsored facilities.

Scheduled for the 4th and 5th of April 2013, at the Fairmont—Queen Elizabeth in Montreal, speakers include:

- † Sister Mary Haddad, RSM, Sister of Mercy of the South Central Community, Director of Sponsor Services at CHAUS
- † Rev. Francis Morrissey, Oblates of Mary Immaculate, Professor of canon law
- † Sister Elizabeth Davis, RSM, Congregational Leader, Sisters of Mercy, St. John's, NL

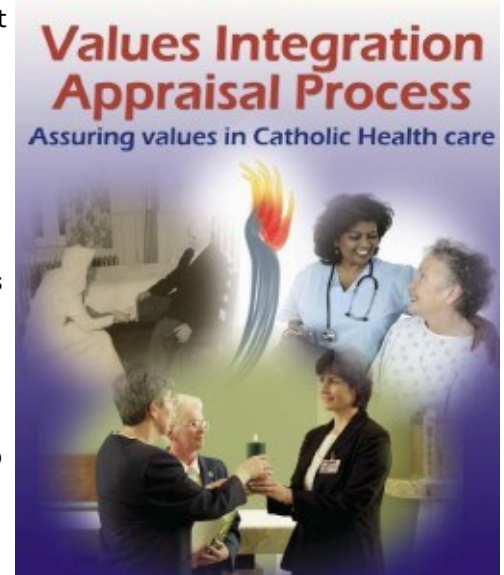
Values Integration Appraisal Process (VIAP) update

With input from our pilot facilities, all documents, including promotional materials in both languages have been completed, and our assessors have been trained. The survey was revised and will be made available online during the assessment process. The project is now available!

We have created a document that will explain the entire process that your staff and board can expect when your facility undergoes its appraisal.

A Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ) document is available on our web site under Education.

Follow this link to view these documents: [VIAP](#)



Catholic Health International

Our new website is now live! Click: catholichealthinternational

As the site evolves, additional resources will be added. We will continue to include upcoming events, announcements, news and resources for your use. Check out our lending library! Past editions of the Torch are also available online.

Committed to perpetuating the healing mission of Jesus

Hotel Dieu Hospital in Perth Andover NB was damaged during the record flood in March 2012 that resulted in 1/3 of the 1700 residents having to evacuate. The provincial government set aside \$8 million to relocate or flood-proof low-lying homes in Perth-Andover and the Tobique First Nation area.



The province has now announced plans to stop repairs and renovations at Hotel Dieu. The Hospital has been advised that the obstetrics services that had been moved to Upper River Valley Hospital in Waterville, 60 kilometres away, (where they've been since the flood) will remain there.

The decision not to repair the facility, reduces the amount of useable space within the Hospital (not damaged by the flood) to 1/3 of its original size. While the ER, surgical services, outpatient clinics and 22 inpatient beds will remain, a number of units had to be combined due to space restrictions. 53 employees will be affected in some way, i.e. having their hours reduced and the hospital expects the Department of Health who operates Hotel Dieu through Horizon Health Network to announce approximately 30 lay offs.

PINK GLOVE DANCE FOR BREAST CANCER AWARENESS

Two years ago, Medline produced [the original Pink Glove Dance video](#) to raise breast cancer awareness. Little did they know that it would take on a life of its own. The video has since generated more than 13 million views on YouTube and inspired countless pink glove dance videos and events around the world.

Readers of the Torch may recall that Langlade Hospital created their own Pink Glove dance last year and entered the competition. This year, with continued interest in the videos, Medline decided to host an online competition to find the best Pink Glove Dance video. Hospitals, nursing homes, schools and anyone in the **U.S. and Canada** who wanted to organize a group of people, could produce and submit their own Pink Glove Dance video. While Langlade didn't win one of the top 3 cash prizes—their 264 participants certainly had a great time trying! <http://youtu.be/nuihN1qxPvg>



CHANB Performance Citation Award

At the 25th Annual Conference of the **Catholic Health Association of New Brunswick**, Rev. Dr. Monte Peters was awarded the 2012 Performance Citation Award in recognition of his outstanding service to the community in the field of health care. Read more at: [Rev. Dr. Monte Peters](#)



The Next Catholic Health International Board and Corporation Meetings will be held December 12, 2012.

2013 dates to be approved at that time

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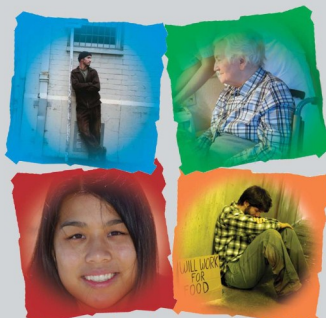


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[2013 Annual Conference](#)

May 1—3, 2013
Calgary, AB
Fairmont Palliser Hotel



Who is my neighbour?

At the 2013 national Catholic health care conference in Calgary, May 1-3, the Catholic Health Alliance of Canada will present two awards:

Midcareer Leadership Award

Lifetime Achievement Award

2013 AWARDS

Call for Nominations



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