



## Hotel Dieu Shaver Health and Rehabilitation Centre confirms CEO

On June 5th, Anne Atkinson, Board Chair and Dr. Robert Stewart, President of The Religious Hospitallers of St. Joseph of the Hotel Dieu of St. Catharines announced the appointment of Lynne Pay as the hospital's Chief Executive Officer. Interim CEO since August of 2018, Ms. Pay has served in senior administrative positions in the private and public sectors for the last 30 years. "Lynne joined Hotel Dieu in 1999 and has demonstrated the exemplary skills and dedication needed to lead our hospital," Ms. Atkinson said. Ms. Pay served as Vice President of Corporate Services with a portfolio including human resources, legal, quality and risk, and environmental services."



A native of Welland, and lifetime resident of Niagara, Ms. Pay graduated from Brock University with an Honours Bachelor of Arts degree in History and English and completed her law degree at Osgoode Hall Law School. She is a member of the Law Society of Ontario. "I am humbled and honoured with this confirmation of trust from the Board and The Religious Hospitallers of the Hotel Dieu of St. Catharines", Ms. Pay said. "It is my privilege to work among such a dedicated and talented team of staff, physicians, volunteers, patient advisors and Board Trustees. Together, we focus on providing exemplary rehabilitative and complex care to Niagara residents and we are committed to extending the same care, kindness and compassion to each other as we do to the patients we serve."

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## Villa St Joseph du Lac reopens Great Hall



Recently the Great Hall was reopened at Villa St Joseph du Lac Nursing Home in Yarmouth, NS. It had been closed during the recent renovations at the facility and now provides a beautiful large gathering space. Pictured here is the Memorial Service that was held in the Great Hall just before the pandemic outbreak.



## St. Joseph's Continuing Care Centre unveils new cross



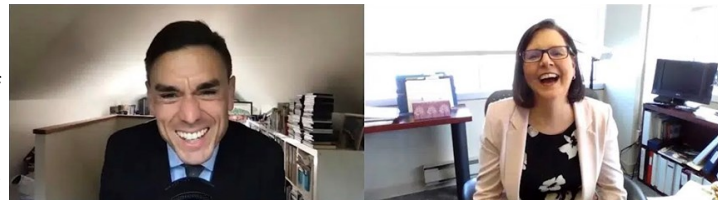
Pictured above is the newly installed Celtic cross at St. Joseph's Continuing Care Centre in Cornwall, ON.



## Rocmaura Nursing Home hosts a virtual gala

Rocmaura Foundation moved its 22<sup>nd</sup> major annual fundraising gala online this June, due to Covid-19, which prevented gatherings of 50 people or more. Instead of meeting at the Trade & Convention Centre for a dinner and dance, attendees ordered out from Thandi's and House of Chan restaurants, both of whom donated 15% of sales back to Rocmaura Foundation.

Attendees attended virtually on ZOOM, for an evening of laughs with Comedian James Mullinger and Host, meteorologist Cindy Day. There was a surprise guest, Dr. Jennifer Russell, the NB Medical Officer of Health, who spoke about what it's been like to lead the province of NB through a pandemic. Dr. Russell, a medical doctor and music major, played a piece on her saxophone. In all, over \$77,000 was raised during the event.



Comedian James Mullinger and NB Medical Officer of Health Dr. Jennifer Russell

Foundation Director Sally Cummings stated that attendees a lot of fun being involved in the event from home, not having to get dressed up, and that they could watch while sitting around a campfire or on their deck. It was the first virtual gala of its type hosted in New Brunswick and it was quite complicated to arrange technically but definitely worthwhile.

Submitted by the Rocmaura Foundation

Sister Louise Dillon has become the in-house DJ at Hotel Dieu Shaver Health and Rehabilitation Centre since the COVID-19 pandemic closed the facility to visitors. Her 15-minute musical interludes have been pumping through the hallway intercoms each day. "I started out with songs I thought people would enjoy, kind of uplifting songs. And then I started getting requests from patients and staff," she said. "We have played country to soft rock to Elvis, Johnny Cash, 'Kokomo,' Nat King Cole, James Taylor, Frank Sinatra, you name it. It's been good." "The patients and staff both love it," she said. "Some of the staff will tell me patients were toe tapping to some of the music and staff are dancing in the hall. Everybody really looked



forward to this brief time to normalize a little bit during this stressful time that we're all going through."

That was certainly the case for Rosemary McNamee when her granddaughter Maryze, a singer and lyricist in Montreal, wrote

a song for friends and family dedicated to her Nana Rosie. Dillon got permission from both to play it over the loudspeakers for everyone in the centre to hear. "I was thrilled," said McNamee, at the centre recovering from a fall. Their story and how Sister Louise helped make the connection was recently shared on CBC radio's "The Current."

McNamee said she misses her family. But she said she has been able to see some them in the yard when Sister Louise takes her into the glass tunnel that connects the two wings of the hospital. Through the pandemic, with other staff, she has been connecting patients with their families as far away as California and South Korea through FaceTime and phone calls, and through those glass windows.

"I say to people it's certainly an honour and a privilege to be alongside patients when their loved ones can't be there," she said. "They're happy we're there and their loved ones are very well cared for by our staff."

Adapted from a May 10, 2020 article Karena Walter in The St. Catharines Standard News

## IMPORTANT DATES AND EVENTS

### CHI Board Meeting Dates:

Sep 23, 2020	Nov 4, 2020	Dec 9, 2020
Jan 20, 2021	Feb 17, 2021	Mar 10, 2021
Apr 14, 2021	Jun 2-3, 2021	Jun 10-11, 2021

### CHI Catholic Health Formation

Module 2 of the English Program 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 - Cancelled

### Catholic Health International

1710 Water Street  
Miramichi, New Brunswick, E1N 1B4



### Lynne Pay named CEO

(Continued from page 1) "I and the Members of the Corporation offer our congratulations to Lynne on her appointment as Chief Executive Officer of our Hospital at St. Catharines, Ontario. Lynne has been involved with Hotel Dieu for a number of years and more recently as Interim CEO. She is very dedicated to the mission and values of the organization," said Robert B. Stewart, President of the Corporation and President and CEO of Catholic Health International.

### 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.

## FIGHTING RACISM AND DISCRIMINATION



Over the past several weeks the issue of racism and discrimination has captured the attention of many around the world. Many are seeking ways to engage in meaningful conversations which will lead to action and change. We have started a section of our CHI website to collect resources on fighting racism: [www.catholichealthpartners.com/anti-racism-resources](http://www.catholichealthpartners.com/anti-racism-resources).

*Learn to do right;  
seek justice. Defend  
the oppressed.*

Isaiah 1:17