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Nursing Home beds returning to Mount St. Joseph



(from left): MSJ Executive Director Mike Kingston, Miramichi Bay-Neguac MLA Réjean Savoie, Miramichi MLA Michelle Conroy, Southwest Miramichi-Bay du Vin MLA Mike Dawson, and MSJ Board chair Frank Trevors.

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After a four-year hiatus, nursing home beds will soon be available at the Mount St. Joseph Nursing Home in Miramichi once again. On September 21st, Miramichi Bay-Neguac MLA Réjean Savoie announced preparations are underway to open 30 new long-term care beds on the third floor of the Mount. "The Mount has been a great partner of the Department of Social Development for many years," said Savoie. "The care received by residents of the Mount is safe and loving, and the staff's work greatly benefits the residents and their families. The quality of care you provide is felt not only by the residents, but by their loved ones too."

The nursing home beds are also in addition to two 18-bed licences granted for memory care beds for dementia and Alzheimer's patients and generalist care beds in the same building. Hospice Miramichi is also in the process of opening four residential end-of-life care beds and two respite care beds on the fourth floor of the Mount, which still operates as a non-profit, community-based organization sponsored by Catholic Health International.

The Mount dates back to 1869 and was founded by the Religious Hospitalers of St. Joseph, who operated a nursing home in Chatham from 1949 to 2019. The current four-storey facility on Lobban Avenue was built in 1975 and hasn't had nursing home beds since 2019.

Mount St. Joseph executive director Mike Kingston said he hopes the beds are operational by Nov. 1. "We're so thankful and excited to continue providing person-centered care with respect, dignity, and compassion," said Kingston.

Miramichi MLA Michelle Conroy said the Mount's board, and Catholic Health International, have put "a lot of time and work" into keeping the building open since the nursing home residents left in 2019. "To see it serving this purpose again, and a nursing home facility come to fruition, is something we can all be proud of," she said. "This organization is near and dear to all of our hearts."

French Catholic Health Care Leadership Formation Program



The 2023 CHI French Leadership Program was held at the Villegiature Deux Rivieres Resort in Tracadie-Sheila from September 25 to 28. The three day session featured Jean Marie Dionne on heritage, tradition and mission leadership, Father Denis Belliveau on vocation and spirituality and Michel Drisdelle on leadership, care for the self and resiliency during these challenging times in health care. In addition to the educational content, the session provided our CHI leaders with the opportunity for interaction with colleagues, self reflection, and meditation in a calm and relaxing environment. The 2nd session of the French Formation Program will be held next fall.

Ontario Investing in Hotel Dieu Shaver Expansion



(From Left): Rick Mauro, Board Chair, HDS Foundation; Sister Louise Dillon, Director of Mission and Pastoral Services, HDS; Jim Bradley, Chair, Regional Municipality of Niagara; Sam Oosterhoff, MPP Niagara West; Lynne Pay, Chief Executive Officer, HDS; Tracy Geoffroy, Executive Director, HDS Foundation; Betty-Lou Souter, Trustee, HDS; Bob Lawler, Trustee, HDS

As part of *Your Health: A Plan for Connected and Convenient Care*, the Ontario government is providing a one-time capital grant of up to \$2,500,000 to support costs associated with early planning for the proposed Rehabilitation Bed Expansion Project at Hotel Dieu Shaver Health and Rehabilitation Centre in St. Catharines. "This key investment in Hotel Dieu Shaver demonstrates the commitment of our government to local health care and hospital infrastructure in Niagara," said Sam Oosterhoff, MPP for Niagara West. "The Rehabilitation Bed Expansion Project supports our government's efforts to help deliver faster, more convenient access to care closer to home for patients and families across our region."

"We are very appreciative of this investment which clearly acknowledges the changing demographics and rehabilitation needs of the residents of Niagara," said Anne Atkinson, Board Chair of Hotel Dieu Shaver. "Hotel Dieu Shaver is well positioned with the skill, expertise, and interdisciplinary team to meet the rehabilitation needs of Niagara patients. We just need more beds, and this commitment by the Ontario government allows us to take that positive step forward."



