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WORLD DAY OF THE SICK
February 11

**BE MERCIFUL,
EVEN AS YOUR
FATHER IS MERCIFUL**
LUKE 6:36



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2022 WORLD DAY OF THE SICK

On February 11 healthcare workers across the world will celebrate the World Day of the Sick.

Pope Francis has chosen “Be merciful, even as your Father is merciful” (Lk 6:36) as the theme for this year's celebration.

Once again this year, Catholic Health International has produced a poster in celebration for this special day. The poster, along with other World Day of the Sick materials, have been sent to our CHI facilities, and our partners to help you celebrate. You can also find links to some of those resources on our CHI website or by following the link below.

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Standing beside those who
suffer on a path of charity.

Pope Francis

SPOTLIGHT

SYLVIA BOUDREAU, FJ - BOARD MEMBER



Sylvia Boudreau, fj entered les Filles de Jesus in 1957, made her first vows in 1960. She spent the greater part of her life in education. On retirement, she became the treasurer for the then Moncton Province of her congregation. Over the years she has sat on many committees in the education system, in the healthcare system, and for her congregation.

Spotlight

Each month, in this column, we will introduce you to one of the members of the Catholic Health International Board of Directors. Sr. Sylvia Boudreau, represents one of our Founding Congregations, les Filles de Jesus. She became a member of the Catholic Health International Board of Directors in 2014.

SPOTLIGHT QUESTIONS

Where did you grow up and how large was your family?

I was born in Cape Breton, Nova Scotia on Isle Madame. I am the fourth of seven children. I am the middle child and my father was a fisherman. I received a Bachelor of Arts and a Bachelor of Education from St. Francis Xavier University in Antigonish, Nova Scotia. Over the years I taught in New Brunswick, Nova Scotia and Alberta. I even taught in St. Kitts in the Caribbean at a school for the poor on two different occasions.

What is your favourite food?

Considering my background, it is not surprising that I like any kind of seafood.

What's your favourite travel destination?

I don't have a favourite place. I go wherever I need to.

What kind of music do you listen to?

I like jazz and folk.

How do you relax?

I like doing puzzles and reading. I like spending time with friends and just talking.

What was your happiest moment?

Whenever I was teaching and saw that a child grasped the concept that I was trying to explain, that was my happiest moment. You could see it in their face.

What is the toughest job you've done?

I was the Principal of a school.

How did you become involved in Catholic healthcare?

In 1974 I was asked to serve on the Board of Directors of St. Joseph's Hospital in Dalhousie, New Brunswick to represent Les Filles de Jesus. Eventually I was asked by the then New Brunswick Minister of Health, Dr. Russell King, to serve on the Board of Directors of the Campbellton Hospital. When Mr. Eugene LeBlanc, (former Administrator of St. Joseph's Hospital) retired from the Catholic Health International Board of Directors, I was asked by my congregation to replace him.

What do you enjoy most about being on the CHI Board of Directors?

The interaction with the other members. There is a very diverse group of people on the Board and I find that to be very interesting. I love being on the Board. Time will come though...

What is something that people would be surprised to know about you?

I don't have many secrets. You get what you see.

TWO NEW CEOS JOIN THE CHI LEADERSHIP GROUP



Sherry Bunten



Catholic Health International is pleased to announce Sherry Bunten as the President of Aspirus Langlade Hospital in Antigo, Wisconsin. Sherry joined Aspirus Langlade Hospital (ALH) in 2002 as a Staff Development Coordinator and Infection Control Nurse. She then held the role of Nurse Manager of the Inpatient Units for 10 years. For the past 8 years, she has held the VP-Patient Care and Chief Nursing Officer position.

Sherry holds a Bachelor of Science degree in Nursing from UW-Madison and a Master of Healthcare Administration degree from the University of Cincinnati. She is a Fellow with the American College of Healthcare Executives.

Dr. Robert Stewart, President and CEO of Catholic Health International is pleased that Sherry has taken on this new leadership role and is proud that she has come from inside the CHI and ALH family. Dr. Stewart notes, "Sherry has shown exceptional leadership in a very difficult time and has lived the mission of both CHI and ALH in how she leads her team. We look forward to many years of working closely with Sherry."

Jesse Tischer, Senior Vice President for Aspirus, Inc. (our partner at ALH) notes that "Sherry's commitment to our mission of healing people, promoting health and strengthening communities is a tremendous benefit to Aspirus Langlade, our team members and patients. Every day she leads by example, living our values of compassion, accountability, collaboration, foresight and joy."

