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CATHOLIC HEALTH CARE WEEK

Catholic Health International joined with other Catholic health sponsors and celebrated the fourth annual Catholic Health Care Week this month. This year's theme "Building Bridges" focused on our commitment as Catholic health care to reach out, create connections, welcome all, address gaps and work collaboratively to improve the health and wellbeing of all—especially those most vulnerable in our society. Catholic health organizations are united in a 400-year healing mission—driven to improve health care for all, especially those at greatest risk, as strong partners across our health care system.

Several of CHI sponsored organizations and dioceses celebrated by sharing the daily reflections and prayers, and by using the social media templates to share "the courageous gift of Catholic health care." Some dioceses celebrated by promoting the week in Sunday bulletin announcements and by offering the special Prayers of the Faithful developed for the week. We look forward to celebrating once again next year.

**The courageous gift of
Catholic health care**

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SPOTLIGHT

GIZANNE LAFRANCE-ALLAIRE: BOARD MEMBER



Gizanne Lafrance-Allaire was appointed Executive Director of St. Joseph's Continuing Care Centre in Cornwall in May of 2016. She is a Chartered Professional Accountant and Certified Management Accountant and holds a Bachelor of Commerce degree from the University of Ottawa. Gizanne is a life-long Cornwall, Ontario resident and is fluently bilingual.

Spotlight

Each month, in this column, we will introduce you to one of the members of the Catholic Health International Board of Directors. Gizanne Lafrance-Allaire joined the Catholic Health International Board of Directors in 2019.

SPOTLIGHT QUESTIONS

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

I was born and raised in Cornwall, Ontario. I have 1 sister and 2 brothers and I was the third child. Our upbringing was quite different since my parents owned motels and we lived in the two bedroom suite. All of us participated in the activities of business including, serving breakfast to guests (before school), answering the switchboard, keeping the various vending machines full, delivering the newspapers to guests, among other fun things.

What is your favourite food?

Although I don't have it often, I love a good steak with mushrooms and potatoes.

What's your favourite travel destination?

Anywhere in Europe.

What kind of music do you listen to?

70s and 80s.

How do you relax?

Meditate and listen to music.

What was your happiest moment?

Seeing the face for the first time of each of my three children.

What is the toughest job you've done?

Executive Director of a LTC Home during the COVID-19 pandemic.

How did you become involved in Catholic healthcare?

Before St. Joseph's Continuing Care Centre (SJCCC), I had only been in healthcare for a couple of years as Corporate Finance Lead at the Children's Hospital of Eastern Ontario. Therefore, I consider myself extremely lucky to have been asked to join SJCCC and the part of our Sisters Legacy, the Religious Hospitallers of St. Joseph.

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

First and foremost - the people. The Directors have a vast amount of knowledge and wisdom which is a gift for a newcomer like me. Also, I truly enjoy learning about the different organizations within the CHI family and how each one is involved in improving the life of the people we serve.

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

That I am shy and a bit of a lone-wolf.



NEW CATHOLIC HEALTH INTERNATIONAL BOARD MEMBERS

Catholic Health International would like to welcome three new Board members to our CHI Board of Directors. Ms. Lucie Lombardo, Ms. Dina Haché and Mr. Robert Creamer who joined the Board this fall.

Ms. Lucie Lombardo, from Windsor, Ontario, is well known to many within CHI. She has been a long time Board member at Hotel Dieu Grace Healthcare in Windsor, is a graduate of CHI's Leadership Formation Program, has been a member of the CHI Ethics pillar as well as has been an Assessor with the CHI Values Integration Process having visited several of our facilities. Lucie has a Master's in Administration from Central Michigan University and was the Executive Director for Long Term Care for the City of Windsor for 20 years. She is also an avid volunteer in her community.

Ms. Dina Haché recently retired as Facility Representative for St. Joseph Community Health Centre in Dalhousie, New Brunswick. She graduated from Université de Moncton with a Bachelor of Nursing Degree and is a graduate of CHI's Leadership Formation Program.

Mr. Robert (Bob) Creamer, Q.C. is a partner with Lawson Creamer a law firm based out of Saint John, New Brunswick. He has a Bachelor of Business Administration and a Bachelor of Laws from University of New Brunswick. He has served on many Boards and volunteer organizations including as President, Law Society of New Brunswick and Chairman, Canadian Bar Association, Municipal Law Subsection and Director, Kidney Foundation, National Board. He is a well-known lecturer and author.



