

# THE TORCH

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## Spiritual & Religious Care Planning in New Brunswick



L-R Nicole Labrie, Dina Hache, Sheana Mohra, Debbie Walls, Judy Butler, Rev. Denis Belliveau, Sherry Leech, Renee Morrison, Dr. Robert Stewart, Kathi Hurley, Manon Soucy and Eileen Bowes.

Missing from photo: Marthe Leger, Nadia Losier and David Levangie.

On January 29th, Leaders from our CHI Hospitals and Long Term Care facilities in New Brunswick met to discuss Spiritual & Religious Care and plan for the future. It was a very productive day that began by reviewing the history of spiritual care in healthcare in our province. Each facility representative then told us about the Spiritual and Religious Care resources from their facility. The group also explored possible educational opportunities in Spiritual & Religious Care and discussed their needs. The information gathered will be shared with the CHI Board and Spiritual & Religious Care Pillar for review and action.



**Hôpital  
Hotel Dieu  
Hospital**

## Coat Drive spreads warmth and mission across Kingston community Hotel Dieu Hospital—Kingston Health Sciences Centre

This winter, living the Mission of compassion and caring at the Hotel Dieu Hospital (HDH) site of Kingston Health Sciences Centre translated into the biggest response yet from hundreds of people in the Kingston community seeking warm winter clothing.

By the time the annual HDH-St. Mary's Cathedral Winter Coat Drive wrapped up January 18 the distribution centre had handed out 2622 items—about 700 more than in 2017-2018—including 848 coats and 1774 accessories such as socks, mitts, hats, gloves, scarves, blankets and boots. People also had access to brand new, warm winter socks courtesy of hundreds of donations collected and donated by staff in departments across HDH and its sister site, Kingston General Hospital.

Over its 38 days of operation, the distribution centre welcomed and outfitted close to 1000 people, including many who are jobless, vulnerably housed or homeless. "The annual Coat Drive is a project close to our hearts, and we're so grateful that staff and community members rally each year to support those in need, especially those out on our streets in bone-chilling weather. And we're thankful for the many volunteers who sort and organize donations, along with those at St. Mary's Cathedral who run the distribution centre, greeting each visitor with coffee and cookies, along with respect, dignity and a helpful attitude. All of this work is truly mission in action for our HDH site and Kingston Health Sciences Centre" says Elizabeth Bardon, VP Missions, Strategy & Communications.



Article submitted by: Hotel Dieu Hospital

# LEADERSHIP FORMATION



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## Purpose:

To support Senior Leaders, Managers, Staff, Board/Advisory/Trustees and Volunteers in Catholic Healthcare and Social Service Organizations to more effectively carry out their unique responsibilities as Leaders in Catholic Organizations.



**Core Elements of Catholic Health Formation**

## GOALS

1. Understand Catholic Health International and sponsorship.
2. Understand the rich heritage of Catholic Social Teaching and the unique role of Catholic Health in a contemporary society.
3. Reflect and discuss how the mission and values are integrated into daily work.
4. Create a space for reflection that enables a person to better know one's self and one's call as a leader.
5. Ensure the ongoing development of Catholic Health and Social Service by mentoring leaders.
6. Deepen leader's capacity for ethical reflection and discernment that can be utilized in their everyday work.

## PROCESS:

The learning process for the Leadership Formation Program focuses upon adult learning styles, inter-active presentations led by dynamic speakers, and personal and group reflection in a retreat like environment. A selection of articles, books, videos and shared personal experiences provide a base for discussion and reflection. The time together will provide an opportunity to concentrate on self reflection, values, motivation, mission and the spiritual dimension of the person.

## IMPORTANT DATES AND EVENTS!

April 24, 2019	Executive Assistants Training Session Delta Montreal
April 25 - 26, 2019	CHI Leadership Plenary, Delta Montreal
May 15 - 17, 2019	CHAC Annual Conference, Banff AB
May 28 - 31, 2019	Catholic Leadership French Formation Program Module 2
October 1 - 3, 2019	Catholic Leadership English Formation Program Module 1

### CHI Board Meeting Dates:

February 13th, 2019      April 2nd & 3rd, 2019

June 5th, 2019

CHI Annual Corporate Meetings: June 19-21, 2019

## CATHOLIC LEADERSHIP FORMATION PROGRAM

**Registrations are now open for  
Module 1**

**Fall 2019 English Program  
October 1 - 3, 2019**

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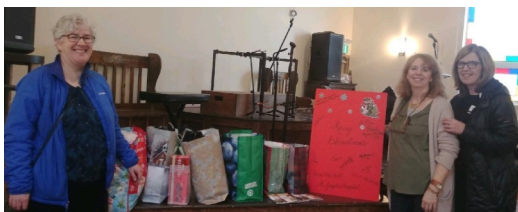
## ST. JOSEPH'S HOSPITAL - SAINT JOHN COMMISSIONING CEREMONY

