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Front Row - Jean Marie Dionne, Christina Harvey, Cindy Muise, Abbie Kingston, Katie Payette, Maggie Shepherd, Heather Oakley, Christian Gallant, Daniel Arseneau, Chris Pollard, Jennifer Eagan, Renaud Golsse
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LEADERSHIP FORMATION PROGRAM

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On June 20-22 nineteen students participated in the 1st module of CHI's English Catholic Leadership Formation Program at the Queen of Apostles Retreat and Renewal Centre in Mississauga Ontario. The students came from three different provinces and one US state and represented eleven different sponsored corporations and our head office. The Formation Team, led by Heather Oakley, CHI's Director of Education Services, presented on three main themes: Heritage & Tradition, Personal & Organizational Spirituality and Leadership & Self Care. Jean Marie Dionne, Fr. Denis Belliveau and Michel Drisdale were the main presenters. The group also participated in the Kairos Blanket exercise led by local Indigenous Leaders. Initial evaluations of the program are very positive. Two participants, Hélène Roy and Daniel Arseneau, both from Foyer Notre-Dame-de-Lourdes in Bathurst New Brunswick, graduated from the program having completed the module 2 last year. CHI would like to thank all the participants, presenters and our Formation Program leader, Heather Oakley, for their involvement in this most important program that leads to a better understanding of what it means to live the mission of Catholic healthcare.



OFFICIAL OPENING OF RELIGIEUSES HOSPITALIÈRES SAINT-JOSEPH ONCOLOGY CLINIC



RHSJ Sisters Zélica Daigle & Yvonne Thibodeau and Mr Joseph Lanteigne from l'Hôpital de l'Enfant-Jésus Foundation

The Oncology Department at the Enfant-Jésus RHSJ Hospital in Caraquet has been providing services to the population of the Acadian Peninsula since 2006. 2,300 visits are made to the department each year, including support and chemotherapy treatments and medical visits.

On May 29th, l'Hôpital de l'Enfant-Jésus Foundation, in partnership with Vitalité Health Network, celebrated the reopening of the renovated oncology clinic at l'Hôpital de l'Enfant-Jésus RHSJ in Caraquet, N.B. The almost \$2 million renovations and upgrading of the clinic was funded by the Vitalité and the Foundation and included the acquisition of an ABUS automated breast ultrasound system. "Thanks to the generosity of our donors, cancer patients can continue to receive high-quality treatment in our region, enabling them to avoid having to travel outside the region and recover in the comfort of their own homes" said Christina Mallet, President of the Fondation Hôpital de l'Enfant-Jésus.

The clinic is named the "RELIGIEUSES HOSPITALIÈRES SAINT-JOSEPH oncology clinic" and recognizes not only a significant contribution to the funding of the project by the RHSJs but their commitment to healthcare, particularly in the Acadian peninsula. Congratulations to the Religieuses Hospitalières Saint-Joseph, l'Hôpital de l'Enfant-Jésus and their Foundation on the completion of this project and on the improvements in oncology care in the community.

Adapted from content provided by Mona Doucet - Réseau de santé Vitalité Health Network

SPOTLIGHT

BISHOP CLAUDE CHAMPAGNE OMI



Mgr Claude Champagne joined the Missionary Oblates of Mary Immaculate in 1968. He earned a doctorate in Mission Studies from the Gregorian University in Rome in 1975. He was then ordained a priest and was a Professor at Saint Paul University (Ottawa) until 1996, all the while involved in parish and youth ministry. From 1996-2003 he was Provincial of the Ontario and Western Québec (French speaking) province of the OMI. He was appointed the Auxiliary Bishop of Halifax with residence in Yarmouth from 2003 to 2009. He is now completing his mandate as Bishop of Edmundston (NB).

Spotlight
Each month, in this column, we will introduce you to one of the newer members of the Catholic Health International Board of Directors. Bishop Claude Champagne joined the Board in 2022. He has been the Bishop of the Diocese of Edmundston since 2009.

SPOTLIGHT QUESTIONS

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

I grew up in Lachine (Montreal, QC); the oldest of two.

What is your favourite food?

Comfort food: shepherd's pie.

What's your favourite travel destination?

I like to go to Rome, where I made friends during my three years of study there.

What kind of music do you listen to?

Abba's music (Mamma Mia), among others.

How do you relax?

TV: detective stories.

What was your happiest moment?

Too many of them.

What is the toughest job you've done?

Managing allegations of abuse against church members.

How did you become involved in Catholic healthcare?

As a bishop, I was approached to sit on the Board of Directors.

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

When we discuss ethical issues in a world that is facing so many new challenges.

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

I was an orderly at St. Vincent's Hospital (Ottawa) when I was a theology student.

VOLUNTEER EXCELLENCE AWARDS DEADLINE EXTENDED



Catholic Health International recognizes the tremendous dedication of our volunteers and is pleased to accept nominations for the Annual Volunteer Recognition Award. One recipient will be awarded to each CHI sponsored facility.

To nominate, follow this [LINK](#).

Deadline for nominations is extended to Fall 2023



SPIRITUALITÉSANTÉ

INFOLETTRE : JUIN 2023

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 is available by following this [LINK](#).

IMPORTANT DATES & EVENTS

CHI Board Meeting Dates

September 13, 2023
December 13, 2023

November 8, 2023
January 10, 2024

Leadership Formation Program

French Program

Module 1 of the 2023-2024 French Program will be held in Tracadie New Brunswick September 26-28, 2023
(Registrations full - waiting list in place)

**FRENCH
REGISTRATION**

English Program

Module 2 of the 2023-2024 English Program will be held in the Spring 2024
(Registrations full - waiting list in place)

**ENGLISH
REGISTRATION**

If you have any questions please contact CHI's Director of Education Heather Oakley at hoakley@chpci.com.

CHANB Annual Conference

Mental Health: The Power of You
Thursday, Sep 21, 2023 - 12:30 PM AT to
Friday, Sep 22, 2023 - 12:00 PM AT

CHAO Annual Conference

Catholic Healthcare: Catholic Identity in Partnership for System Transformation
Thursday, Oct 19, 2023 8:30 am-1:00 pm ET