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This year's conference, "Domestic Violence: Effect on the Workplace" was held at the Rodd Miramichi River Inn on September 18th and 19th. It began with a powerful opening reflection of the Silent Witnesses program. The afternoon's keynote was presented by Margaret MacPherson, a Research Associate with the Centre for Research and Education on Violence against Women and Children (CREVAWC) at Western University in London Ontario. In her presentation "Making it our Business: Domestic Violence in the Workplace" she explored themes of domestic violence as a workplace issue and preparing your organization to recognize, respond and refer those who need help. At the evening banquet the CHANB Midcareer Award was presented to Allyson Durepos-Giberson and Kelly Beveridge of Hotel Dieu of Saint Joseph Hospital



Margaret MacPherson
REVAWC in London ON

in Perth-Andover for their work in advancing the Upper River Valley Eating Disorder Program. The 2019 CHANB Lifetime Achievement Award was presented to Tanya Hoyt, Hotel Dieu of Saint Joseph Hospital in Perth-Andover, for "her lifetime commitment to the ministry."



L-R: Tanya Hoyt, Heather
Oakley & Dr. Stewart

L-R: Allyson Durepos-
Giberson, Kelly Beveridge,
Heather Oakley & Dr. Stewart

The following day's workshops were led by Nadia Losier and Patricia Michaud. Nadia, the Executive Director of L'Accueil Sainte-Famille in Tracadie and Patricia, Executive Director of Miramichi Emergency Centre for Women presented on provincial statistics on domestic violence, the signs to look for as a co-worker, definitions of different types of abuse and the difficulty of leaving an abusive situation. The participants then broke into two groups to review case studies. The conference was very well received by the participants and the CHANB Board and Staff wish to thank all those involved, especially Margaret, Patricia and Nadia for their inspiring work.



Nadia Losier
L'Accueil St-Famille



Patti Michaud
Miramichi Emergency
Centre for Women



Domestic Violence: Effect on the Workplace

Important Dates and Events!

**Catholic Health Association
of Ontario 2019 Conference**

Oct 24-25, 2019

Toronto, ON

CHI Board Meeting Dates:

Dec 3, 2019 Apr 8, 2020

Jan 15, 2020 Jun 2-3, 2020

Feb 12, 2020 Jun 10, 2020

Mar 18, 2020

**Spring Leadership
Delta Montreal**

May 13 to 15, 2020

**Catholic Health Alliance of
Canada 2020 Conference**

May 13 to 15, 2020

**Catholic Health Care Week
October 6—12, 2019**

We hope that all our CHI facilities enjoyed celebrating our first National Catholic Health Care Week. Please share stories and photos of your celebrations for inclusion in our next edition of Torch. Forward materials to dlevangie@chpci.com. We look forward to hearing from you.



Fall Leadership Session

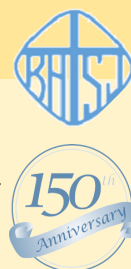


The 2019 Fall Leadership Session was held in Miramichi on September 26th and 27th. This is the regular Fall meeting of the leaders of Catholic Health International facilities with the Board of Directors and staff of CHI. The visit began with a stop in Tracadie and a tour of L'Accueil Sainte-Famille, a shelter for women victims of spousal and family violence led by Nadia Losier and her staff. The group then traveled to Caraquet where Judy Butler, Facility Representative of L'Hôpital de l'Enfant-Jésus, and her team, presented a history of the facility and its importance to the community followed by a tour of the hospital. The group then returned to Tracadie to visit the Religious Hospitallers of Saint Joseph Museum. The group had a screening of the powerful video "Tears of the Lazaret." This video is a dramatization of the story of the care of lepers in the Tracadie area (lazaretto). The selflessness with which the RHSJ Sisters cared for the lepers is a reminder of the legacy of care that has been handed down to CHI and our facilities. The group then were led on a tour of the museum which presents the work of the RHSJs who arrived in Tracadie in 1868. For more details on the museum and to watch the video "Tears of the Lazaret" follow the link www.musee-tracadie.com/index.php/en-ca/?lang=en. On the final day of the Leadership Session a business update was provided on the topics of National Catholic Health Care Week, CEO and board self-evaluations, the Catholic Healthcare Leadership Program, CHI Board retreat, the spring and fall Leadership meetings and Medical Assistance in Dying. The final presentation was led by Michel Drisdelle, a psychotherapist from Moncton, who explored why spirituality is so important when it comes to self-care. The CHI Board and staff wish to thank all those who made these meetings and tours so meaningful.



