

THE TORCH

The Newsletter of Catholic Health International



2023 WORLD DAY OF THE SICK

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

Catholic Health International has chosen "We Care with Compassion" as our theme for this year. Pope Francis, in his 2023 message for World Day of the Sick, reminds us that in the story of the Good Samaritan, he "is moved with compassion and takes care of that stranger on the road." That too is our mission.

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. The Catholic Health Association of British Columbia has developed resources for schools which you can find at the link below.

[Resources](#)

We are all fragile and vulnerable, and need that compassion which knows how to pause, approach, heal, and raise up.

Pope Francis

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THREE NEW EXECUTIVES JOIN THE CHI LEADERSHIP GROUP



Mount St. Joseph



Connie Doucet



Hôtel-Dieu of St. Joseph
Perth-Andover



Jennifer Eagan



Sindy Turcotte

It is with great pleasure that Catholic Health International announces the appointment three new executives in New Brunswick facilities, Connie Doucet at Mount St. Joseph, Jennifer Eagan at Hotel-Dieu of St. Joseph Perth-Andover and Sindy Turcotte at Hotel Dieu St-Joseph de Saint-Quentin.

Connie Doucet is a Registered Nurse and educator who has worked with palliative patients and their families in the Miramichi area for over 30 years. She is a founding member of Hospice Miramichi and was Executive Director since 2012. She worked closely with the New Brunswick Extra Mural to develop the first Hospice Integrated Program for the delivery of palliative care services in New Brunswick. She is a graduate of the Hotel Dieu School of Nursing in Bathurst, NB and received a certificate in Hospice Palliative Care nursing from Grant MacEwan College.

Jennifer Eagan is Radiologic Technologist from Perth-Andover, NB with more than 20 years experience. Most recently she has worked at both Hotel Dieu of St. Joseph in Perth-Andover and at the Tobique Valley Community Health Centre in Plaster Rock, NB. Previously she owned and operated, for 15 years, a Licensed Adult Residential Facility, Victoria Villa. She is a graduate of the Saint John School of Radiologic Technology, St. Thomas University and the University of Maine with a B.Ed.

Sindy Turcotte is from Saint-Quentin NB where she has worked recently as an RN at Hôtel Dieu St-Joseph de St-Quentin. She has worked internationally and has experience in a variety of specialties including cardiology, critical care, maternity, diabetes, mental health and community health. She has a Bachelor of Science in Nursing from Université de Moncton.

Catholic Health International is pleased to have these skilled leaders and we welcome them to our CHI family.

St. Bernard Hospital improves patient safety

St. Bernard Hospital, in Chicago IL, recently celebrated its 2022 grades from the Leapfrog Group, a national non-profit that grades hospitals on safe patient care. St. Bernard Hospital improved to a "B" grade from the "F" grades they received in 2021. Charles Holland, President and CEO noted "since renewing our focus on patient safety and quality a year ago, the hospital has made achieving a better grade its focus. Our journey from an "F" to a 'B' in just over a year would not be possible without the commitment, actions and efforts of each one of you. We have every reason to be proud of the progress that we've made."



Please see the following links for more details of this great work.

[LEAPFROG GROUP NEWSLETTER](#)

[ST. BERNARD HOSPITAL AND HEALTH CARE CENTER](#)

[APPRECIATION VIDEO](#)

VIRTUAL SUPPORTIVE HOUSING WORKSHOP **FRIDAY, APRIL 14, 2023** **9:00 AM - 12:00 PM ET**

 [Catholic Health Association of Ontario](#)
[Association Catholique de la Santé de l'Ontario](#)

The CHAO will be holding a Housing Workshop on Friday April 14, 2023 from 9:00 AM to 12:00 PM. The purpose of the Workshop is to increase aging in place housing options for frail older adults and vulnerable populations with the aim of reducing demand on healthcare institutions. If you are interested in attending, please follow the registration link.

[REGISTRATION](#)

The image shows the Covenant Health logo on the left, which consists of a white cross inside a blue shield-like shape. To the right of the logo, the text "Covenant Health" is written in white. On the far right, there is a blue rectangular box with white and yellow text that reads "SAVE THE DATE ETHICS CONFERENCE APRIL 14, 2023 8:00 AM - 3:30 PM PARTICIPATION: IN-PERSON & VIRTUAL".

Covenant Health Ethics Centre is pleased to announce that the 2023 Ethics Conference will take place both virtually and in-person on April 14, 2023 from 10:00 AM to 5:30 PM ET. More information about programming and registration will be coming out soon. Questions? Contact EthicsCentre@CovenantHealth.CA

FOYER NOTRE-DAME-DE-LOURDES CELEBRATES FORMER BOARD CHAIRPERSON



Foyer Notre-Dame-de-Lourdes



Mr. Francis Goguen & Dr. Robert Stewart

A Catholic Health International Volunteer Excellence Award was presented to Mr. Francis Goguen at the Board of Directors meeting of Foyer Notre Dame de Lourdes on January 11th. This special award was presented by Robert Stewart, President and CEO of Catholic Health International in recognition of Mr. Goguen's work as Chair of the Board during a difficult transition period. Mr. Goguen has served in the past as a Member of the Board of Directors and also as Chair. His experience and knowledge contributed to a smooth transition and was greatly appreciated by both the Board and CHI. He was also a past Chair of the Board of Directors of the Catholic Health Association of New Brunswick. Francis is well known in the community of Bathurst for his kindness and volunteering.

IMPORTANT DATES & EVENTS

World Day of the Sick - February 11, 2023

CHI Board Meeting Dates

March 8, 2023

April 5, 2023 (Corporate)

May 24, 2023

Leadership Council

Postponed until Fall 2023

CHAC Virtual Annual Conference

Get to the Heart of It: Being - Caring - Doing

May 11 & 12, 2023

Leadership Formation Program

English Program

Module 1 of the 2023-2024 English Program will be held in Mississauga ON

June 20-23, 2023

(Registrations full - waiting list in place)

**ENGLISH
REGISTRATION**

French Program

Module 1 of the 2023-2024 French Program, will be held in Tracadie NB

September 26-28, 2023

(Registrations are still being accepted)

**FRENCH
REGISTRATION**

HEALTH PROGRESS

The Winter edition of Health Progress is available online. This issue explores "Living our Catholic Identity" and is available at www.chausa.org. Here are some links to their featured articles.

[MAINTAINING IDENTITY AND INCLUSIVITY IN CATHOLIC HEALTH CARE](#)

[FLOURISHING THROUGH FORMATION: CATHOLIC IDENTITY IS REINFORCED WITH THOUGHTFUL APPROACHES](#)

[THE EVOLUTION OF SPONSORSHIP MODELS: A PROGRESS REPORT](#)

[ENSURING QUALITY CARE MEANS PRIORITIZING THE MOST VULNERABLE](#)

[HARNESSING OUR POWER THROUGH CHARISM](#)



Salut et guérison
(Salvation and Healing)
with Thomas de Gabory, o.p.
Tuesday, February 14, 2023
19:30 (ET)

WORKSHOPS

The *Centre dominicain d'éthique et de vie spirituelle*, based in Ottawa and Montreal, hosts regular webinars. The next seminar will take place on zoom on Tuesday February 14th. To register for the upcoming seminar email the Centre at cdevs@udominicaine.ca. For information regarding all their upcoming workshops follow the link below. These webinars will be presented in French only.



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