Catholic Health International is pleased to welcome Sherry in this new leadership role.



Bill Mara



It is with pleasure that Catholic Health International announces the appointment of Bill Marra to the position of President and CEO of Hôtel-Dieu Grace Healthcare in Windsor, Ontario.

Bill has been with HDGH for over 10 years, having served as President & Executive Director of the Hôtel-Dieu Grace Hospital Foundation and most recently, as Vice President of People, Mission, Communications & Corporate Affairs. Prior to joining HDGH Bill had a long history of community involvement including as the Executive Director of New Beginnings (a Centre for Children & Youth Services) for over 14 years and as a Windsor City Councillor for 6 terms.

Dr. Robert Stewart, President and CEO of Catholic Health International, wishes to welcome Bill to his new role and looks forward to continuing to work with him and his team at HDGH. Dr. Stewart is pleased to note Bill's long term commitment to HDGH and his extensive community activities as signs of his excellent fit into the CHI community of leaders.

Brian Payne, Chair, HDGH Board of Directors stated that "Bill's commitment to HDGH, the hospital's mission and vision, as well as the Windsor Essex community is one of Bill's greatest strengths. Bill has been a vital member of the executive team for seven years and played a vital role in assisting in the COVID-19 response."

Catholic Health International is pleased to have Bill lead HDGH and welcomes him to the CHI family.

HOTEL DIEU HOSPITAL OF KINGSTON VOLUNTEER BOARD CELEBRATES SISTER ANNETTE VALADE, RHSJ



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Hotel Dieu
Hospital



On January 11th the Hotel Dieu Hospital of Kingston Volunteer Board celebrated Sr. Annette Valade's 100th birthday. Beth Cade, President of the Volunteer Board, noted that Sr. Valade has "dedicated her life to making others' lives better." She has done this in a variety of ways, as a religious woman, nurse, pastoral care supervisor, volunteer and countless other ways. The Board wanted Sr. Valade to know how thankful they are that she chose to put so very much of her time and effort into Volunteer Services at Hotel Dieu Hospital. Catholic Health International, along with everyone at Hotel Dieu Hospital, wish Sr. Valade a very happy 100th birthday and thank for her love, devotion and commitment. Pictured here is Sr. Annette Valade being awarded a special plaque in celebration of her 100th birthday and her many years of service by Sr. Marilyn Larocque.

IMPORTANT DATES & EVENTS

CHI Board Meeting Dates: February 9, 2022 (Corporate) February 23, 2022 March 23, 2022 (Corporate)

World Day of the Sick - February 11, 2022

CHAC Annual (Virtual) Conference - Thursday May 12 and Friday May 13, 2022
Looking Within: Creating Culturally Safe Environments of Care for Indigenous Peoples

Leadership Formation Program

English Program Module 2 of the 2019-2020 English Program has been postponed until Spring of 2022. Registrations are now closed.

French Program Module 2 of the 2021-2022 French Program, will be held in the Spring of 2022. Registrations are now closed.

Leadership Formation Program - Fall 2022 - Spring 2023

We are now taking registrations for the upcoming Fall 2022 - Spring 2023 programs in both English and French. Specific dates to be announced.

[REGISTRATION FORM](#)

HEALTH PROGRESS

The Winter edition of Health Progress is available online. This issue explores "A Resilient Workforce" and is available at www.chausa.org. Here some links to their featured articles.



[REDUCING STRESS AND FOSTERING WELL-BEING AMONG HEALTH CARE STAFF](#)

[ADDRESSING THE SHORTAGE OF WORKERS IN LONG-TERM CARE](#)

[A RESPONSE TO CHALLENGES IN LONG-TERM CARE](#)

[ACHIEVING EMPLOYEE WELLNESS IN HEALTH CARE](#)

[PREVENT BURNOUT AND INCREASE JOY IN WORK](#)



Divided No More: Rejoining Our Inner and Outer Lives,
online with Parker J. Palmer
Sunday, March 20, 2022
2:00 pm - 4:00 pm (AT)

We are born whole, with no wall of separation between our inner and outer lives. But as time goes by and life gets more difficult, many of us seek safety in the divided life. We wall our souls off from our roles, depriving the world of our gifts and ourselves of the gift of feeling at home in our own skins. Parker Palmer is word renoun author, educator and retreat leader. In this two hour webinar he will explore these questions and more. For more information follow the link below.



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