

THE TORCH



The Newsletter of Catholic Health International

PATRICIA BRENNAN

Catholic Health International was saddened to hear of the death of Patricia Brennan at Providence Care Hospital in Kingston, Ontario in the early hours of March 5th after a brief illness. Patricia was the longtime Director of Corporate Services for CHI.

Patricia began her career working in Belleville, Ontario in fashion merchandising. A desire to grow within her faith life saw Patricia join the Movement for a Better World, a retreat team, who travelled across Ontario and further reaches of Canada giving retreats in parishes both small and large. She furthered her scripture studies in summer months in Burlington, Vermont and at St. Paul University in Ottawa. Patricia also traveled widely at this time enjoying time in England, Ireland, Italy and Israel.



Patricia Brennan
Director of Corporate Affairs

Patricia eventually settled in Kingston, Ontario working in the office of the Religious Hospitallers of Saint Joseph Health System as Administrative Assistant. She was eventually promoted to the position of Director of Corporate Affairs for Catholic Health International. Patricia was widely respected by her peers across North America for her deep knowledge and unwavering guidance.

Patricia was also the Coordinator of the Associates of the Religious Hospitallers of St. Joseph. A post of which she was most proud. Patricia was part of the original class of 12, twenty years ago and has been a deeply committed member of the Associates since that time.

She will be deeply missed.



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HOLY WEEK AND EASTER BLESSINGS

EASTER SUNDAY AND
THE FIRST WEEK OF EASTER

*Alleluia, Alleluia.
This is the day the
Lord has made; let us
rejoice and be glad.*

PSALM 118:24

- + *Where are you bearing witness to the 'beginning of the absolute transformation of all creation'?*
- + *How are you different for having experienced transformative resurrection in your own life?*



AUDIO REFLECTION
LISTEN NOW



LET US PRAY

Great God of Love,
Life Eternal:

Walk with us in this Easter season
that we might proclaim the
everlasting hope of your death and
resurrection.

Surround us with your peace,
empower us with your Spirit, and
raise us up through Jesus. May the
newness of life You offer sustain us
as we faithfully build Your Kingdom
until you come again.

AMEN.

WORLD EARTH DAY - APRIL 22

April 22 is World Earth Day. Earth Day is marked by more than a billion people every year. It is a day of action to change human behavior and create global, national and local policy changes. The fight for a clean environment continues with increasing urgency, as the ravages of climate change become more and more apparent every day. Pope Francis calls on citizens all over the world to take care of the planet and not to exploit its resources. He emphasized that the "earth is an environment to be safeguarded, a garden to be cultivated."

There are many ways to participate in World Earth Day. The Laudato Si' Action Platform also offers many ideas on how to take concrete actions in the care of our common home. Click here for more information:

[Laudato Si' Action Platform](#)

[EarthBeat](#)



HOTEL DIEU SHAVER LEADERSHIP CHANGES



Following a 25 year career with the Religious Hospitallers of St. Joseph (RHSJ) of the Hotel Dieu of St. Catharines, including over five years as CEO of Hotel Dieu Shaver, Lynne Pay has announced her plan to retire in the spring of 2024. "On behalf of Hotel Dieu Shaver's Board of Trustees, it is with mixed emotions that we have received notice of Lynne's pending retirement," says Anne Atkinson, Board Chair. During her tenure, the Hospital navigated through the pandemic, conducted a recruitment exercise for a Chief of Staff, completed the commitment process for a new Health Information System, successfully completed an early stage submission for a new inpatient building, and received a 2.5 million dollar planning grant and approval for progression in the new build development process.

"I will be forever grateful for the relationships, opportunities and partnerships that I have experienced as an employee of the RHSJ, in the company of such a dedicated, skilled and compassionate group of staff, physicians, patient advisors, Board trustees and volunteers" said Pay.



Hotel Dieu Shaver and the Corporation of The Religious Hospitallers of St. Joseph of the Hotel Dieu are very pleased to advise that David Ceglie Ph.D. has accepted the role of CEO commencing on Lynne Pay's retirement. Dr. Ceglie brings nearly two decades of dedicated service to Hotel Dieu Shaver. Currently holding the position of Executive Vice President of Operations, David has a wealth of experience since beginning his journey as an Occupational Therapist. "We commend David's leadership approach characterized by servant leadership, collaborative ethos, pursuit of excellence, and dedication to nurturing

a positive workplace culture," says Atkinson. "

"I would like to express my heartfelt gratitude for the incredible privilege of being appointed as the CEO of this esteemed organization," says Ceglie. "It is both an honour and a privilege to lead such a dedicated and outstanding team."

Catholic Health International offers our best wishes to Lynn as she transitions to this new phase of her journey and is pleased to congratulate and welcome David in his new role as CEO of Hotel Dieu Shaver.



2023 FOUNDERS SCHOLARSHIP AWARD RECIPIENTS

Every year the Catholic Health Association of New Brunswick awards scholarships in the amount of \$1000.00 to four New Brunswick students studying in a English educational institution and to four New Brunswick students studying in a French educational institution. These scholarships assist students who are planning a future in healthcare. To date over 30 students have been recipients of the scholarship.

The 2023 Founders Scholarship Award Recipients are Danika McIntyre from Moncton studying psychology at Université de Moncton, Shanon Maire from Fredericton studying medicine at Université de Moncton, JiYu Park from Moncton studying health sciences at Université de Moncton, Yasmine Kaina (no photo available) from Moncton studying psychology at Université de Moncton, Laura Paul from Eel River Crossing studying social work at Dalhousie University, Sarah Buckley from Rothesay studying nursing at University of New Brunswick and SooMin Park from Fredericton studying pharmacy at University of Waterloo.



Danika McIntyre



Shanon Maire



JiYu Park



Laura Paul



Sarah Buckley



SooMin Park

HEALTH PROGRESS

Catholic Health of the United States Spring edition of *Health Progress* is available online. This issue explores "Leading with Integrity." Articles examine current issues related to human flourish, cultivating our inner lives and supportive relationships, embracing change and Women, The Synod and Catholic Health Care. It is available at www.chausa.org.

Here some links to their featured articles.

[*Sowing the Seeds for Human Flourishing*](#)

[*The Power of Purpose: Catholic Health Leaders Cultivate Inner Lives, Supportive Relationships*](#)

[*Embracing Change: It's Who We Are*](#)

[*Women, The Synod and Catholic Health Care: We Must Enlarge the Tent*](#)



CATHOLIC HEALTH INTERNATIONAL 2024 VOLUNTEER EXCELLENCE AWARDS



Catholic Health International recognizes the tremendous dedication of our volunteers and is pleased to accept nominations for the Annual Volunteer Recognition Award.

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

IMPORTANT DATES AND EVENTS

CHI Board Meeting Dates

April 3, 2024 (Corporate)
May 22, 2024 (CHP Board)
June 27, 2024 (AGM-ONT & US Corps)

May 3, 2024 (Partners in Mission AGM)
June 26, 2024 (AGM- Atlantic Corps)

CHANB Board Meeting Dates

May 15, 2024

Centre for Excellence in Leadership Meeting Dates

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

April 9, 2024
April 23, 2024
May 16, 2024
May 29, 2024
June 12, 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 25-27, 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](#)

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