



Our Mission at Catholic Health International is to ensure the presence of Catholic values in our corporations.

Catholic Health Partners, operating as Catholic Health International (CHI) was created in 2001 as a partnership that includes four religious congregations of Sisters, who had founded healthcare facilities and other works of the church. This partnership was formed to assume sponsorship responsibility from these founding congregations as the number of sisters actively involved continues to diminish.

Specifically, Catholic Health International is a Public Juridic Person of Pontifical Right and is a partnership of:

- ⇒ Religious Hospitallers of Saint Joseph
- ⇒ Sisters of Charity of the Immaculate Conception of Saint John
- ⇒ Les Religieuses Filles de Jésus
- ⇒ Les Religieuses de Notre-Dame-Du-Sacré-Coeur
- ⇒ Catholic Health Association of New Brunswick

This is the first in a series of accounts of the congregations that founded our facilities, and inspire everyone of us each day to live our Mission.

Sisters of Charity of the Immaculate Conception of Saint John

Bishop Thomas Connolly became the 2nd bishop of the Diocese of New Brunswick in 1852. Tens of thousands of destitute immigrants were arriving in Saint John NB annually. At the time, Saint John only provided Protestant schools. Concerned about the vulnerability of the Catholic faith, in a city where half of the population were Roman Catholic, Bishop Connolly immediately began negotiating with the Sisters of Charity of New York to provide Sisters to Saint John. Unable to spare the personnel, the New York Sisters did offer to train some young women from Saint John, so that they could eventually return and establish a separate foundation.

While the novices were studying in New York, the city of Saint John was faced with the arrival of thousands of immigrants from Ireland, hoping to escape the potato blight. They crossed the Atlantic, and many arrived more dead than alive. One of the ships from Liverpool in 1854, the "Blanche" carried cholera as well as immigrants and that summer alone, it is estimated that 2500 people died. Within six weeks, Bishop Connolly found himself in charge of 70 orphans. In September of 1854 four women, including Honoria Conway abandoned their plan to join the New York community and returned to Saint John and founded an orphanage.

They took their vows in October and accepted the Rule of the Sisters of Charity of Saint John as drawn up by the Bishop. They "were to be animated by a desire to give glory to God, to build up and sustain the Church of God and to assist their neighbours, instructing and inspiring them. It is the duty of the Sister to make the whole world love God and be fond of virtue."

They were the first English-speaking, Roman Catholic religious congregation founded in Canada. By 1855, there were 10 members, 300 children attending school and about 500 children receiving catechetical instruction, as they expanded throughout the city. To be continued next issue.

Catholic Health Association of the United States Expresses Disappointment with Health and Human Services Preventive Services Rule.

The Department of Health and Human Services announced its final rule regarding women's preventive services (that must be offered under insurance plans), must include FDA approved forms of contraception.

The rule requires religious organizations employing or serving (will include Catholic hospitals and Universities) individuals from diverse faith backgrounds, who based upon religious beliefs, do not currently provide contraceptive coverage in their employer health insurance plan, will have until August 1, 2013 to comply.

Sister Carol Keehan, President and CEO of CHA has expressed concern and disappointment about this on behalf of the ministry. "We have said the problem is not resolved, and we must have a national conversation on this. CHA is working closely with the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops, Catholic Relief Services, Catholic Charities USA, the Association of Catholic Colleges and Universities and others to look at options to resolve this." She promises to use the one-year extension to consult with members and experts and evaluate options to deal with this.

St. Joseph's Continuing Care Centre Cornwall, ON

Sister Patricia Cuddihy, Superior of Regional House in Amherstview of the RHSJs St. Joseph Region and CHI representative, officiated at a Missioning Service for Board Members and Senior Administrative staff on December 6th 2011. Participants committed themselves to St. Joseph's Continuing Care Centre and to their positions of governance and leadership. A photograph of each group was taken to mark this special occasion, and each member received a candle dedicated to St. Joseph.

Hotel Dieu Hospital Kingston, ON

St. Joseph's School of Nursing at Hotel Dieu Hospital in Kingston is celebrating the 100th anniversary of its founding this year, as well as the 90th anniversary of the birth of the Nurses' alumnae.



