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SISTER ROSE-MARIE DUFALT, RHSJ

Catholic Health International has lost one of its founders. Sister Rose-Marie Dufault passed away suddenly in Montreal on Wednesday, March 22. Sister Dufault was born and raised in Windsor Ontario, entering the Congregation of the Religious Hospitallers of St. Joseph (RHSJ) in 1955 and professed in 1957. She graduated with a nursing diploma at Hotel Dieu Montreal, a Bachelor of Nursing degree from the University of Montreal in 1963 and received an honorary Doctor of Laws degree, from Assumption University in Windsor, on behalf of the RHSJ for their contribution to health care in the city of Windsor, while celebrating her 50th anniversary of Religious Profession.

She began her healing ministry as a nurse in 1965, later becoming Head Nurse of the Emergency Department of Hôtel-Dieu Hospital, and eventually Director of Nursing. She was heavily involved with her

Congregation being elected to the General Council in Montreal serving in this capacity for 12 years.

In 1997, Sister Dufault was appointed by then RHSJ General Superior Anne Marie Savoie to head a Corporate Restructuring Task Force. The Task Force had the following mandate: to identify the needs being met in and through their institutions, to identify the responsibilities of sponsorship within the context of health care today; to propose options for new corporate structures within the context of civil and canonical requirements; and to recommend implementation of preferred options. One of the options was the formation of a new Public Juridic Person of Pontifical Right to be known as Catholic Health Partners Inc. (Catholic Health International). Sister Dufault was instrumental in bringing this option forward which was adopted by several congregations, the Bishops of the local Dioceses and the Holy See.

In 2001 she was appointed to the Director of Education Services with Catholic Health International managing and overseeing the Catholic Healthcare Leadership Program. Sister Dufault was always available to provide input and suggestions to any project with Catholic Health International. Many of the graduates of the program know her for her dedication and work ethic.

In 2003 upon her retirement from her work on the General Council she returned to Windsor and was appointed Vice-President, Mission Services at Hôtel-Dieu Windsor and Corporate liaison to the RHSJ Health System. She participated on various task forces and committees at both the Diocesan and Congregational levels throughout her career.

Throughout her career and beyond, Sister Dufault had a passionate commitment to continuing the mission, identity, and legacy of Catholic healthcare, especially for the poor and marginalized. Those that worked with Sister Dufault will remember her tenacity, compassion, and love for Jesus and the community she served. She will be missed by her Congregation, the team at CHI and all those who knew her.

God Bless her and may she rest in peace!



**Sister Rose-Marie Dufault, RHSJ,
RN, BScN, LL.D**



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WORLD EARTH DAY

APRIL 22

Saturday April 22 is World Earth Day. Earth Day is marked by more than a billion people every year. It is a day of action to change human behavior and create global, national and local policy changes. The fight for a clean environment continues with increasing urgency, as the ravages of climate change become more and more apparent every day.

There are many ways to participate in World Earth Day.

Earthday.org is an excellent resource. The Laudato Si' Action Platform also offers many ideas on how to take concrete actions in the care of our common home. It offers tools and resources for the journey towards total sustainability in the spirit of integral ecology.

Click here for more information:

[Laudato Si' Action Platform](#)

[Earthday.org](#)



HOTEL DIEU SHAVER ACHIEVES EXEMPLARY STANDING

Hotel Dieu Shaver Health and Rehabilitation Centre, in St. Catharines, Ontario was recently awarded a four-year accreditation with Exemplary Standing from Accreditation Canada.

The evaluation process is rigorous, involves months of preparation and includes an on-site survey to assess the hospital's programs and services, leadership and governance against hundreds of Accreditation Canada requirements for quality and safety.

This four year award is a significant achievement for Hotel Dieu Shaver, highlighting the strong patient care culture and their commitment to ensuring that best practices are adopted and followed.

Catholic Health International, adds our congratulations and thanks to everyone at HDS - administration, staff, physicians, board members, patient advisors, volunteers and community partners.

This is a wonderful accomplishment.



