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THE STEVEN SCHROEDER AWARD FOR OUTSTANDING HEALTHCARE CEO



L to R: Charles Holland, President and CEO of St. Bernard Hospital; Fumiko Chino MD, Costs of Care Board of Directors; Leah Binder, President and CEO of The Leapfrog Group

Congratulations to Charles Holland, President and CEO of St. Bernard Hospital in Chicago, on receiving the 2023 Steven Schroeder Award for Outstanding Healthcare CEO, presented by Costs of Care and the Leapfrog Group. St. Bernard Hospital improved their hospital safety grade, going from an "F" to an "A." Congratulations to Charles and all the staff at St. Bernard Hospital from the CHI Board of Directors and Staff.

ST. BERNARD HOSPITAL
AND HEALTH CARE CENTER

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Costs of Care is a nonprofit organization dedicated to cultivating change agents who will lead the creation of a more affordable and equitable health system.

Founded in 2000 by large employers and other purchasers, **The Leapfrog Group** is a national nonprofit organization driving a movement for giant leaps for patient safety.



2024 WORLD DAY OF THE SICK

On February 11 healthcare workers across the world will celebrate the World Day of the Sick.

Catholic Health International has chosen "**Comfort those who are in need**" as our theme for this year. Pope Francis, in his 2024 message for World Day of the Sick, reminds us that "To care for the sick, thus means above all, to care for their relationships, all of them: with God, with others – family members, friends, healthcare workers – , with creation and with themselves. Can this be done? Yes, it can be done and all of us are called to ensure that it happens."

Catholic Health International has produced a poster in celebration for this special day. The poster, along with other World Day of the Sick materials, have been sent to our CHI facilities, and our partners, to help with celebrations.

[2024 PAPAL MESSAGE](#)

CATHOLIC HEALTH CARE WEEK

FEBRUARY 4 TO 10, 2024



Catholic Health International joins with other Catholic health sponsors to celebrate the fifth annual Catholic Health Care Week in February. This year, National Catholic Health Care Week reflects on our calling as a Catholic health community to be vibrant signs of hope in our world.

Through stories, reflections and prayer, the week encourages us all to explore how we foster hope and healing in ourselves, our communities and our society: to make life-giving connections, welcome each other in community, foster healing and wellness—body, mind and soul—and find purpose and meaning in our calling. For resources follow the link below.

[RESOURCES](#)



SISTERS OF CHARITY OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION NEW LEADERSHIP TEAM



Left to right: Srs. Laura Hughes, Mary Ann Maxwell, Roma De Robertis, Patricia Poole and Alice Keegan - Photo by Patty Marshall.

Sisters of Charity of the Immaculate Conception (SCIC) participated in their Chapter October 23-28 in Saint John, NB with the theme, "Gathering the Wisdom ~ Blessing the Future".

Preparation included a 15-month process of communal discernment focusing on personal and congregational transformation.

Facilitators were Sr. Bonnie MacLellan, CSJ – a canon lawyer and General Superior of the Sisters of St. Joseph of Sault Ste. Marie – and Dr. Ted Dunn of Florida, a clinical psychologist who works with religious communities internationally.

During Chapter, the SCIC elected a five-member Leadership Circle to begin January 4, 2024 – feast day of St. Elizabeth Ann Seton. Elected for the next four years are Sisters Roma De Robertis, (Congregational Leader) Alice Keegan, Patricia Poole, Laura Hughes and Mary Ann Maxwell .

The Sisters thanked outgoing leaders whose terms included an extra year during the COVID-19 pandemic. Sr. Mary Beth McCurdy received special thanks for serving as Congregational Leader since 2010.

Congratulations to the new Leadership Circle from the Catholic Health International Board of Directors, staff and sponsored facilities.

Adapted, with permission from an article on the SCIC website



Mount St. Joseph

MSJ OPENS NURSING HOME BEDS

Mount St. Joseph opened 30 new Nursing Home beds on the 3rd floor in December. These beds will provide much needed relief to the overtaxed system in the Miramichi area. These beds are in addition to the two existing 18 bed Special Care beds units which provide generalists beds and dementia care. Hospice Miramichi also occupies space in the building. Michael Kingston, Administrator of Mount St. Joseph, the Board and staff have worked diligently to bring about these changes. The CHI Board of Directors and staff offer our congratulations and look forward to continued working with the Team at MSJ.