Lucie Lombardo



Dina Haché



Robert Creamer

Retirements at Hôtel-Dieu Saint-Joseph de Saint-Quentin & St. Joseph Community Health Centre (Dalhousie)



Nicole D. Labrie



Catholic Health International congratulates Nicole D. Labrie and Dina Haché on their recent retirements as Facility Representatives at l'Hôtel-Dieu Saint-Joseph in Saint-Quentin, NB and St. Joseph Community Health Centre in Dalhousie, NB respectively. They both have contributed many years of service at their facilities, at the VitalitéHealth Network and to their communities. They will continue to work with Catholic Health International in others ways, Nicole as chairperson for the l'Hôtel-Dieu Saint-Joseph in Saint-Quentin Advisory Committee and Dina as a member of the Board of Directors of CHI. We wish them all the best and thank them for their great contributions to living the mission.



Dina Haché

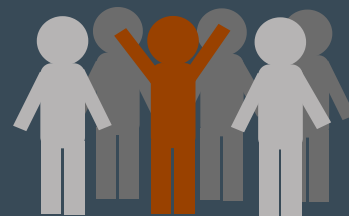


Spiritual Care Week Pastoral Care Week

Relevant and Responsive in
Times of Crises
October 23-29, 2022

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2019-2022 English Catholic Leadership Formation Program



Eight participants took part in the second module of the English Formation Program held September 13th to 15th at the Ignatius Centre in Guelph Ontario coordinated by CHI Director of Education Services, Heather Oakley.

Presenters included Sr. Bonnie MacLellan C.S.J. - Canon Law, Sr. Nuala Kenny S.C. - Ethics and Sr. Annelle Fitzpatrick C.S.J. - Diversity, Social Justice and World Religions.

Six participants graduated from the program.



Left to Right: Chantale Heppell-Maltaise - St. Joseph's Community Health Centre, Micki Mulima - Kingston Health Sciences Centre Program & Providence Care, Karen Simon - Rocmaura Nursing Home, Krista Michaud - St. Joseph Community Health Centre, Nicholas Axas - Kingston Health Sciences Centre, Pam Clark - Rocmaura Nursing Home, Isaiah Dada - Kingston Health Sciences Centre and Sherry Leech - Hotel-Dieu of St. Joseph.

2021-2022 French Leadership Formation Program



Fourteen participants took part in the second module of the French Formation Program held September 27th to 29th at the Villégiature Deux Rivières Resort in Tracadie-Sheila, N.B.

Presenters included Anne Asselin - Canon Law, Didier Canaepel, o.p. - Ethics and Gaston Lechance - Organizational Spirituality, Social Justice and Diversity.

Front Row (Left to Right): Anna Léger - Foyer Notre-Dame-de-Lourdes, Karelle Guignard - Hôpital Stella-Maris-de Kent, Suzanne Hannan - Foyer Notre-Dame-de-Lourdes, Heather Oakley - CHI, Nancy Roy - Maison-Mère des Religieuses NDSC. **Back Row (Left to Right):** Didier Canaepel - presenter, Daniel Arseneau - Foyer Notre-Dame-de-Lourdes, Rose-Anne Lavallée-Savoie - Centre de Santé Communautaire St-Joseph, Hélène Roy - Foyer Notre-Dame-de-Lourdes, Chantal Smith - Foyer Notre-Dame-de-Lourdes, Edith McGraw Basque - L'Accueil Sainte-Famille, Sonia Haché - L'Accueil Sainte-Famille, Léona Bernard - Hôpital Stella-Maris-de Kent, Marie Thérèse Sonier - L'Accueil Sainte-Famille, Rachel Robert - Maison-Mère des Religieuses NDSC, Gaston Lechance - presenter.

spiritualitésanté newsletter



Several times a year the Center Spiritualitésanté de la Capitale-Nationale publishes its newsletter "INFOLETTRE" of which the Centre Hospitalier Universitaire de Québec and Université Laval are the trustees. The latest edition of this French newsletter is available by following this [LINK](#).

Hotel-Dieu of St. Joseph Hospital celebrates 75 years



Hôtel-Dieu of St. Joseph
Perth-Andover



Sr. Thérèse Mulherin & Sr. Bertille Beaulieu

Hotel-Dieu of St. Joseph Hospital (HDSJ) in Perth-Andover, New Brunswick had humble beginnings, starting out in a house once known as Anne's Tea Room, with 11 patient beds.

From those humble beginnings, it has grown, and September 2022 marked the 75th anniversary in Perth-Andover – an incredible milestone.