ST. JOSEPH'S CONTINUING CARE CENTRE CELEBRATES EQUITY, DIVERSITY AND INCLUSION



St. Joseph's Continuing Care Centre, in Cornwall, ON has had a recent focus on Equity, Diversity and Inclusion for all those who live, work and visit SJCCC. They have worked closely with the Ontario Centres for Learning, Research and Innovation in Long-Term Care (CLRI) and have introduced the Diversity Calendar to help celebrate and acknowledge religious and spiritual days of significance, cultural celebrations, awareness days and health promotion days. The Recreation Department has led the team in decorating the windows of our Staff Hub with monthly themes assisted by the residents of SJCCC. Some themes for this space include Black History Month, International Women's Day, Ramadan, Easter and Pride Month.

Recreation Calendars as well as digital calendars within the Centre have been updated to reflect the religious and cultural days of significance to help raise awareness. Residents have also been able to travel and learn about other cultures and places through our Virtual Reality program (Rendever) along with additional resources to celebrate diversity through programming and conversations. The team shares their successes, community involvement and special days through their social media pages to all those connected. St. Joseph's Continuing Care Centre is looking forward to continuing efforts to create opportunities for team members, residents, and family members to contribute to and engage in conversations and actions towards inclusion and equity. Catholic Health International congratulates the team and residents at SJCCC for this important initiative.

Article information and photo provided by Katie Payette, Wellness and Spiritual Health Coordinator, St. Joseph's Continuing Care Centre



ST. JOSEPH'S HOSPITAL CELEBRATES MISSION WEEK



Mission Week, March 20th-24th, 2023

Happy Mission Week!

St. Joseph's Hospital in Saint John, NB celebrated Mission Week, March 20th to 24th. The celebrations included the Blessing of Hands, Ukrainian Egg Painting, Guided Mindfulness Meditation sessions and the Mission Week Breakfast. Staff were also encouraged to nominate a staff person as a "Mission Model" for those who embody the Spirit of St. Joseph's. Staff and volunteers participated in the many activities and CHI congratulates the mission team on a successful week.



PHYLOMÈNE ZANGIO ADDRESSES MINORITY RIGHTS AT THE UNITED NATIONS

Phylomène Zangio, Facility Activities Manager at l'Hôpital Stella-Maris-de-Kent, in Sainte-Anne-de-Kent, NB, was in Switzerland recently to address the United Nations about minority issues. She represented the Black francophone community as part of the United Nation's 15th forum on minority issues in February. The forum identifies and analyzes issues and best practices to strengthen the Declaration on the Rights of Persons Belonging to National or Ethnic, Religious and Linguistic Minorities, which was adopted in 1992. This year's forum, titled "Review, Rethink, Reform," celebrates the 30th anniversary of the declaration.



Zangio points out the need to reflect on francophone racial minorities in New Brunswick as well as elsewhere in the country. "The forum is an opportunity to bring this issue forward," she said, stressing the "importance of bringing to the challenges faced by racial minorities living in minority language situations to collective consciousness."

Zangio said only two years remain in the International Decade for People of African Descent, which the UN General Assembly proclaimed in December 2014, and she noted it is crucial for New Brunswick's achievements to be part of the mix.

Phylomène is a member of the New Brunswick Human Rights Commission as well as the first Black member of the Judicial Council. She was named one of the 100 Black Women to Watch in Canada in 2022.



Hôpital Stella-Maris-de-Kent

Adapted from an article in Brunswick News' Times & Transcript

HEALTH PROGRESS

Catholic Health of the United States Spring edition of *Health Progress* is available online. This issue explores "Thinking Strategically." Articles examine current issues related to staffing, workflow and patient care, and how health care organizations are taking new approaches for short-term fixes and for improved systems over time. It is available at www.chausa.org. Here some links to their featured articles.

[*Reflective Decision-Making for Our Times*](#)

[*Workflow Improvements to Reduce Burnout*](#)

[*Creative Solutions to Quell the Staffing Crunch*](#)

[*How Can Systems Better Support Catholic Chaplaincy?*](#)



CATHOLIC HEALTH INTERNATIONAL 2023 VOLUNTEER EXCELLENCE AWARDS



Catholic Health International recognizes the tremendous dedication of our volunteers and is pleased to accept nominations for the Annual Volunteer Recognition Award. To nominate, follow this [LINK](#). Deadline for nominations is June 30, 2023

IMPORTANT DATES AND EVENTS

CHI Board Meeting Dates

April 5, 2023 (Corporate)

June 22 & 23 (CHP AGM)

May 5, 2023 (Partners in Mission AGM)

June 27 & 28 (Corporate AGMs)

May 24, 2023

CHAC 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 20-22, 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**

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