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## St. Joseph's Villa celebrates 50 years in Cornwall

In October 1969, St. Joseph's Villa opened its doors to Cornwall seniors and other people in need of long-term care. Last month, a celebration was held at the facility to celebrate the past 50 years of providing a much-needed service to the community. Staff members and residents gathered in the Catholic long-term care facility's chapel for a small celebration, which included a birthday cake, refreshments and speeches from dignitaries such as Auxiliary Bishop Guy Desrochers and Cornwall Mayor Bernadette Clement. The bishop led the assembly in prayer to bless the facility and Clement brought a certificate of congratulations from the city and the best wishes from council.

Although the facility is celebrating its 50th anniversary, its history goes back much farther than that. In 1879, five Religious Hospitallers of St. Joseph arrived in Cornwall with a mission of creating a hospital in the city. They founded their hospital in the former residence of the first premier of Ontario, John Sandfield MacDonald, known as Ivy Hall. It started with just 30 beds, a pharmacy, an operating room, a chapel, and rooms for the five nuns.

Adapted from an article in *Cornwall Standard-Freeholder* by Alan S. Hale



Anne Vincelli, President of the St. Joseph's Continuing Care Centre Auxiliary and RHSJ Associate explains the history of the St. Joseph's Villa to participants in the 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration.

## Important Dates and Events!

### CHI Board

#### Meeting Dates:

Nov 12, 2019	Mar 18, 2020
Dec 3, 2019	Apr 8, 2020
Jan 15, 2020	Jun 2-3, 2020
Feb 12, 2020	Jun 10, 2020

### World Day of the Sick

February 11, 2020

### CHI Strategic Planning

#### St. Andrews, NB

April 29-May 1, 2020

### Spring Leadership

#### Delta President Kennedy, Montreal

May 13, 2020

### Catholic Health Alliance of Canada 2020 Conference

May 13-15, 2020

### Catholic Leadership Formation Module 2 (Module 2)

May 26-28, 2020

## Missioning Ceremony for Sherry Leech

At the recent Leadership session held in Miramichi, Sherry Leech, Facility Manager at Hotel-Dieu of St. Joseph in Perth Andover, New Brunswick, was welcomed to the CHI family with a Missioning Ceremony. Congratulations Sherry.



L – R: Sister Anita Holmes, CHI Board Chairperson, Sherry Leech, Dr. Robert Stewart, CHI President and CEO





# Sculpture recognizes work of Religious Congregations



**Archbishop Valéry Vienneau of Moncton with Women Religious representing the Religious Hospitallers of Saint Joseph, Notre-Dame-du-Sacré-Coeur and the Sisters of Charity of the Immaculate Conception at the unveiling of the sculpture.**

At Carleton Park in Fredericton on October 16, Catholic Health International proudly unveiled “Transformations,” a sculpture in recognition of the rich history of the work of Religious Congregations over decades in providing health care, education and social services in many communities throughout the Province of New Brunswick. This sculpture was created by Anna Rasinska, of Krakow Poland, as part of the International Sculpture Symposium held in Saint John in 2018. Catholic Health International (CHI) donated the sculpture to the City of Fredericton and Mayor Mike O’Brien graciously accepted it on behalf of the city and recognized the many years of service of women and men religious in the province. Dr. Robert Stewart, President and CEO of CHI hosted the unveiling and gave a history of the project. Diana Alexander, Executive Director of Sculpture Saint John, thanked CHI for being a corporate sponsor and acknowledged the support of the Sisters for the Sculpture Symposium. Sister Anita Holmes, SCIC, CHI Board Chairperson and Ms. Lise Guerrette-Daigle, Catholic Health Association of New Brunswick Board Chairperson brought greetings on behalf of the Boards of Directors. The ceremony ended with a special blessing of the sculpture offered by Archbishop Valéry Vienneau of Moncton.



**L-R: Eric Megarity -  
Fredericton City Councillor,  
Diana Alexander –  
Sculpture Saint John,  
Lise Guerrette Daigle –  
Catholic Health Association  
of New Brunswick  
Board Chairperson,  
Archbishop Valéry  
Vienneau – Moncton,  
Sr. Anita Holmes –  
Catholic Health  
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Mike O’Brien -  
Mayor of Fredericton,  
Dr. Robert Stewart –  
President and CEO Catholic  
Health International .**



## Religious Hospitallers of Saint Joseph celebrate new Skeletal Observation Lab

Kingston Health Sciences Centre's Hotel Dieu site (previously Hotel Dieu Hospital) has a long history of supporting research under the oversight of the Religious Hospitallers of Saint Joseph (RHSJ). Under their guidance, Hotel Dieu continues to foster and develop patient-oriented innovation, and nurture a culture of research and supporting infrastructure.

In acknowledgement of their mission of compassion and caring, the RHSJs were invited for a private tour and to help launch the new Skeletal Observation Lab (SOL) at the KHSC-Hotel Dieu site on Oct. 23. This multimillion-dollar, leading-edge facility offers scientists and clinicians unique insights into the biomechanics of the bones and joints in the human body, leading to improved treatments and preventive strategies tailored to the individual. It is expected that in the tradition of the Sisters, research in the SOL will lead to advances in orthopaedic medicine and guide the future direction of patient-centered care,

Dr. Michael Rainbow, the lab's lead scientist and Assistant Professor of Mechanical and Materials Engineering at Queen's University, and Dr. David Pichora, Professor of Surgery and Mechanical and Materials Engineering at Queen's University and President & CEO of KHSC, along with graduate students, demonstrated their research in this recently completed lab, showcasing its new state-of-the-art equipment.

As is the tradition at Hotel Dieu, the Sisters commemorated the new facility's official opening with a blessing, delivered by Sister Marilyn Larocque.



Religious Hospitallers of Saint Joseph are guided through the Skeletal Observation Lab by lead scientist Dr. Michael Rainbow

## Aspirus Langlade Hospital Named to Top 20 Critical Access Hospital List 2 Years in a Row



Aspirus Langlade Hospital in Antigo, WI was recently named, for the second year in a row, one of the Top 20 Critical Access Hospitals in the United States by the National Rural Health Association.

"We are incredibly proud of the efforts of our physicians and staff who have contributed to our hospital achieving this designation," said Andy Barth, Aspirus Langlade Hospital President. "Our results as a Top 20 Critical Access Hospital means our community can count on us to deliver the services they need now and in the future. This performance could not have been achieved without dedication, commitment and hard work. I am proud of the accomplishments of our medical staff and employees to achieve these results two years in a row."