Three Religious Hospitallers of St. Joseph (RHSJ) sisters, Sisters Leona Haché, Yvonne Hubert and Corrine Kerr went on to establish the hospital and the very first patient was admitted on Oct 28, 1947. Over the years there have been numerous changes to HDSJ, including expansions, renovations, and modernizations, but the history of the facility is never forgotten and runs deep through the halls. HDSJ remains under the sponsorship by

Catholic Health International and is operated by Horizon Health Network.

The RHSJ sisters worked tirelessly to establish and promote health care in Perth-Andover and surrounding communities. RHSJ Sisters Thérèse Mulherin & Bertille Beaulieu along with

Dr. Robert Stewart, President and CEO of CHI, were present at the celebration.

Facility Manager Sherry Leech, former Facility Managers Joy Van Tassel (president of the HDSJ Foundation) and Karen O'Regan (HDSJ Advisory Chairperson) along with Fr. Gilbert Dodatto were in also in attendance.

Congratulations to Hotel Dieu St. Joseph of Perth-Andover on their many years of service to their community.



Advisory Committee Members Karen O'Regan and Fr. Gilbert Dodatto



Sr. Thérèse Mulherin, Sr. Bertille Beaulieu, Dr. Robert Stewart & Karen O'Regan

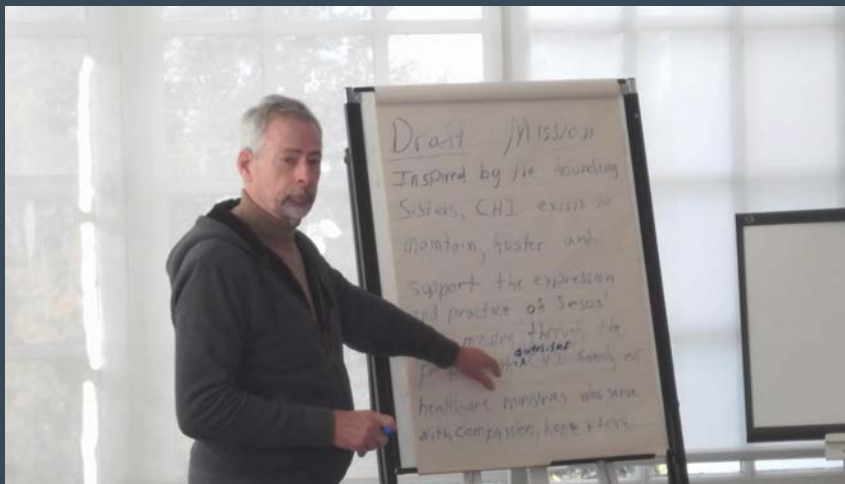
Article adapted from an article in Horizon Star by former Hotel-Dieu of St. Joseph Hospital Administrator, Joy Van Tassel and photos by Connie Fitzherbert/The Victoria Star.

CHI Strategic Planning

On September 26- 28th, Catholic Health International leadership along with the Board of Directors held a strategic planning session at the Algonquin Resort in St. Andrews, NB.

Facilitated by Dave Schneider the session was dynamic and engaging and will provide direction for CHI for the next five years, furthering the Mission and Vision of CHI into the future. CHI would like to thank Dave Schneider and the Board of Directors for their dedication and hard work in making the session successful and in creating a plan where we can continue to be relevant and vibrant in furthering Jesus' healing ministry.

The CHI Leadership Team look forward to working on the strategic priorities of the new plan.



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New Facility Activities Manager at St-Joseph Community Health Centre



Marie-Claude Thériault recently replaced Dina Haché as the Facility Activities Manager at St-Joseph Community Health Centre in Dalhousie, New Brunswick. Marie-Claude comes to the role with more than 30 years experience in primary care. She has a Bachelor of Science in Nursing as well as Masters in Science in Nursing from Université de Moncton. Marie-Claude has a long history with the St-Joseph Community Health Centre and is very familiar with the community. She has worked as nurse educator at Université de Moncton and has many years experience as a nursing researcher. Catholic Health International welcomes her to our family and looks forward to working closely with her and the team at St-Joseph Community Health Centre.

IMPORTANT DATES & EVENTS

CHI Board Meeting Dates

November 9, 2022 (Corporate)
January 11, 2023 (Corporate)

December 14, 2022
March 8, 2023

CHANB French Virtual Workshop

November 17, 2022 10:00 am - 12:00 pm AT

Leadership Formation Program

New students are being accepted for the next Catholic Leadership Formation Program, in both English and French, to be held in the Spring and Fall of 2023 (exact dates to be determined). To register or for further information on the program please visit our website at the link below:

[CHI Leadership Formation Program](#)

Should you have any questions, please contact Heather Oakley, CHI's Director of Education Services at hoakley@chpchi.com.