NATIONAL DAY FOR TRUTH AND RECONCILIATION

JOURNÉE NATIONALE DE LA VÉRITÉ ET DE LA RÉCONCILIATION

On September 30th, in communities across the nation, Catholic health care providers participated in the National Day for Truth and Reconciliation, acknowledging the suffering experienced in Canada's Indian Residential Schools. We commit to creating safe and healing space for all we serve and pray for healing and wisdom as we continue our journey of reconciliation with Indigenous Peoples.

Prayers for Justice and Healing

Vibrant God,
Your creation explodes with the colours of the rainbow. Your peoples reveal the beauty of diversity.
We remember today when the joy and dignity of a precious child was destroyed.
We lament today for the childhoods lost through the residential school system.
We mourn for the spirits crushed and the futures compromised.
Celebrate the hope and joy of every child. Tell the stories of resistance that make us stronger.
Build the bonds of solidarity to ensure "never again."
In the name of the one who was child among us.
Amen

~ Kairos Canada

O God, Creator of all,
with humility we your children acknowledge the relationship of all living things.
For this, we thank you, we praise you and we worship you.
We call on you, Great Mystery, the Word made Flesh - our teacher, prophet and brother
- to open our hearts to all our sisters and brothers
and with them to grow in the wisdom, honesty, courage and respectfulness
shown in the Sacred Teachings.
Give us the vision and honesty to recognize
that we are all brothers and sisters of one human family, created and sustained by the One Creator.
As we deal with many challenges may we never give way to fear and anger,
which can be the source of division and threat amongst peoples.
We look to how God always gives to us, as a remedy for sins of prejudice and intolerance.
We see in God the Creator of all things, One who always provide and is generous
- even given the abuses we have heaped on one another and on the earth.
We see how the Holy Spirit is God's gift, alive in our world today
- inspiring vision and hope that we can have the same mind and heart of God!
May Your Spirit bless the souls who died at residential schools.
May this same Spirit also bring blessing and healing
of all families and communities
affected in any way by the schools.
O Creator, show us the way to healing,
forgiveness and reconciliation and a renewed fellowship.
Amen.

~ Canadian Catholic Indigenous Council



The Catholic Health Association of the US releases videos on the Ethical and Religious Directives

The Ethical and Religious Directives for Catholic Health Care Services

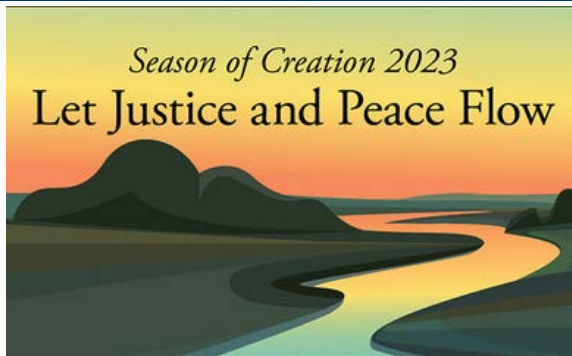
PROVIDE VALUABLE PRINCIPLES AND CONSIDERATIONS
FOR ETHICAL DECISION MAKING IN HEALTH CARE.



The CHAUSA recently unveiled videos that cover the history and content of the ERDs and is intended for use during employee orientations. These are prepared for Catholic Health Care facilities in the United States but would be of interest for anyone involved in Catholic Health Care

[Short version:](#) 5 minutes

[Long version:](#) 11 minutes



The CHA-USA has gathered a collection of resources in celebration of Season of Creation. This is annual ecumenical celebration of prayer and action to protect the Earth. The event's website notes: "Prophet Amos cries out: 'But let justice roll on like a river, righteousness like a never-failing stream!' (Amos 5:24) and so we are called to join the river of justice and peace, to take up climate and ecological justice, and to speak out with and for communities most impacted by climate injustice and the loss of biodiversity." The website is seasonofcreation.org or click on the image above for more information.

