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Anniversary Celebrations in Saint-Quentin and Dalhousie

On October 25th and 26th two important milestones were celebrated at CHI sponsored facilities in Dalhousie and Saint-Quentin, New Brunswick. St-Joseph Community Health Centre celebrated its 70th anniversary and Hotel-Dieu Saint-Joseph de Saint-Quentin celebrates its 60th anniversary.

While celebrating the milestones both facilities took the opportunity to unveil improvements that have been made in the facilities. "The addition of staff as well as the adoption of a new work culture that emphasizes communication and collaboration have been key factors in building the Centre's capacities," said Marie-Claude Theriault, Facility Activities Manager, St-Joseph Community Health Centre. "By focusing on health determinants, we have enhanced our communication with the community, which strengthens cooperation and mutual understanding," she added. As for the projects carried out, SJCHC has invested in new equipment designed to improve the comfort of patients and staff.

The renovation of Hotel-Dieu Saint-Joseph includes upgrades to the Emergency Department, outpatient clinics, the facility's main entrance and an outdoor patio project. "None of this would have been possible without the involvement of the community," says Cindy Turcotte, Manager of Hospital Activities and Non-Clinical Services and Facility

Representative, Hotel-Dieu Saint Joseph de Saint-Quentin. Ms. Eileen Bowes, Vice-President - Governance/Operations brought greetings from the CHI to both facilities. CHI wishes to congratulate the staff and Advisory Committees for reaching these important milestones and for the impressive renovations, which will improve the patient experience.



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TWO NEW EXECUTIVES JOIN THE CHI LEADERSHIP GROUP

It is with great pleasure that Catholic Health International announces the appointment of two new executives at New Brunswick facilities, Eric Haché at l'Hôpital de l'Enfant-Jésus RHSJ† in Caraquet and Michael Kingston at Mount St Joseph in Miramichi.

Eric Haché has a background in Recreation and is graduate of Université de Moncton (Bachelor's degree in Recreation, 1991 & Masters in Public Administration, 2006). He has held several management positions within the Vitalité Health Network over the past several years, and has worked in the health and wellness field for over 30 years. In addition to being the Facilities Activities Manager of l'Hôpital de l'Enfant- Jésus RHSJ† he will also have responsibility for administrative nursing activities.



Michael Kingston is a chartered professional accountant with 25 years experience in the field, including 8 years as the Director of Finance at Mount St. Joseph's Nursing Home. He holds a Bachelor of Business Administration (concentration in Accounting) from the University of New Brunswick (2004). As Executive Director of Mount Saint Joseph Mike will oversee the nursing home beds, the memory care beds as well as the special care home beds at the facility.



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



Eric Haché



Michael Kingston

Renovations at St. Joseph Continuing Care Centre and Les Oeuvres de l'Hôtel Dieu St. Joseph

Work continues on the state-of-the-art 2,400 square-foot rehabilitation space at St. Joseph's Continuing Care Centre in Cornwall, Ontario. The rehabilitation space project is well past the halfway point, with the work expected to be completed this winter. It will be the first of its kind in Cornwall. The goal of the rehabilitation program is building the strength and



confidence needed to get patients home after surgery, illness, or an adverse event impacts a patient's ability to live independently. We look forward to celebrating with SJCCC when this important project is completed and up and running.

Best wishes from CHI for a smooth final few months of construction.



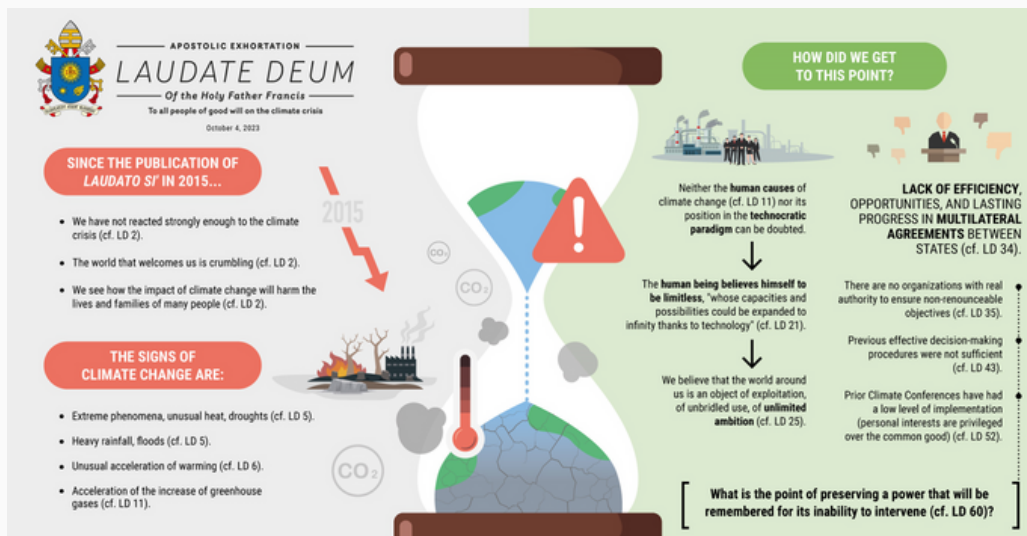
Pauline Banville Pérusse, coordinator and head of religious affairs for the 150th committee, Noëlline Lebel, external vice-president of the committee, and Madeleine Dubé, chair of the fundraising campaign.

Les Oeuvres de l'Hôtel Dieu St. Joseph (Résidence Hôtel-Dieu) in Saint-Basile, New Brunswick has recently completed a fundraising campaign that raised over \$660,000 to make upgrades to the facility and add more services. According to Madeleine Dubé, vice-president of Les Oeuvres de l'Hôtel-Dieu Board of Directors and co-chair of the fundraising campaign, "we had a series of things that Les Oeuvres Board had established as needs. There was

over \$500,000 worth, and we met all our targets." Improvements were made to main entrance, the kitchen and cafeteria areas, upgrades to the bell tower and some landscaping as well as the installation of a Wi-Fi network for the residents. There was also funding for the purchase of a van to enable residents to go on excursions. The most recent donation was earmarked for the construction of a multi-generational park near the facility. Work on this phase of the project will begin in the Spring. "We thought it would add an outdoor space to meet the needs of the residents, but also of the community as a whole," explained Ms. Dubé.

Adapted from an article in Acadie Nouvelle by Bobby Therrien
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On October 4th the Vatican published Pope Francis' Apostolic Exhortation, *Laudate Deum: A publication on the climate crisis addressed to all people of goodwill*. This document is a follow up to Pope Francis 2015 Encyclical Letter *Laudato si'*. As part of this publication the Vatican has also released a number of resources to help us further explore the issue of the worldwide climate crises. For more information follow this [LINK](#).

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

Mission Pillar
VIA Pillar
Ethics Pillar
Spiritual Care Pillar
Leadership Pillar

November 14, 2023
November 22, 2023
December 5, 2023
December 11, 2023
January 11, 2024

CHAC Annual Conference

Get to the Heart of It: Being, Caring, Doing Meaningful Connections and Actions
May 8-10, 2024

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

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