Religious Hospitallers of Saint Joseph 150th Anniversary in Miramichi, NB

2019 Marks the 150th Anniversary of the Religious Hospitallers of Saint Joseph (RHSJ) on the Miramichi. To celebrate the occasion a number of events were held on September 25th, 2019. Mass was celebrated by Archbishop André Richard and Rev. Paul Doucet with a number of clergy attending and a large number Religious Hospitallers of Saint Joseph from Kingston ON, Montreal QC, St. Basile, Tracadie, and Bathurst, NB.



Residents and staff from Mount Saint Joseph's Nursing Home, members of the Catholic Health International Board of Directors, leaders from Catholic Health International facilities in Nova Scotia, New Brunswick, Ontario and the United States along with members of the Miramichi community attended. Following the Mass attendees were encouraged to visit St. Michael's Museum for a tour to see a historical display of their contributions to the community in health care, education and social services. That evening a special banquet was held at the Rodd Miramichi River Inn. Presentations were made by Dr. Robert Stewart, President and CEO of Catholic Health International, Miramichi Mayor Adam Lordon, Mr. George Martin, Rev. Leon Creamer and Sister Ann Marie Savoie RHSJ, former General Superior.



Aspirus Langlade Hospital announces new Mission Integration Manager



Andy Barth, CEO of the Aspirus Langlade Hospital in Antigo Wisconsin recently announced the hiring of a new Mission Integration Manager, Sean Joyce-Whipp. Sean has a Bachelor's Degree in History & Religious Studies, a Master's of Science Degree in Educational Leadership, and a Master's Degree in Education. Sean is transitioning from a position where he served as a Theology Teacher and Department Chair at Creighton Prep, a Jesuit High School in Omaha, Nebraska. In that role he provided mission-driven leadership for, and management of a large department, tasked with preserving and

promoting the school's Catholic identity and the heritage of the founding religious order. In addition, he educated and oriented new and existing students, parents and teachers to the values, goals, history and mission and continuing the distinctiveness of the ministry of the Jesuits. It is anticipated that Sean's education, expertise and strong desire to lead mission integration activities and shape a culture of mission will serve Aspirus Langlade Hospital well. Catholic Health International wishes Sean well in this pivotal role.

Bishop Ricken visits Aspirus Langlade Hospital

His Excellency, the Most Reverend Bishop Ricken of the Diocese of Green Bay visited Aspirus Langlade Hospital on September 12th. From left to right are Sister Adele Demulling RHSJ, Sister Dolores Demulling RHSJ, Jesse Tischer - Senior Vice President Aspirus, Rev. Bishop Ricken, Sean Joyce Whipp - Mission Director and Andy Barth - C.E.O. Aspirus Langlade Hospital.

From the Antigo Journal



Hôpital de l'Enfant-Jésus RHSJ† 2019 Volunteer Excellence Award

On June 5, 2019, as part of the Employee Recognition Ceremony, Pauline St-Pierre received the 2019 Catholic Health International Volunteer Excellence Award. Ms. St-Pierre is a dynamic, generous person who is appreciated by all. She is employed in the Food and Nutrition Department of Hôpital de l'Enfant-Jésus in Caraquet and has been volunteering for various organizations for many years. The hospital in Caraquet owes her special gratitude for all the hours she spends helping out in the organization and making of fundraising dinners. Congratulations Pauline!



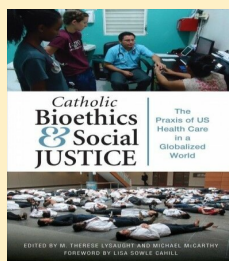
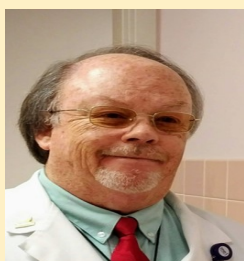
Pictured is Rita Labrie, Chair of the Advisory Committee (left), presenting the certificate to Pauline St-Pierre.

St. Bernard Hospital chaplain contributes to Catholic bioethics textbook

Robert Gordon, D.Min., is the Chaplain/Manager of Pastoral Care at Saint Bernard Hospital and Health Care Center in Chicago, Illinois. He contributed a chapter to the recently published “Catholic Bioethics and Social Justice” (Liturgical Press 2018). The book received a 2019 Honorable Mention Award from the Catholic Book Association.

