



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



Joint Leadership Council biennial meeting

In October, the Joint Leadership Council comprised of the Chief Executive Officer / Executive Director / Facility Manager of each of our sponsored facilities, as well as the Board and staff of Catholic Health International (CHI) met in Miramichi NB for their biennial meeting.

Guests included Sister Gaëtane Soucy, Vitalité Health Network and Mr. Leo Burns, Horizon Health Network (representatives from two of the health authorities in New Brunswick), Father Michael McGowan and Rev. Aaron Knox. The Catholic Healthcare Leadership Alumni also met and Father McGowan was guest speaker at their Graduation Ceremony dinner.

Sister Sarah Maillet, Chair of the CHI Board opened the two day meeting by welcoming the participants. She then shared an overview of our achievements and milestones of the past year, and the facility report to the Holy See. Each facility leader presented an update on their organization in regard to new achievements and current opportunities and challenges.

### **Hotel Dieu Hospital Kingston**

A special mass in celebration of 165 years of service in Kingston by the Religious Hospitallers of St. Joseph was held at Hotel Dieu Hospital Chapel on October 27, 2011. The RHSJs opened the first public hospital in the Kingston area in 1845, and originally took up residence on the corner of Brock and Sydenham Streets, caring for immigrants who flooded the region and for hundreds of orphans whose immigrant parents died from disease and starvation. In 1892, the Sisters moved to Hotel Dieu's current site, increasing patient capacity from 40 to 150. A chapel was built in 1895 and a convent in 1897. A School of Nursing started in 1912, with the first class graduating in 1914. More buildings and services were added over the following years. The Mass was conducted by Most Rev. Brendan O'Brien, Archbishop of Kingston. Following Mass and refreshments, Robert Stewart, President of CHI provided a presentation to attendees on Mission, Catholic Identity, Sponsorship and the answer to everyone's question—"Are the Sisters Still Involved? To view his presentation in a format that can be shared in your facilities please go to our home page @ [www.catholichealthpartners.com](http://www.catholichealthpartners.com)

**Hôtel-Dieu Grace Hospital** in Windsor ON has received government support for a major expansion that will move Windsor-Essex towards 24-7 access to life-saving emergency angioplasty treatments and improved patient access to a host of services. Once completed, the 75,000-square-foot, three-story expansion will provide much needed space to accommodate expanded cardiac services as well as the majority of the hospital's existing outpatient and ambulatory clinics, which will in turn allow greater use of the existing site including new, dedicated space for medical students. The cornerstone of the expansion is a 10,445 square-foot Cardiac Care Centre which will allow for round-the-clock angioplasty (PCI) procedures and emergency cardiac care. The expansion will also allow same-day procedures for patients whose angiograms reveal the need for an angioplasty procedure. Having this access in Windsor will halt the need to refer these patients out of town.

This expansion was made available through the provincial infrastructure program, where Ontario will cover 90% of the costs while Hôtel-Dieu Grace must raise the remaining 10% in the community. So far, the hospital foundation has raised about \$9.3 million toward a \$12.5 million campaign goal.

### **Community Benefit/Charitable Giving/Outreach**

Catholic health care has its origins in faith-based response to the health needs of those living in poverty and other vulnerable persons. From the very beginning, congregations of religious courageously responded to the needs of the communities they were called to serve. Our organizations were not established for economic opportunity but to address the need for health related services within our individual communities.

It was recently stated that there is a cost associated with these types of service, but what is the cost if they are not provided? Be this providing sustenance or warm clothing to the needy, affordable housing or providing health services and compassionate care to the underinsured or disadvantaged. Our work as catholic facilities is to further the healing mission of Jesus and across the CHI family of facilities we do this in many creative and exciting ways.

CHI would like to capture this information and the community value of these programs.

In the United States, in order to maintain "tax-exempt" status, hospitals are required to keep track of this information to report annually to the IRS. In Canada there is no reporting so CHI is creating a form that will allow this information to be collected by individual event and then rolled up for institutional totals.

Donna MacNeil from the Pastoral Care department at Hotel Dieu Hospital in Kingston and Ken Deane, Supervisor at Hotel Dieu Grace Hospital in Windsor have graciously agreed to pilot test the Event Reporting form.

## Clergy Luncheon

**St. Joseph's Continuing Care Centre** in Cornwall ON hosted a Clergy Luncheon, where representatives of different Christian faiths came together in an ecumenical event. The different Christian denominations that were represented were Roman Catholic, Anglican, Presbyterian, Pentecostal, and the United Church. This was a time of fellowship in our faith.

