

THE TORCH

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WINDSOR-ESSEX REGIONAL Chamber of Commerce



**Congratulations to the 30th Anniversary
Business Excellence Award Recipients!**

Professional of the Year Award

Janice Kaffer, President & CEO, Hotel-Dieu Grace Healthcare



JANICE KAFFER RECOGNIZED BY CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

It is with great pleasure that the CHI Board of Directors and Staff offer our heartfelt congratulations to Janice Kaffer, President & CEO of Hôtel-Dieu Grace Healthcare on the recognition she received from the Windsor-Essex Regional Chamber of Commerce as their *Professional of the Year*. During this past year of Covid-19 Janice led the team at HDGH in Windsor as they navigated these turbulent times. Once again congratulations on this well-deserved recognition Janice.

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NATIONAL NURSING WEEK

MAY 10TH TO 16TH WAS NATIONAL NURSING WEEK. THE BOARD AND STAFF OF CATHOLIC HEALTH INTERNATIONAL OFFER A SPECIAL BLESSING FOR ALL NURSES AND IN PARTICULAR, NURSES IN OUR CHI FACILITIES.

A Blessing for Nurses

May rest find you,
In the peaceful moments when all is still,
In the quiet times when you pause
And breathe.

May rest find you
In the chaos of the moment
In the sorrow you seek to heal.

May rest strengthen and bless you.
May it fill your spirit
And give you unearned joy.

May you find rest in the care of others,
In the knowledge of your worth,
In the value of your service.

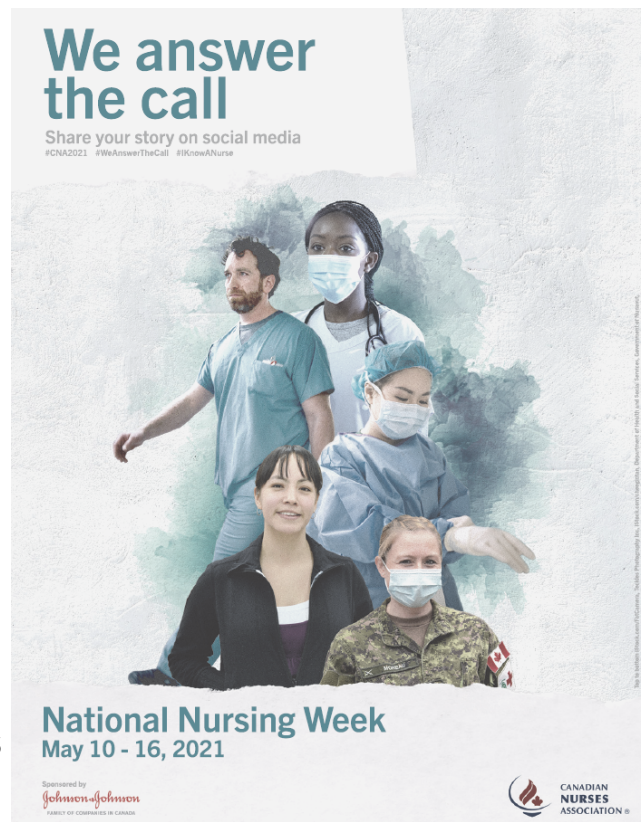
May the One who gives rest
Bless you and hold you close.
And may you, in your very being,
Be a place of rest for others.

Amen.

From Voices from the Journey, by Juliana Casey, IHM, published in 2015
by the Catholic Health Association of the United States



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Hospital**

DIRECTOR OF SPIRITUAL HEALTH TO RETIRE

Recently, Rev. Dr. Neil Elford announced his upcoming retirement as Director of Spiritual Health, Mission & Ethics at Hotel Dieu Hospital Kingston. Neil has been Director there for the past 6 years and at the same time held the position with Providence Health Care for the past 10 years. Neil has been a leader in Spiritual Health Education in Canada and an active member of the Catholic Health Alliance of Canada's Health Ethics Network. Neil and his wife Beth will move to Calgary this summer to be closer to their family. CHI wishes Neil all the best in his retirement and thank him for his leadership in mission, ethics and spiritual health at Hotel Dieu Hospital, Kingston Health Sciences Centre and across the country.

With Neil's departure Providence Health Care and the Kingston Health Sciences, which includes CHI sponsored Hotel Dieu Hospital, will be looking to fill the position of Director of Spiritual Health, Mission and Ethics. For detail please click [HERE](#).