CATHOLIC HEALTH INTERNATIONAL BOARD MEETING:

The following are the highlights from the meeting of the Directors held February 8, 2012:

- ⇒ Discussion around the proposed changes to governance in Nursing Homes in New Brunswick – Action: President & CEO to meet with Executive Director of Nursing Home Association to assist with establishing a plan of action and meetings with provincial government officials – Social Development.
- ⇒ Insurance survey to be submitted to CRSIRP for engineering estimates.
- ⇒ Update on executive changes to CHAO received.
- ⇒ Application to be made for student summer employment May to September.
- ⇒ Annual report to Rome of the Catholic Health Corporation of Ontario received.
- ⇒ Thank you letters received from students taking the Catholic Health Care Leadership Program.
- ⇒ Thank you letter received from recipients of the annual scholarships. It was noted the four (4) students are presently on scholarship.
- ⇒ The meeting was advised of and explained the working of the new Public Juridic Person – the Canadian Catholic Congregation Management group.
- ⇒ Financial Statements received for the period ending December 31st, 2011.
- ⇒ Quarterly Investment report received from the Portfolio Manager.
- ⇒ The proposed budget for 2012-2013 was approved subject to minor adjustments
- ⇒ Confirmation of the Charity Filing Return from Revenue Canada received with no adjustments.
- ⇒ The Board of Directors received a briefing note on the move toward paperless meetings. It was agreed that the board move forward with this project with cost savings over a two year period justifying the initial cost.
- ⇒ Canonical approvals were granted as requested by two Corporations.
- ⇒ The meeting was suspended to permit six concurrent Corporate meetings to take place:
 - St. Joseph's Residence Inc. & St. Joseph's Residence – the Washington Center, Inc., New London, WI;
 - The Religious Hospitallers of St. Joseph of Cornwall, Cornwall, ON;
 - Mount Saint Joseph Nursing Home, Miramichi, NB;
 - The Religious Hospitallers of Saint Joseph of the Hotel Dieu of Kingston, Kingston, ON;
 - St. Joseph's Hospital, Saint John, New Brunswick.
- ⇒ Approval granted for CHAC fees with a reduction to the fees paid by the Ontario Hospitals.
- ⇒ Two Board members were selected to attend the CHAC Annual conference in St. John's, Nfld.
- ⇒ President & Chief Executive Officer, Robert Stewart, reappointed to the Governor's Council of CHAC.
- ⇒ The board reviewed the Action Plan generated by the Strategic Plan approved by the board in April 2011. It was noted that the Action Plan is on target.

February 8, 2012 Board highlights continued:

- ⇒ The Board was informed of the status of the Values Integration Assessment program as a result of a meeting held in Ottawa on January 30th & 31st. The announcement to be made at the CHAC conference in May.
- ⇒ A review and update of the Centre for Excellence in Leadership was completed. The Board sponsor profile for the five pillars within the Centre have been appointed.
- ⇒ The French Catholic Healthcare Leadership program has 19 students registered to begin studies in April, 13 students are presently registered in the English CHCL program and will graduate in May 2012.
- ⇒ "Working Together" booklet was reviewed and approved by the Board for translation and distribution.
- ⇒ An environmental scan of our operations was presented to the Board.
- ⇒ A new revised operational organization chart was distributed.
- ⇒ Evidence distributed to the Board regarding new legislation in New Brunswick to allow for elected Regional Health Authority board members indicating that the appointments made by CHI will continue.
- ⇒ A draft position description for the President and CEO was distributed for discussion and review.
- ⇒ The board agreed to change the annual meeting date for the Ontario Corporations to earlier in June to permit filing of the necessary documents with the Ministry of Health for Ontario.

UPCOMING EVENTS:

Catholic Health International Board Meetings 2012:

April 4, June 20, 21, 22, Sept 12, Oct 1, 2, 3, November 21, 2012

Leadership Council—Central meeting:

May 3 & 4 2012

The Fairmont, Queen Elizabeth Montreal

Joint Leadership Council—Central & Atlantic:

September 20 & 21, 2012

Hosted by St. Joseph's Continuing Care Centre Cornwall, Ontario

Joint Leadership Council—Plenary Session:

Spring 2013 (Montreal)

Catholic Healthcare Leadership Program (french)

Module 1—April 11, 12 & 13, 2012

RHSJ Regional House in Bathurst New Brunswick

Catholic Healthcare Leadership Program (english)

Module 3—May 31, June 1, 2012

Providence Spirituality Centre

Kingston, Ontario

Catholic Health Alliance of Canada

Annual National Conference

May 9 - 11, 2012

St. John's, NL—Sheraton Hotel Newfoundland

http://www.chac.ca/conference/2012/index_e.php

Catholic Health Association of the US

Catholic Health Assembly

June 3 - 5, 2012

Philadelphia, PA—Philadelphia Marriot Downtown

<http://www.chausa.org/assembly/>