On Friday February 1st, the St. Joseph's Hospital Advisory Committee hosted a commissioning ceremony in the Hospital Chapel. Three staff members and two community members were commissioned. The Advisory Committee welcomed Jayme Hall, Executive Director of Outflow Ministries and CST. Duane Squires, Saint John Community Police Officer to the committee. Kathi Hurley, Facility Administrator, Jean Marie Dionne, Director of Mission, Ethics & Spirituality and Margaret Evans, the Director of Spiritual & Religious Care at St. Joseph's Hospital were all commissioned in their roles. Participants in the special ceremony included Sister Anita Holmes representing CHI as the Board Chairperson, Claire Ryan, Chair - St. Joseph's Hospital Advisory Committee, Sister Mary Beth McCurdy, Congregational Leaders of the SCIC, Pam Driedger, Director of Spiritual and Religious Care - Saint John Regional Hospital and Bishop Robert Harris, Diocese of Saint John. Jean Marie Dionne also provided an inspiring reflection that highlighted the many qualities of those commissioned. We welcome all these new members to the St. Joseph's Hospital community and pledge to support and encourage them as they live the vision of "Compassion in Changing Times."



## CHRISTMAS @ ST. JOSEPH'S HOSPITAL - SAINT JOHN

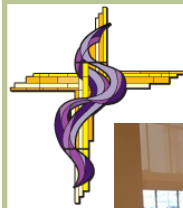
The staff of St. Joseph's Hospital, in Saint John, NB, really know how to make Christmas merry and bright. Through their generosity, nearly \$900 in cash was raised for Outflow Ministry (a men's shelter a block away from the hospital) and the Sisters of Charity of the Immaculate Conception "Oasis Drop-In Program" for women. Day Surgery staff alone collected \$500 of this amount, which was divided evenly between the two ministries. These monies will assist Outflow and Oasis with the purchase of snack and breakfast foods, supplies, and other necessities. And that's not all...



The St. Joseph's Hospital Operations Group, consisting of managers and department heads, contributed as well. They presented seventy \$5.00 Tim Horton's gift cards to Outflow to distribute to its clients and \$150 to Oasis. Gift cards and other items were donated to Outflow and to Coverdale Centre for Women in memory of Barb Stewart, by the family of this St. Joseph's nurse. The St. Joseph's Hospital Foundation sponsored their "Sock It to Us" campaign once again this year, collecting donations of warm socks, hats, mittens, and underwear to share with the clients of Outflow Ministry, St. Vincent de Paul, and the Coverdale Centre. Foundation Board member Mary Dever and her group of friends purchased, wrapped, and delivered presents for several patients in the Health & Aging Program. Other in-patients received gifts collected by the parishioners of Holy Redeemer Parish and distributed by members of St. Joseph's Administration. These gifts were also shared with clients of the Community Health Centre, Methadone Clinic, Outflow, Oasis, Coverdale Centre, and the Sophia Recovery Centre for Women. Once again, the generosity of the St. Joseph's Hospital community spread a lot of Christmas spirit!

Article submitted by: St. Joseph Hospital

## Celebrations



## St. Joseph Residence



### "Monarch Meadows at St. Joseph Residence"

On January 22nd St. Joseph's Residence in New London, Wisconsin received its official license as a Monarch Meadows Memory Care assisted living centre! Here's what Gidget Blank, the Executive Director, has to say about this great accomplishment: "Thank you to everyone who helped make this dream a reality! We will continue to do great things at St. Joseph Residence!"

## CATHOLIC LEADERSHIP FORMATION PROGRAM

TRACADIE SHEILA, NEW BRUNSWICK



Correction: Below is a picture of the participants in Module one of the French Catholic Healthcare Leadership program which was completed at Villegiature Deux Rivières Resort in Tracadie in October (1<sup>st</sup> to 4<sup>th</sup>). This picture appeared in the last edition of the Torch but some of the names of the participants were accidentally left out. Below is the full list of participants. The second module will be held in May 2019, once again in Tracadie.



1st Row left to right: Huguette Doiron, Danika Pitre, Nicole Robichaud, Evelynne Breau, Nicole Bosse, Jaime Doucet, Annie Arseneau, Renée Morrison, and Janick Cyr.

