



# THE TORCH

The Newsletter of Catholic Health International

## SISTER SARAH MAILLET

The Catholic Health International Family was saddened on Saturday, November 25th upon hearing of the death of Sister Sarah Maillet, rshj the first Chairperson of Catholic Health International's Board of Directors and one of the Founders. Sister Sarah was instrumental in the establishment of Catholic Health Partners Inc. operating now as Catholic Health International. Her vision and her positive attitude made all of those working with her a joy and gave them great satisfaction.

Sister Sarah (as she was affectionately known) was born in Ste-Marie-de Kent, New Brunswick and entered the Religious Hospitallers of Saint-Joseph at Bathurst on November 21, 1945. She took her final religious vows on September 8, 1947. She worked as a teacher then a nurse receiving her nursing degree from the University of Moncton and was superior of many of her religious communities.



Devoting herself for many years to Catholic Health care in Canada she served as Chair of the Catholic Health Association of New Brunswick, worked for the Catholic Health Association of Canada in Ottawa, and was Chair of Catholic Health International. She also served on the Board of Directors of a number of facilities, including Foyer Notre Dame de Lourdes Inc in Bathurst; Mount Saint Joseph Nursing Home in Miramichi; and the region six Heath Corporation in Bathurst.



She was a very gifted lady and created many friends throughout the Catholic health world and the communities in which she served.

Her funeral was held on Wednesday, November 29th in Bathurst.

May the Lord hold her in the palm of His hand and may she rest in peace forever as a faithful servant.

## TOP 10 CANADIAN IMPACT CHARITY



Once again, Charity Intelligence, which researches Canadian charities on behalf of donors, has ranked the Partners in Mission Foodbank, in Kingston ON in the top 10 Canadian food banks and a top 10 Canadian Impact Charity for the second straight year. Dan Irwin, executive director of the food bank notes that “the top 10 food bank, it’s never

something that we aim for; we’re just doing the best we can in Kingston and we’re just really happy to be recognized for that. It’s a lot of hard work by the staff to keep track of costs and to keep things in control, and an amazing group of 115-plus volunteers who make everything happen in this building.” There are six employees and 115 volunteers and they feed upwards of 100 families a day, all with 93 cents from every dollar going directly into the food hamper program. Catholic Health International wishes to congratulate the PIM volunteers, staff and Board of Directors for the amazing impact they are having on the greater Kingston community in this time of unprecedented need.

Adapted from the Kingston Whig Standard.



## SBH RECEIVES ANOTHER “A” GRADE

For the second time this year St. Bernard Hospital in Chicago IL has received an A grade from Leapfrog Group, the American nonprofit organization that is known for its data-driven approach to enhancing healthcare quality and safety. The hospital’s second A grade comes as a result of a continued focus on infection prevention, safe delivery of medication and other services, hand hygiene and other key safety practices. As part of St. Bernard’s initial efforts to increase patient safety there was a focus on hand hygiene. They worked with BioVigil to help accomplish this. Click on this [LINK](#) to see a video prepared by BioVigil that tells part of the story behind SBH’s journey towards increased patient safety. Congratulations, once again, to the staff of St. Bernard for this impressive accomplishment.



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# SPOTLIGHT



## FRANK BAGATTO: BOARD MEMBER

Frank Bagatto received a Bachelor Degree from the School of Commerce and Finance at the University of Detroit and his Master's Degree in Health Administration from the University of Ottawa. He has held several administrative positions in health care facilities in Ontario including the Assistant Executive Director at York Central Hospital in Richmond Hill, Administrator of the provincial psychiatric hospital in Owen Sound, ON, founding CEO of the Essex County District Health Council, and Executive Director of St. Joseph's Hospital in Sarnia. He was President and CEO of Hôtel-Dieu Grace Healthcare and interim CEO of the Hôtel-Dieu Shaver Hospital. He has served as Catholic Health International's Vice President of Planning since 2002.

### Spotlight

In this column, we will introduce you to one of the members of the Catholic Health International Board of Directors. Frank Bagatto is a Founding member of our Board of Directors.

### SPOTLIGHT QUESTIONS

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

I grew up in a small village at the foothills of the Dolomite Mountains about 100km north east of Venice. One of my favourite memories was of my 3 siblings and I stomping on grapes, barefooted, helping our father make wine.

#### What is your favourite food?

I have too many favourite foods but linguine pescatore (*Fisherman's linguine*) is on top of the list, competing with New Brunswick lobster.

#### What's your favourite travel destination?

Of course my favourite travel destination is Italy, especially my home village of San Daniele del Friuli.

#### What kind of music do you listen to?

As far as music, my favourite is Italian opera especially Giuseppe Verdi's *Va Pensiero* from the opera *Nabucco* and Puccini's *Nessun Dorma* from *Turandot*. I find it amusing that in the 18th century Pope Clement XI was alarmed that Italian opera was 'dangerously arousing'.