Present at the luncheon were SJCCC Board Members, staff and volunteers. Guests were informed of the services provided by the Pastoral Care Department and how they journey together with their residents in faith.

## Hotel Dieu Grace Hospital in Windsor, ON Receives Full 3-Year Accreditation Award

Hôtel-Dieu Grace Hospital Supervisor Ken Deane received a letter from Accreditation Canada informing him that the hospital has been awarded a full 3-year Accreditation.

Accreditation is a voluntary process in which healthcare organizations assess themselves against a set of evidence-based national safety and quality standards. Four surveyors from Accreditation Canada spent three days at HDGH earlier this month evaluating their performance against national standards of excellence from patient safety and ethics, to staff training and partnering with the community.

"This is truly a milestone to be celebrated, and we congratulate you and your team for your commitment to providing safe, high quality health services," said Suzanne Larocque, Chair, Accreditation Decision Committee.

Congratulations to all staff, physicians and volunteers for this outstanding achievement!

## BOARD HIGHLIGHTS:

The Board of Directors of Catholic Health International (CHI) meets on a regular basis throughout the year. The following are the highlights from the meeting held October 3 & 4 2011:

- ◇ The annual report of the President & Chair approved.
- ◇ The Annual Accountability Report from each facility received.
- ◇ Annual Accountability Report to Rome was approved.
- ◇ Annual returns of all Corporations were completed and filed.
- ◇ The financial statements for the period ending August 31<sup>st</sup>, 2011 were approved.
- ◇ The Audited Financial Statements were approved as recommended by the Finance Committee.
- ◇ Bruce Wood & Co. were appointed auditors for 2011 – 2012.
- ◇ Congratulations to St. Bernard Hospital upon receipt of their recent award.
- ◇ Establishment of a "Centre of Excellence for Leadership" was approved with profile to be provided at the November Board meeting.
- ◇ Certification of graduates in the Catholic Healthcare Leadership program approved.
- ◇ Announcement of the new French language Catholic Leadership program.
- ◇ Requests from Hotel Dieu Shaver Health & Rehabilitation Centre, St. Catharine's Ontario; Hôpital l'Enfant-Jesus RHSJ, Caraquet, N. B.; Rocmaura Nursing Home, Saint John, N. B.; and St. Joseph's Residence, New London, Wisconsin, were approved by the Members of each Corporation.
- ◇ Update on the Values Integration Assessment Program.
- ◇ Audited Financial statements for all corporations received.
- ◇ Approved new Governance survey for Advisory Council Chairs.
- ◇ Individual Board Member Performance Expectations Survey referred to Advisory Chair Council.
- ◇ Translation contract reviewed following rate adjustment.
- ◇ Discussion around the Catholic Health Alliance of Canada (CHAC) and its future.
- ◇ Status of Canonical approvals reviewed.
- ◇ Because this was the Annual meeting - Annual meetings for all of the corporations were held.

## UPCOMING EVENTS:

### Catholic Health International Board Meetings:

November 28, 2011, Feb 8, April 4, June 12-13-14, 2012  
Sept 12, Oct 1 – 3, November 21, 2012

### Catholic Health International Joint Leadership Council meeting:

May 3 & 4 2012

The Fairmont, Queen Elizabeth Montreal

### Catholic Healthcare Leadership Program (french)

Module 1—April 11, 12 & 13, 2012

RHSJ Regional House in Bathurst New Brunswick

### Catholic Health Association of the United States

Catholic Health Assembly

June 3 - 5, 2012

Philadelphia, PA—Philadelphia Marriot Downtown

### Catholic Health Alliance of Canada

Annual National Conference

May 9 - 11, 2012

St. John's, NL—Sheraton Hotel Newfoundland

[www.chac.ca/conference/2012/files/conferenceflye\\_e.pdf](http://www.chac.ca/conference/2012/files/conferenceflye_e.pdf)

The concept of a **Centre of Excellence for Leadership** was approved by the Board of CHI in October.

The Master Education Committee is being asked to review a profile of the Centre and make recommendations as to the next steps for development to the CHI Board at their November Board meeting.

It is proposed that the Centre will be based upon 5 pillars:

- ⇒ Catholic Healthcare Leadership
- ⇒ Values Integration Assessment Program
- ⇒ Ethics
- ⇒ Spiritual and Religious Care / Pastoral Care
- ⇒ Mission Development

This exciting resource will be developing over the next few months, and we will keep you informed of its progress.

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