

Remembering the legacy of Fr. Francis Morrissey OMI



Fr. Frank Morrissey OMI, died on Saturday May 23rd, at Élisabeth Bruyère Hospital in Ottawa, where he has been in palliative care for the last few weeks. Fr. Frank was born in Charlottetown, PEI, February 13, 1936. He was ordained September 23, 1961, for the Missionary Oblates of Mary Immaculate. He studied at the University of Ottawa and Saint Paul University, and was both a lecturer and administrator in the faculty of Canon Law at Saint Paul University. He was a true educator and was instrumental in the formation of many church leaders.

Fr. Frank was an international lecturer on matters relating to Canon Law. He published extensively in the area of canon law, Catholic health care, and related subjects. He also served as consultor to Pontifical and Episcopal Conferences in Vatican City and for the Canadian Conference of Catholic Bishops, as well as to numerous religious institutes. He was involved in the preparation of the Code of Canon Law that was commissioned by Vatican II and promulgated in 1983.

A hallmark of Fr. Frank's ministry as a canonist was his pastoral application of canon law. Whether teaching or advising on complicated canonical questions, Fr. Frank demonstrated great empathy and compassion. He was a great contributor to the education of many associated with Catholic Health International through his regular participation in both the French and English Leadership Formation Programs, his presentations to CHI Leadership in our Plenary sessions and his regular consultations with CHI Senior Management and Board of Directors.

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Assessing Mental Wellness for Healthcare Workers



Despite the overwhelming show of support from the wider community to healthcare workers and all those considered on the 'frontline' of the COVID-19 pandemic, this work is tough; it takes a toll on staff, physically, emotionally, and mentally. To further understand the psychological impact this pandemic has on healthcare workers, the Hotel Dieu Grace Healthcare Research and Evaluation team, in Windsor Ontario, has been successfully awarded a grant through WE-SPARK Health Institute's Igniting Discovery - COVID-19 Rapid Response Grant call.

The purpose of this study, led by Dr. Jennifer Voth, HDGH Research Associate, Dr. Lindsey Jaber, University of Windsor, and Linda MacDougall, St. Clair College, is to explore trends in self-reported psychological distress among health care workers (HCWs) across the continuum in primary care, hospital-based, and long-term care in Windsor Essex County at two stages of the epidemic, during and following the first wave of the COVID-19 crisis. This study will also provide insight into factors associated with distress in HCWs and explore ways in which local mental health providers can support, promote, and restore the emotional well-being of healthcare staff.

"All healthcare employees are facing unique challenges due to the COVID-19 outbreak, and these challenges will undoubtedly impact their well-being over time," says Janice Kaffer, HDGH President and CEO. "This WE-SPARK grant will allow us to engage with healthcare providers across Windsor-Essex to determine how we can best support, promote, and restore their emotional well-being during and after the pandemic."

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IMPORTANT DATES AND EVENTS

CHI Board Meeting Dates via Zoom:

June 3, 2020 CHI Corporate Annual Meetings – Ontario facilities
June 17, 2020 CHI Annual Meetings
June 18, 2020 CHI Annual Meetings
June 23, 2020 CHI Corporate Annual Meetings – Atlantic facilities

CHI Catholic Health Formation Module 2

May 26-28, 2020 (English)

Postponed until Spring 2021

Accepting registrations from new students for Spring 2021 French program and Fall 2021 English program on the CHI website

CHANB Conference

Sep 17-18, 2020 Miramichi NB - Cancelled

CHAO Annual Conference

Oct 22-23, 2020 Toronto ON – under review

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Remembering former CHANB Secretary

Sister Amélia Deveau, Filles de Jésus, died on May 22, 2020, at the age of 100, and having celebrated 61 years of religious life. Her early ministry included teaching school in Nova Scotia. She also spent many years in healthcare where she held different administrative positions in nursing homes in New Brunswick and Nova Scotia and at St. Joseph's Hospital in Dalhousie, New Brunswick. She also enjoyed her time volunteering in her home parish in Saulnierville, Nova Scotia. During the health care reforms of the 1990s Sr. Deveau was the Secretary for the Catholic Health Association of New Brunswick and after her retirement she regularly attended the CHANB annual conferences. She will be missed by her family, the Filles de Jésus, the CHANB and CHI Boards and staff.



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(Continued from page 1) Over the years Fr. Frank received many awards and recognition. In 2019 he was the recipient of the Catholic Health Association of the United State's Lifetime Achievement Award (see www.youtube.com/watch?v=7-QrX8Wgahk). This award is conferred each year upon an acknowledged leader of the health ministry who has inspired and mentored numerous others. The individual's leadership extends past the Catholic health ministry to influence and impact the local community and beyond. Fr. Frank exemplified this award. In 2018 Fr. Frank was the first ever recipient of Catholic Health International's Founders Award. This award is given in recognition of an individual's outstanding contribution and commitment to the healing ministry of Jesus and to a person who exemplifies the values of CHI's Founding Congregations. We, at Catholic Health International, will miss his wise counsel, his wit, his sense of compassion and his friendship. He was always quick to respond to any inquiry as he travelled the world. Let us pray for Fr. Frank, his family and friends, and his brother Oblates.



St. Joseph's Continuing Care Centre Nurse Wins Prestigious Award

The Ontario Nurses Association (ONA), the Registered Nurses' Association of Ontario (RNAO), and the Registered Practical Nurses Association of Ontario (WeRPN) have joined together to honour the work of nurses. In the spirit of partnership, the three Associations launched the *Nursing Now Ontario Awards* this year, to promote the profession and showcase the formidable work that nurses are doing across Ontario.

After receiving 243 nominations, St. Joseph's Continuing Care Centre's Patric Campeau was selected as the recipient of the inaugural award in the Registered Nurse category.



Patric was nominated by 10 future nurses that he mentored at St. Lawrence College, where he is a part-time professor for the RPN Program. According to one nominee, "Patric has no idea how much of a role model he is. He believed in me when no one did. He is my hero and deserves the world." Many of the other nominees noted that he is a true team player and builder, with strong leadership skills and is always willing to assist.



The inaugural *Nursing Now Ontario Awards* honoured one Nurse Practitioner, one Registered Nurse and one Registered Practical Nurse on May 12, 2020 via Zoom in commemoration of Florence Nightingale's 200th birthday.

Submitted by St. Joseph's Continuing Care Centre

The Torch

Torch is a monthly publication of Catholic Health International. We are always looking for articles that exemplify the mission of our CHI facilities. Please forward any items you think would be of interest to our readers to David Levangie Vice President Communications/Professional Development at dlevangie@chpci.com.



When this is Over

When this is over, may we never again take for granted
a handshake with a stranger - conversations with neighbors - a crowded theater - Friday night out
the taste of Communion - a routine checkup - the school rush each morning - coffee with a friend
the stadium roaring - each deep breath - a boring Tuesday - life itself.

When this ends, may we find that we have become more like the people we wanted to be,
we were called to be, we hoped to be. And may we stay that way – better for each other because of the worst.

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