REV. DR. NEIL ELFORD

DIRECTOR OF SPIRITUAL HEALTH,
MISSION & ETHICS



LEADERSHIP FORMATION PROGRAM

Due to COVID-19 the French Leadership Formation Program scheduled for June in Tracadie, New Brunswick has been postponed to the Fall 2021. We are hopeful that the second session of the English Leadership Formation Program will be held in the Spring of 2022. Both of these programs are full and are not taking further registrations. We are, however, now taking registrations for the next English Leadership Program to start in the Fall of 2022 and for the next French Leadership Program to start in the Fall of 2022.



HERITAGE WALL AT HÔTEL-DIEU GRACE HEALTHCARE

Work continues on the Heritage Wall at Hôtel-Dieu Grace in Windsor Ontario. Janice Kaffer, President & Chief Executive Officer, says “History is the foundation upon which a hospital’s identity is built. In Windsor Essex, this history of the Religious Hospitallers of St. Joseph (RHSJ) has brought comfort and reassurance to Hôtel-Dieu Grace Healthcare’s (HDGH) patients and visitors alike. We feel proud of what we have achieved with the installation of the exhibits in our main hallway and, as hoped, it has acted as a retreat and a source of quiet reflection for both patients and their families; it assists us in instilling pride in employees, physicians and volunteers, acknowledging their vital role in the continuing history of HDGH.”

THE HERITAGE WALL CAN ALSO BE
VIEWED VIRTUALLY BY CLICKING ON
[THIS LINK](#) . (FACEBOOK)



CHI WISHES TO EXPRESS OUR GRATITUDE

In the coming days CHI facilities will be receiving banners of appreciation from their sponsor, Catholic Health International. CHI Board and staff wish to thank all who work in our facilities. Dr. Robert Stewart, President and CEO, noted that “as caregivers you have dedicated yourselves to providing exceptional care for your patients and residents. Your hard work and commitment has not gone unnoticed. You need to know that you are constantly in our thoughts and are being supported by your Sponsor, Catholic Health International.” It is hoped the banners will be seen by staff and the public in order to express CHI’s gratitude and as Dr. Stewart stated “particularly to make the public aware of the outstanding work you have accomplished during this untimely crisis. God Bless each of you as you continue the healing Ministry of Jesus.”



THE CATHOLIC HEALTH INTERNATIONAL 2021 VOLUNTEER EXCELLENCE AWARDS DEADLINE JUNE 30, 2021

Catholic Health International recognizes the tremendous dedication of our volunteers and is pleased to accept nominations for the Annual Volunteer Recognition Award. To nominate go to our website: www.catholichealthpartners.com

NEW SPIRITUAL HEALTH VIDEO RESOURCES



The New Brunswick Spiritual Health Network recently produced a series of short videos in an effort to explain spiritual health and the training that is involved in becoming a spiritual health professional. These videos are intended for patients/residents, their loved ones and staff. They are available for viewing at the Vitalité Health Network website in English at www.vitalitenb.ca/en/points-service/spiritual-care or by clicking on the links below:

[Why is Spirituality Important in Healthcare?](#)

[What is Clinical Spiritual Care?](#)

[What is a Clinical Spiritual Care Practitioner?](#)

[When can I request Spiritual Care?](#)

IMPORTANT DATES AND EVENTS

CHI BOARD MEETING DATES :

**JUNE 2, 2021 ONTARIO ANNUAL CORPORATION
MEMBERS MEETING**

**JUNE 14, 2021 ATLANTIC ANNUAL CORPORATION
MEMBERS MEETING**

JUNE 17, 2021 CHP ANNUAL MEETINGS

LEADERSHIP FORMATION PROGRAM

2019-2020 ENGLISH PROGRAM

MODULE 2 OF THE ENGLISH PROGRAM, WHICH WAS SCHEDULED FOR MAY 2020, HAS BEEN POSTPONED UNTIL SPRING OF 2022. REGISTRATIONS ARE NOW CLOSED.

2021 FRENCH PROGRAM

MODULE 1 OF THE FRENCH PROGRAM, WHICH WAS SCHEDULED FOR JUNE 2021, HAS BEEN POSTPONED UNTIL THE FALL OF 2021. NOW TAKING REGISTRATIONS FOR FALL 2022 – SPRING 2023 PROGRAM. SEE CHI WEBSITE. SPECIFIC DATES TO BE ANNOUNCED.

2022 – 2023 ENGLISH PROGRAM

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