Robert contributed chapter 10, “Inviting the Neighborhood into the Hospital: Diversifying Our Health Care Organizations.” St. Bernard Hospital and Health Care Center is a safety-net hospital (more than 50% of its patients depend on Medicaid). It has served the Englewood, Chicago community since 1905. Its founders, the Religious Hospitaliers of St. Joseph, made a commitment in the early 1960’s to remain in Englewood when it was rapidly changing from a white working class neighborhood to a predominantly poor and African American community. Their goal was full integration. Today, approximately 70% of the hospital’s workforce is African American. One of the editors of the book, Therese Lysaught refers to St. Bernard’s as Chicago’s best kept secret, as it brings compassion and high quality health care to an underserved south side community. Chapter 10 focuses on this period of transition in the 1960’s which today has formed the hospital into a role model of diversification.

We congratulate Bob and his contribution to the important new publication. It is available for loan from the CHI library.



ST. BERNARD HOSPITAL
AND HEALTH CARE CENTER

St. Bernard Hospital Dental Center Grand Opening

In April, St. Bernard Hospital, in Chicago, celebrated relocating its Dental Center to the Ambulatory Care Center (ACC). The new location will make it possible to better serve its many youth, special needs and adult patients of the area. The Dental Center fills an important void in the total care of patients. Originally focused on children, the practice grew to include adults and special needs patients who require assistance for disabilities that may be medical, mental, physical or psychological. The Dental Center serves patients from the immediate community and from other parts of the city and the tristate area. Congratulations on the Grand Opening.



L-R: Roland Abellera, VP Operations, Charles Holland, President and CEO and Mary Joyce Gomez, DDS, Dental Center Medical Director



A Blessing of dental Center by Rev. A. Gerard Jordan, O.P.



St. Bernard Hospital Dental Center

2019 2020 English CATHOLIC LEADERSHIP FORMATION PROGRAM



Twenty three participants took part in the latest Catholic Leadership Formation Program at Villa St-Martin in Montreal from October 1st to 3rd coordinated by CHI Director of Education Services, Heather Oakley. Presenters included Dave Schneider - Mission Leadership, Jean Marie Dionne - Heritage and Tradition, Rev. Denis Belliveau - Vocation and Spirituality, Michel Drisdelle – Healthy Spirituality and Leadership and the Kairos Blanket Exercise Team. Three participants graduated from the program, Rev. Hilton Gomes, Andy Barth and Janice Kaffer. Congratulations.



L-R: Hilton Gomes, Andy Barth and Janice Kaffer



L-R: Bob Gordon, Gino Hebert, Sean Joyce-Whipp, Lynne Defoe, Sherry Leech, Shelley Henry, Danie Haché, Micki Mulima, Pamela Clark, Hilton Gomes, Joe Karb, Margaret Evans, Andy Barth, Troy Lapierre, Nicolas Axas, Janice Kaffer, Isaiah Dada, Chantal LeBlanc, Heather Oakley, Laurie Newport, Stacey Wolfrom, Gillian Haycox, Karen Simon, Shirley Fraser

NEW CATHOLIC HEALTH INTERNATIONAL BOARD OF DIRECTORS APPOINTMENT

Catholic Health International is pleased to welcome Gizanne Lafrance-Allaire to the Board of Directors. Gizanne joins the Board as the Executive Director of St. Joseph's Continuing Care Centre in Cornwall, Ontario. She has held that position since May 2016. She earned a Bachelor's degree in Commerce from the University of Ottawa and holds CPA and CMA designations from the Certified Management Accountants of Ontario and Chartered Professional Accountants of Ontario. In 2018, she completed the Catholic Leadership Formation Program offered by Catholic Health International. Prior to joining St. Joseph's Continuing Care Centre, Gizanne worked in a variety of managerial capacities, including Manager of Corporate Accounting for the Children's Hospital of Eastern Ontario (CHEO) in Ottawa and Director of Finance for Sigma Point Technologies in Cornwall. We are pleased to have Gizanne join the CHI Board of Directors.



Hotel Dieu Shaver Health and Rehabilitation Centre celebrates Nursing Excellence

Jennifer Hansen, Chief Nursing Officer and Director of Nursing, proudly announced that Jennifer Posliff R.N. was the recipient of the 2019 Jeanne Mance Nursing Excellence Award. Jennifer was identified by Hotel Dieu Shaver staff as being honest, trustworthy and dedicated to her patients and her profession. She is described as kind, patient and calm and is a wonderful advocate for her patients. She is well deserving of the award that highlights the many attributes of Jeanne Mance, the RHSJ's first lay-nurse who established Hotel Dieu de Montreal. Jennifer Hansen also was pleased to note that were several other nurses who exemplified excellence in nursing who were nominated for this award. Congratulations Jennifer Posliff.



L-R: Sister Louise Dillon RHSJ, Jennifer Posliff and Jennifer Hansen

