

# THE TORCH



The Newsletter of Catholic Health International




## LENTEN RESOURCES

As Ash Wednesday approaches (March 2nd) the Catholic Health Association of the United States once again has released a series of weekly lenten reflections to help you on your journey. You can access these reflections by following this [\*\*\*LINK.\*\*\*](#)

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## CHAC ANNUAL CONFERENCE & 2022 AWARDS



Catholic Health Alliance of Canada  
Alliance catholique canadienne de la santé

**2022 National Virtual Conference**  
hosted by St. Joseph's Care Group in Thunder Bay,  
on the traditional territory of the Fort William First Nation

**Looking Within: Creating Culturally Safe  
Environments of Care for Indigenous Peoples**

Catholic health care is committed to a healing journey and learning the truth about our history with Indigenous Peoples. We are working towards fostering relationships built on the truths of colonialism and oppression, learning from the past, understanding the importance of Indigenous Peoples' right to self-determination in their own healing, and rebuilding trust to work towards developing healthier relationships.

The conference will showcase Indigenous speakers that will help us better understand the truth and highlight wise practices and innovative programs. It has never been more important for Catholic health organizations across this land we call Canada to embrace diversity, equity, inclusion, and belonging.

The conference aims to inspire action and equip leaders and organizations with insights and tools to support their efforts to ensure a culturally safe environment for all.

The Conference organizers are currently confirming an exciting array of keynote speakers and leaders. There will be opportunities for group discussions and learning.

Further details including registration information will be provided early in 2022.

**~ Mark Your Calendar ~**  
Thursday May 12 and Friday May 13, 2022  
10:30 a.m. to 16:30 p.m. EST

Artist - Jordan Ouquish



2022 AWARDS

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**Call for  
Nominations**

The Catholic Health Alliance of Canada's national conference will be held virtually on May 12 & 13, 2022. The conference will be one step on our Truth & Reconciliation journey. Focusing on the theme

***Looking Within: Creating Culturally Safe Environments of Care for Indigenous Peoples***

the conference will explore uncomfortable truths – and the shared values and actions that will help move us towards authentic healing and restoration, mutual understanding, trust and community. The conference aims to inspire action and equip leaders and organizations with insights and tools to support their efforts to ensure a culturally safe environment for all. For more information follow this [LINK](#).

The CHAC will also present its 2022 Awards, in five different categories, during the conference. In addition to awards that will recognize ***Tomorrow's National Leaders*** and ***Programs of Distinction***, this year's ***Lifetime Achievement*** award has been expanded to three categories – ***Honouring a Direct Caregiver***, ***Honouring a Leader*** and ***Honouring a Board member***. We encourage you to consider nominating someone from your facility for one of these prestigious awards. You can find more information by going to this [LINK](#) at the CHAC website. Deadline for nominations is March 31st.

## DEMENTIA ISOLATION TOOL KIT

The Toronto Rehabilitation Institute has developed resources for people living in residential care facing isolation and separation from family. The Dementia Isolation Toolkit supports ethical decision-making and person-centred care during the pandemic, mitigating the harms associated with infection control and prevention measures.

To access those resources follow this [LINK](#).



# ASPIRUS LANGLADE HOSPITAL AMONG THE UNITED STATES' TOP RURAL HOSPITALS



Aspirus Langlade Hospital, in Antigo Wisconsin, was recognized among the nation's best 100 rural hospitals by The Chartis Center for Rural Health. The Chartis Group represents the largest independent health care advisory firm in the United States.

"As we navigate through these challenging times in health care, caused by the pandemic, this recognition demonstrates the commitment from our exceptional healthcare team to serve and care for our patients," said hospital President Sherry Bunten. Catholic Health International wishes to congratulate Aspirus Langlade Hospital for this award and their on going commitment to their mission. Well done!



Adapted from an article in the *Antigo Journal* from February 14, 2022

# ST JOSEPH RESIDENCE PARTICIPATES IN NATIONAL TRAINING PROGRAM



St. Joseph Residence, New London WI, has been selected to participate in a program with the National Guard to help in addressing hospital capacity issues in the state. They opened their 10 bed short term rehab unit to care for patients who are recovering from COVID and the United States Department of Human Services provided National Guard troops to serve as temporary nurse aids for up to 60-day deployments. SJR is working with the national guard to train them as C.N.A.s and they will be helping relieve the stress on state hospitals. This team will be working closely with the SJR staff on the unit to ensure excellent care is provided to those in their care. We congratulate SJR Executive Director Gidget Blank and her staff on this great initiative.



## NATIONAL LONG-TERM CARE STANDARDS

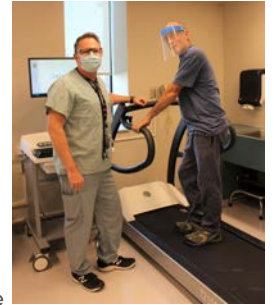
The Standards Council of Canada (SCC), Health Standards Organization (HSO) and Canadian Standards Association (CSA Group) are working collaboratively on developing two new national standards for LTC that will be shaped by the needs and voices of Canada's LTC home residents, workforce, local communities, as well as broader members of the public. They are looking for feedback on the draft standard. The deadline to respond is March 27th. For more information follow this [LINK](#).



## HÔTEL-DIEU GRACE HEALTHCARE CARDIAC WELLNESS PROGRAM



Recently, Hôtel-Dieu Grace Healthcare's Cardiac Wellness Program in Windsor ON, expanded the services they offer at the Centre. Thanks to roughly \$35,000 fundraised dollars from the HDGH Foundation's Heart Breaker Challenge, the Cardiac Wellness team has been able to purchase the necessary exercise stress test equipment to conduct Cardiac Stress Tests onsite. Located within the Petro Family Exercise Centre, the program provides exercise, medical, educational, nutritional, and psychosocial support for those with cardiac-related concerns, such as a heart attack, cardiac surgery, congestive heart failure, and more, for 600-700 patients each year. Catholic Health International wishes to congratulate HDGH and the Cardiac Wellness Program on their ongoing service to the community.



## IMPORTANT DATES AND EVENTS

CHI Board Meeting Dates: March 9, 2022    March 23, 2022 (Corporate)  
April 13, 2022    May 6, 2022 (Partners in Mission AGM)

CHAC Sponsor Board Formation Workshop (invitation only) - March 3, 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

New students are being accepted for the next Catholic Leadership Formation Program to be held in the Spring and Fall of 2023 (exact dates to be determined). To register please fill out one of the following forms and you will be contacted with further information:

[\*\*English Registration Form\*\*](#)

[\*\*French Registration Form\*\*](#)

For further information on the program follow this link:

[\*\*CHI Leadership Formation Program Flyer\*\*](#)

or if you have any questions please contact CHI's Director of Education Heather Oakley at [hoakley@chpchi.com](mailto:hoakley@chpchi.com).