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Sisters of Charity of the Immaculate Conception of Saint John

Arriving in Saint John New Brunswick in September 1854, Honoria Conway, Mary Routane, Mary Madden and Annie McCabe immediately set up an orphanage in a small house just north of the Cathedral and took in as many orphans as possible. As St. Vincent de Paul had said they would, these four saw the face of Christ in the faces of their bedraggled orphan charges and in responding to their spiritual and physical needs, they came to know and to inspire in others, the sustaining spirit of charity. As these four Sisters commenced their work, their journey took them out of the convent and into the heart of a city still reeling from the cholera epidemic, teeming with thousands of destitute immigrants.

By 1855, the Sisters' numbers had reached 10 members and they had 300 children attending school and were giving catechetical instruction to about 500 children. Recruits to the new community came gradually and steadily during the first years, and were largely of Irish descent. Honoria Conway, now Mother Mary Vincent, had the challenge of assisting these young women to develop religiously while meeting the immediate need of running the orphanage, St. Vincent's, and setting up schools. In 1854 the Sisters opened the first free school in Saint John for the daughters of poor Irish immigrants.

Two years later, the Sisters sought to expand their mission of charity outside the boundaries of the city. In 1857, they opened St. Peter's School in Portland (now the north end of Saint John), and within two months the student population reached 250.

In 1857, a pastor in St. Basile in the wilderness of northern New Brunswick left his house in his will to the Bishop of Saint John to establish a facility to educate girls. Three of the English speaking Sisters established a convent and a school here, where the majority of people neither read nor wrote and spoke only French.

In 1858 an educational institute requiring fees, St Vincent's Select School for Girls, was founded. It was hoped that the tuition-based institution would finance the free one. By 1859 there were 27 sisters operating five schools – two in Saint John, one in nearby Portland, one in Fredericton, and the one in the Acadian parish of Saint-Basile-de-Madawaska, which enjoyed success even though it was conducted in English.

To be continued.....

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Hotel Dieu Grace Hospital, Windsor ON is celebrating Nutrition Month with their **5th Annual Food Drive Challenge!** This year's donations will once again support the Downtown Mission – a program that is very important to the Windsor community and one that Hotel Dieu Grace hospital and staff are proud to support. The Downtown Mission's services which include a Hot Lunch Program, Food Bank, Out of the Cold Program and Sanctuary Program for the Homeless all depend on donations from organizations like Hôtel-Dieu Grace Hospital.

In 2011 staff donated 1,545 non-perishable items, \$175 in gift cards and \$125 in cash that was collected during the Nutrition Month Food Drive Challenge. Diagnostic Imaging Transcription staff won the Food Drive Challenge last year by collecting 20 items per person and are geared to accept all department's challenges.

Partners In Mission Food Bank, Kingston ON SIFE (Students In Free Enterprise) at St. Lawrence College in Kingston became involved at the Food Bank 2 years ago and started looking at retrofits to decrease operating costs and green practices that could make the Food Bank more sustainable. To date, they have replaced five chest freezers with a commercial walk-in freezer and have installed 50 solar panels to generate green energy, which will provide income through the sale of excess energy back to the Ontario grid.

The team increased the Food Bank's ability to feed the 16,000 people living under the poverty line, and this project has resulted in \$38,000 in annual operating savings and diverted 8,894 kg (19,609 lbs) of carbon emissions!

The SIFE team was recently named one of two 2012 Scotiabank & SIFE "Go Green Challenge" Regional Champions by national charitable organization Advancing Canadian Entrepreneurship (ACE) and proud program supporter Scotiabank for this project. The following link will take you to a video of the solar panels being installed on the roof of the Food Bank building.

http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=bcQ-pbdc_6c&feature=player_detailpage



CATHOLIC HEALTH INTERNATIONAL—CENTRE FOR EXCELLENCE IN LEADERSHIP

Development continues on the **Centre for Excellence in Leadership** which will be based on 5 key topics or Pillars. This is an ongoing project that will evolve over time to provide support and resources to our sponsored corporations. Each of the 5 pillars (as listed below) are being further developed to identify key components and content.

When the CHI Board met in February, a Director was assigned to a Pillar and accepted responsibility to act as liaison between the CHI Board and the Pillar Chair/Champion and

that particular Pillars' Committee. Sponsors (the CHI Director) will assist in providing clarity on the project specifics, timelines and responsibilities, as well as resources that might be required. The Champion (Committee Chair) will help to recruit Committee members (Partners) and ensure that they understand their responsibilities, as well as determining required resources and budgets.

Next steps include appointments to the various positions and their responsibilities and roles, establishing functional priorities, and an implementation plan.



UPCOMING EVENTS:

Catholic Health International Board Meetings 2012:

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

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/>

The new Health Ethics Guide is expected to be available in the fall of 2012.

Mount St. Joseph, Miramichi, NB

The Social Development Minister for New Brunswick announced a new long-term care strategy that will create 704 specialized care beds and 354 nursing home beds for the province. This project replaces the previous governments' project from 2009 in which 700 nursing home beds were to be created and our Mount St. Joseph Nursing Home was to be replaced.

This latest announcement designates Mount St. Joseph to receive \$8.2 million in renovations. New Brunswick is facing a problem regarding how the province cares for its seniors as it balances the competing demands of an aging population and the deteriorating state of its nursing home infrastructure against its worsening financial outlook. New Brunswick's deficit is projected to be \$471 million in 2011-12. There are 4,140 residents in the province's 65 nursing homes, but more than 700 seniors occupying hospital beds because there are no beds available in nursing homes.

New Brunswick has the second largest senior population in Canada behind Nova Scotia. Not surprisingly, Florida ranks the highest in the States. In fact, seniors are the fastest growing portion of the population worldwide.

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