MISSION AWARDS HOTEL DIEU HOSPITAL - KINGSTON (KHSC)



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Hotel Dieu
Hospital

On November 6, the annual Hotel Dieu Hospital Mission Awards honoured individuals and teams with the Jeanne Mance and Jerome Le Royer Awards. Lola Joyce, charge nurse, was the recipient of the Jeanne Mance Award for her courage, compassion, service and perseverance. The Cardiac Rehabilitation Centre Team at Hotel Dieu Hospital was selected for the Jerome Le Royer Award. The team was recognized for their patient-centered care with a focus on exercise, education and counselling using a team-based approach to care. The awards celebrate the contributions of those who are recognized by their peers as people who keep the HDH Mission alive in the way they care for patients, families and each other. Congratulations to all the participants.



Dr. David Pichora (KHSC President and CEO), Sandra Carlton (KHSC Vice President), Lola Joyce (Jeanne Mance Award recipient), Sister Marilyn Larocque, Christine Tucker (Representing the Cardiac Rehab Team - Jerome Le Royer Award Recipients), Kelly Collins (Director for Spiritual Health, Mission and Ethics) and KHSC Board Chair Sherri McCullough



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Recently the Aspirus Langlade Hospital in Antigo WI, celebrated Catholic Health Care Week with many activities including special recognition of the RHSJ Associates from the area. Pictured here are Sister Adelle Demulling RHSJ, long time member of the Spiritual Care Department at ALH, along with the local RHSJ Associates and ALH employees. Currently, there are more than 250 RHSJ Associates in New Brunswick, Quebec, France, Ontario, United States, Peru and the Dominican Republic.



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Covenant Health Ethics Centre is pleased to announce its 2024 Transforming Ethics virtual Workshop Series.

For more information and to register click on the link:

[REGISTRATION](#)



CHRISTMAS CELEBRATIONS ACROSS CHI

Several Catholic Health International sponsored facilities held special celebrations in preparation for the Christmas season. Hotel Dieu Hospital in Kingston ON held its annual Christmas Tree Lighting.

St. Joseph's Hospital in Saint John NB held a Christmas themed door decorating contest and celebrated Advent by posting a "Be Kind to Yourself" Advent Calendar. Pictured to the left is the St. Joseph's Hospital Foundation door decorated with over 60 peace doves all in different languages.

We hope everyone had a blessed and peaceful Christmas Season.



IMPORTANT DATES & EVENTS

CHI Board Meeting Dates

March 13, 2024 (CHP Board)
May 3, 2024 (Partners in Mission AGM)

April 3, 2024 (Corporate)
May 22, 2024 (CHP Board)

CHANB Board Meeting Dates

February 28, 2024

May 15, 2024

Centre for Excellence in Leadership Meeting Dates

Ethics Communities of Practice & Pillar Meeting
Spiritual Care Communities of Practice & Pillar Meeting
VIA Pillar
Leadership Pillar
Mission Communities of Practice & Pillar Meeting

February 6, 2024
February 21, 2024
March 19, 2024
March 27, 2024
April 9, 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
Module 2
June 25-27th, 2024 in
Mississauga, Ontario
Registrations full
Waiting list in place

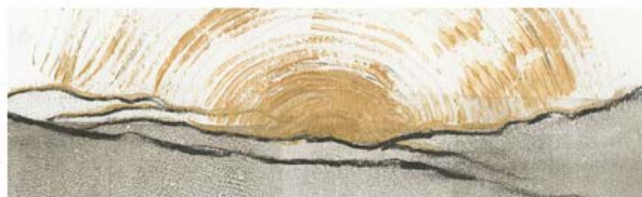
French Program
Module 2
September 24-26, 2024 in
Tracadie, New Brunswick
Registrations full
Waiting list in place

[ENGLISH REGISTRATION FORM](#)

[FRENCH REGISTRATION FORM](#)

If you have any questions please contact CHI's Director of Education
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LENTEN REFLECTIONS



Slow and Simple

Contemplations for the Lent and Easter Season

Once again the Catholic Health Association of the United States will be offering weekly reflections for Lent. This year they have added additional reflections for the full Easter Season. CHI will be sending out electronic versions of these reflections to those who are on this mailing list. If you wish to be added to our mailing list please email us at catholichealth@chpci.com. For more information on the CHAUS Lenten Reflections follow this link:

[CHAUS LENTEN
REFLECTIONS](#)

The Canadian Conference of Catholic Bishops, in years past, have also shared reflection videos for Lent. It is expected that they will update their website in the coming days with the 2024 version of those reflections. They will be made available at the following link.

[CCCB LENTEN
REFLECTIONS](#)



UPCOMING WORKSHOP ACCOMPAGNER ET ESPÉRER (HOPE AND SUPPORT)

with

Soeur Catherine Aubin, o.p.
Wednesday, February 6, 2024
19:30 (ET)

The *Centre dominicain d'éthique et de vie spirituelle*, based in Ottawa and Montreal, hosts regular webinars. The 2024 schedule for workshops is available at their website.

To register follow the link below. These webinars will be presented in French only.

[WORKSHOPS](#)



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