Pope Francis will release a new apostolic exhortation on October 4, 2023. A webinar in celebration of Laudate Deum will be held at 2:00 pm Eastern Time. To register click on this [LINK](#).

Celebrating Laudate Deum
Pope Francis' new apostolic exhortation
OCTOBER 4TH - 8:00 P.M. ROME TIME

Presentation of the Apostolic Exhortati...
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LAUDATE DEUM
POPE FRANCIS

Presentation of the
Apostolic Exhortation:
Laudate Deum
OCTOBER 4 - 14H NYC, 18H LONDON

Watch on YouTube

REGISTER TO PARTICIPATE



SPIRITUALITÉSANTÉ

INFOLETTRE : AUGUST 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](#).



The Centre dominicain d'éthique et de vie spirituelle (Dominican Center for Ethics and Spiritual Life) presents its new lecture program for the start of the new academic year! Four upcoming virtual conferences are offered free online.

- Hope in me! - Espère (en) moi! by Catherine Aubin on Tuesday, October 10, 2023 at 7:30 p.m.
- Accompany me! - Accompagne-moi! by Didier Caenepeel on Tuesday, October 31, 2023 at 7.30pm
- Comfort me! - Console-moi! by Brigitte Quintal on Tuesday, November 21, 2023 at 7:30 p.m.
- Help me! - Aide-moi! by Thomas de Gabory on Tuesday, December 12, 2023 at 7.30pm

The Centre's presentations are in French.

To register for the first of these webinars click on the link below:

[REGISTER NOW](#)



Spirituality and Mental Health are close siblings. The condition of one's spiritual worldview has a direct impact on one's mental well-being. Spiritual Care Week provides the opportunity for chaplains, pastoral counselors, and other spiritual caregivers to focus on the importance of working closely with our mental health colleagues. It is also an opportunity to review the state of our own spiritual journey. For resources to help you celebrate Spiritual Care Week click on this [LINK](#).

The logo for Covenant Health Ethics & Discernment Centre features a stylized 'C' made of green and blue lines on the left side.

Covenant Health Ethics & Discernment Centre

Transforming Ethics

In pursuit of healing and wholeness

9:45 a.m. - 5:45 p.m. Eastern Time

Covenant Health's Ethics & Discernment Centre will be hosting their annual Ethics Conference in Edmonton on November 9, 2023. This conference can also be joined virtually for a registration fee of \$20.

The thoughtful application and practice of ethical reflections offers a chance for modern health care to look beyond a reductionistic focus and to instead renew its vision to include the very human desire for healing and wholeness, even amid physical and mental crises. This conference explores a renewed vision of healing by addressing the people, places and practices of health care from an ethical perspective.

[For more information](#)



Golden Jubilee for Father Dumoulin

CHI joins St. Joseph Continuing Care Centre in Cornwall ON in recognizing Father Raymond Dumoulin on this his 50th anniversary of ordination to the priesthood. This year also marks Father's 20th anniversary as priest chaplain at St. Joseph's Continuing Care Centre. Congratulations on your many years of service to the community!



IMPORTANT DATES & EVENTS

CHI Board Meeting Dates

November 8, 2023 (Corporate & CHP Board)
January 10, 2024 (Corporate)

December 13, 2023 (CHP Board)
March 13, 2024 (CHP Board)

CHANB Board Meeting Dates

December 6, 2023

March 6, 2024

Centre for Excellence in Leadership Meeting Dates

Leadership Pillar
Mission Pillar
VIA Pillar
Ethics Pillar
Spiritual Care Pillar

October 11, 2023
November 14, 2023
November 22, 2023
December 5, 2023
December 11, 2023

CHAO Annual Conference

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

Leadership Formation Program

English Program
2023-2024 Module 2
June 25-27th, 2024 in
Mississauga, Ontario
Registrations full
Waiting list in place

French Program
2023-2024 Module 2
will be held in Fall 2024
Dates to be determined
Registrations full
Waiting list in place

ENGLISH REGISTRATION FORM

FRENCH REGISTRATION FORM

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