

The Torch

Catholic Health International Response to Bill C-14 (medical assistance in dying)

Catholic Health International, along with many other organizations across the country, are reviewing Bill C-14 to assess its impact on the care we provide in our facilities. We will continue to advocate for the most vulnerable among us and expect that laws and policies must specifically respect and protect individuals and organizations that decide not to be involved in physician-assisted death on the basis of conscience. In keeping our mission and values, Catholic health care organizations are committed to assist each dying person to:

- ◆ Make informed decisions about their end of life care;
- ◆ Decide when to refuse or withdraw life sustaining interventions when the burdens resulting from treatment are clearly disproportionate to the benefits hoped for;
- ◆ Receive effective pain and symptom management to lessen pain and suffering;
- ◆ Have access to high quality palliative and hospice care that encompasses support for the spiritual, physical, emotional and psychological dimensions of the end of life experience for the dying person and family.

We will work with our health systems in New Brunswick, Ontario and Nova Scotia and our partners across the rest of Canada to develop legislation, policy and regulations at the provincial level that address conscience protection for individual and institutional healthcare providers. Everyday in Catholic health care organizations across the country, our physicians and staff provide outstanding compassionate care to people at the end of life. We are confident we will find a way to respond respectfully and compassionately to requests for physician assisted death that does not abandon the person in our care nor compromise the values of our providers or organizations.

Catholic Health international,

April 14, 2016



April 12th, 2016

Congratulations! Aspirus Langlade Hospital has been named a 2016 Top Critical Access Hospital! We commend you and your team for achieving top performance among your peers and earning this national recognition. Your performance was measured through the Hospital Strength INDEX, an objective and in-depth analysis designed to bring clarity and insight to hospital performance in an increasingly complex and regulated competitive environment.

We will reach out to you personally to discuss the metrics behind the study, your Top 100 achievement and any further assistance we can provide.

As a top performer, you are now a member of the Top 100 CAH Leadership Group, a networking group that gathers periodically to exchange best practices and discuss industry trends and challenges. Be on the look-out for the next gathering of this group, exclusively for the leaders of the top performing CAHs which have been recognized over the past six years.

Your Top 100 performance will also be recognized at the National Rural Health Association CAH conference, which will be held on September 21 in Kanas City. We look forward to working with you on this unique performance recognition program.

Michael Topchik

Senior Vice President of *iVantage Health Analytics Leadership Team*



Norris Eaton

2016 Catholic Health International Volunteer Excellence:
Hotel Dieu Shaver Award Winner

Why Norris:

Mr. Eaton, known affectionately as Norris, has dedicated 15 years to raising funds for Hotel Dieu Shaver Health and Rehabilitation Centre. Norris is a proud member of the Hospital Auxiliary that on average donates \$50,000 a year to purchase much needed equipment for the hospital. As Convenor of the Hotel Dieu Shaver Dieu Drop-in Cafe and Bistro, Norris is seen most days serving up coffee and smiles to patients, families and staff. Norris' kind demeanor and sales experiences lends to ensure the Café & Bistro is creating a profit for the hospital. In addition to this, Norris does the bookkeeping and in past years was responsible in assuring that the vending machines were fully stocked and operating efficiently.

Going above and beyond – Norris will replace volunteers that are sick or unable to make it in for their

shift. He is passionate about operations of the Café and Bistro and is determined that it is well run and managed. Recently, Hotel Dieu Shaver underwent major renovations to its Cafeteria and Coffee Shop as they were essentially combined into one. Norris took the lead to ensure Hospital Management was well informed as to what was needed from a patient, family and staff perspective. He was also instrumental in ensuring all other volunteers were trained and felt comfortable to work in the Café and Bistro.

Norris is kind, big-hearted and an incredibly honest man. You can even see him working the Café and Bistro during the city's worst snow-storms. A well-deserving recipient of this award!



Shown Above: (Left to right)- Jane Rufrano (CEO), Norris Eaton (Recipient), Sister Lousie Dillion (Director of Mission and Pastoral Care)

IMPORTANT DATES AND EVENTS!

CHI Board of Directors Meetings

May 18th, 2016

June 22, 23 & 24th 2016—ANNUAL

Sept. 21st, 2016

Nov. 23rd, 2016

LEADERSHIP SESSION

October 12th-14th 2016- Chicago

CATHOLIC LEADERSHIP FORMATION PROGRAM

Catholic Health International will be offering an English Leadership Formation Program for the 2016—2017 year.

Session 1: Oct. 19—21, 2016

Session 2: May 3—5, 2017.

Location: Villa St-Martin, Montréal

Registrations are now being accepted.



2015-2016 Catholic Leadership Graduates



Sitting: (L to R) Ann Surch, Kelly Thompkins, Patti Yeomans,
2nd row: (L to R) Laurie Little, Dr. Tamison Doey, Mary Jane Johnson, Sharon Hollett, Susan Kelly, Paula Breen, Leesa McNally, Mary Good,
3rd row: (L to R) Sherry Bunten, Jenny Ponfil, Gidget Blank, Bill Mara, Pat Tincher, Janelle Markgraf,