2nd Row left to right: David Levangie, Heather Oakley, Adéland Cormier, Dr. Marie-Pierre Haberer, Marie-Claude Savoie, Gilberte Carrier-Hickey, Melissa Daigle-Richard, Rolande Landry, Thérèse Maltais Aubé, and Michelle Sirois.

3rd Row left to right: Jean Marie Dionne, Denis Belliveau, Dr. Taher Bennani, Oliva Guimond, Monique Ouellet, Léonce Dubé, Shaunna Diotte, Jocelyne Kerry, Sonia Bourgeois, Monica David and Melanie Doiron.

St. Joseph's Continuing Care Centre, in Cornwall, Ontario, celebrated an Advent Mass on Wednesday, December 12th with Archbishop Terrence Prendergast and the newly appointed Auxiliary Bishop of Alexandria and Cornwall, Guy Desrochers.



**Photo-** Standing: Deacon, Maurice Poirier, SJCCC Chaplain, Father Raymond Dumoulin, Archbishop Terrence Prendergast, and Auxiliary Bishop of Alexandria and Cornwall Guy Desrochers, Seated: Father Gerald Poirier, SJCCC resident and Father Donald McDougald, SJCCC Resident

A special screening of "The Last Breath" was held at the Port Theater in Cornwall on Thursday, November 1st, 2018 and it was well attended by the community. St. Joseph's Continuing Care Centre in Cornwall invited the Director of The Last Breath, Ms. Annabel Loyola to the screening and for a question period following the documentary.



**Photo-** Film maker/Director, Ms. Annabel Loyola

The 2018 Lights of Hope Campaign was a great success with over \$13,800 raised. A "Tree Lighting Ceremony" was held at St. Joseph's Continuing Care Centre in Cornwall in December. Mrs. Leona Hurtubise, SJCCC resident had the honours, along with her two daughters, of lighting the Lights of Hope Trees at the ceremony.



**Photo -** Elaine Hurtubise-Quinn, Leona Hurtubise and Suzanne Carr

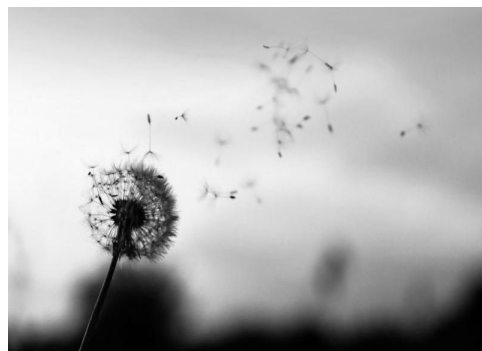
Articles submitted by: St Joseph Continuing Care Centre

## AN HONOURED FAREWELL

As one of their four streams of service, Hôtel-Dieu Grace Healthcare, in Windsor, Ontario, provides care for those patients at the end of life in our Palliative Care program. After a patient passes away, we have a ceremonial practice called the Honour Guard. This practice is a way for our staff, and any individual at Hôtel-Dieu Grace Healthcare, to demonstrate support and respect to families and friends during their loss of a loved one. It is also a way for the care team to say farewell to the patient they cared for and to acknowledge the family and loved ones that they came to know.

In the past, a patient who passed away at Hôtel-Dieu Grace Healthcare was transported through an area where they could not be seen. The care team recognized that the patient's journey leaving is just as important as is their arrival.

After heartfelt discussions and in consultation with patients and their families, the team adopted the practice of forming an Honour Guard when a patient who passed is taken from the building. Staff form a line along the hall of the



patient's room while the family and friends follow the transport of their loved one. The Honour Guard also forms in the lobby of the Dr. Y. Emara Centre for Healthy Aging and Mobility as individuals from all over the building gather to show a respectful presence for the family as a final tribute to their loved one. The Honour Guard practice is explained and offered to the family in advance so they can decide if this is what they want for themselves and their loved one.

The Honour Guard has been very well received by families and loved ones of our patients. The following excerpt is from a note sent by one of our staff members following the death of a close family friend on the palliative care unit:

"I just want to thank you and that amazing team that you have for all of the heartfelt work that all of you do. Today, as you know, my mother's best friend has passed on. I can't tell you how much I was moved by the hearts of those that took time out to demonstrate such great compassion and respect for the patient and her family. The Honour Guard procession, seeing you all there in the lobby and walking with her through the front doors was so wonderful and touching. Such an overwhelming feeling! There are simply no words to tell you how we all felt."

Along with supporting and respecting our patients and their grieving family and friends, the Honour Guard also allows staff to show their respect to patients that may not be blessed with the support of family and friends who could be near them at this time. The Honour Guard offers a caring peaceful remembrance for all.

Article submitted by: Hotel Dieu Grace Healthcare