#### How do you relax?

Besides listening to music, there is nothing like working in the rose garden... with real manure.

#### What was your happiest moment?

The happiest moments of my life was our wedding day and holding my children for the first time.

#### What is the toughest job you've done?

The toughest job in my life was consolidating two acute care hospitals, Hotel Dieu and Grace hospitals in Windsor, ON and eventually closing the Grace Hospital. This was a most challenging change process that required constant communication and participation at many levels. Just imagine consolidating two medical staffs into one and combining all departments and services.

#### How did you become involved in Catholic healthcare?

As an orderly working at Hotel Dieu in Windsor, ON earning my way to university, I met a number of sisters including Sr. Dufault and Sr. LeBoeuf. The example of the sisters and their assistance helped me choose my career in health care and eventually Catholic healthcare.

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

I enjoy working with the people on the Board and in our facilities, learning and supporting them in the many challenges being faced.

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

People might be surprised to know that I also love listening and dancing to 1960's rock and roll, especially the Beatles.

# MASTER LISTS OF CATHOLIC HOSPITALS IN CANADA

Greg J Humbert has completed a 19 year project to compile The Master Lists of Catholic Hospitals in Canada since 1639. Greg states that the purpose of this list is two fold. "Firstly, to emphasize that the 54 congregations of Women Religious (and the four congregations of Men Religious) were not only pioneers of health care delivery and nursing education in Canada, but furthermore, their scope of service was national" and "secondly, they provided a style of compassionate and values-based health care that made its mark on health care delivery in Canada... In short, these congregations of Women Religious and Men, who owned and operated hospitals in Canada, made a significant and lasting contribution to the health care that we all rely on, and are thankful for, today." Catholic Health International wishes to congratulate Greg on this wonderful contribution to our understanding of the history and scope of Catholic health care in Canada and we encourage to explore the document by following this [LINK](#).



## EXPLORING SOCIAL JUSTICE IN HEALTH CARE

As part of *The Compassion and Social Justice Lecture Series*, Providence Health Care, along with the Archdiocese of Vancouver, will be holding a webinar titled "Exploring Social Justice in Health Care. Gerry Turcotte PhD, President & Principal of St Mark's College & Corpus Christi College and Dr. Scott MacDonald M.D., Physician Lead Crosstown Clinic, Providence Health Care will be the featured speakers.

**DATE:** Thursday, December 7, 2023

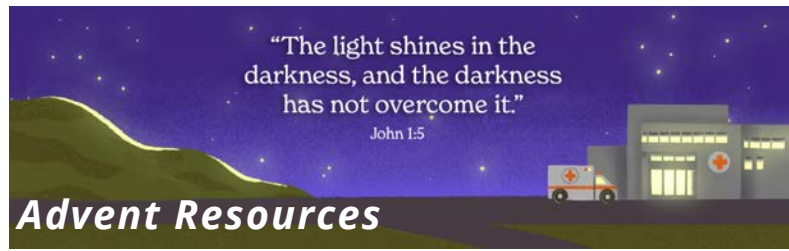
**TIME:** 12:00pm - 1:15pm PST    3:00pm - 4:15 pm EST    4:00pm - 5:15pm AST

**RSVP** by December 5th at [CSJL@providencehealth.bc.ca](mailto:CSJL@providencehealth.bc.ca)

This will be a thought-provoking and enlightening conversation that will delve into the multifaceted realm of social justice from two distinct yet interconnected perspectives. The presenters will explore the clinical application of social justice principles, where vision and values guide innovative approaches to healthcare. They will also venture into the academic and theological perspective, delving into what social justice truly encompasses as they unravel its moral, ethical, and spiritual dimensions. This event promises to be an enriching exchange of ideas, fostering a deeper understanding of the transformative power of social justice in our society.







The Catholic Health Association of the United States is, once again, offering resources to support us through our Advent journey. As we prepare ourselves for the celebration of the birth of Christ, it is important to remember that “those who serve the Catholic health ministry play a vital role in continuing Jesus' mission of love and healing in the world today. Our caring presence extends beyond the words we say and our daily tasks, revealing a deeper, Divine caring, one that is at the root of what it means to live a flourishing life. In this Advent season, we contemplate the light of presence and the invitation to elevate human flourishing.

Each week of Advent, you will be invited to explore PRESENCE. For access to the CHA Advent resources click on the following [LINK](#).

## IMPORTANT DATES & EVENTS

### CHI Board Meeting Dates

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

January 10, 2024 (Corporate)  
April 3, 2024 (Corporate)

### CHANB Board Meeting Dates

December 11, 2023

March 6, 2024

### Centre for Excellence in Leadership Meeting Dates

Ethics Pillar  
Spiritual Care Pillar  
Leadership Pillar  
Mission Pillar

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

### [ENGLISH REGISTRATION FORM](#)

### [FRENCH REGISTRATION FORM](#)

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