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Sisters of Charity of the Immaculate Conception of Saint John

In 1875, following the introduction of the Common Schools Act a few years earlier, the government took over control of education and the Sisters began to prepare themselves for the provincially prescribed licensing examinations. By 1882 the Sisters of Charity ventured into what was at once recognized as a characteristic of urban living in the late 19th century, the displacement of the elderly. They acknowledged a growing need within the community to care for the infirm. In 1888 the Sisters of Charity opened the first nursing home in the city, the Mater Misericordiae Home.

By 1906 in New Brunswick the Sisters of Charity of Saint John had grown to include over 100 Sisters and many new women were entering the convent. By this time the population growth in western Canada was exploding due to the completion of the railway, whereas in New Brunswick population growth had stagnated. The Sisters felt that their mission in New Brunswick was stable so when an invitation came from Prince Albert in the newly formed province of Saskatchewan, they responded. There they took over the operation of St. Patrick's Orphanage which had been in existence since 1899.

Before the Sisters of Charity arrived, the orphanage had been staffed by a French speaking community, the Sisters of Providence. However, the late-nineteenth and early-twentieth century immigration trends within Canada produced an immense increase in English-speaking population in Saskatchewan. The orphanage had received 60 British orphans, some of the 125,000 who had been abandoned and sent to western Canada as the Industrial Revolution took hold in England.

The local inhabitants of Prince Albert, were so impressed with the orphanage that they appealed to the Sisters to open a new hospital to replace their small 16 bed hospital.

After much consultation, they accepted the call and began their first in a new ministry—Health Care. They purchased land, oversaw construction and sent several Sisters away to be trained as nurses. On Christmas day in 1910, the Holy Family Hospital opened its doors to their first patient who arrived with a "quinsy" sore throat. The doctor prescribed ice, but there was none, so the sisters packed snow and used that until the water they placed outside froze. Within a few days the hospital was filled to capacity, and consisted of 32 beds and an operating room to serve the region. To be continued...



Mount St. Joseph, Miramichi NB

On July 16, 1869, five Sisters from Hotel Dieu of Montreal disembarked at Chatham, NB, where they had accepted the responsibility of taking care of the sick, to open a boarding school for young girls and an orphanage. Their hospital work also began in 1869 in the Bishop's former residence, which also served to house the Sisters for some months.

This modest start was the beginning of 127 years of service of the Religious Hospitallers of St. Joseph to the Miramichi region.

In celebration of the Feast of St. Joseph each year, the Mount recognizes their mission through special activities. This year they decided to honour the history of the RHSJs and specifically Sister Isabelle MacLaughlin, who is the last in a long line of Sisters. Soon she will retire, and it will be the end of an era. This is her story.

www.youtube.com/watch?v=zLVNEHgPsiI

Hotel Dieu Hospital, Kingston ON

Kingston Bariatric Regional Assessment and Treatment Centre (RATC) was opened this month, and will provide pre-surgical assessment and post-surgical follow-up for patients who elect to undergo weight loss surgery. It is the newest of four RATCs in the province and the only one between Ottawa and Toronto. Obesity is an illness that can have a critical impact on a person's health. Further, patients can tap into complementary programs at Hotel Dieu that are associated with the co-morbidities of obesity including diabetes education and cardiac wellness. For more information

www.hoteldieu.com/120404nr.html

CATHOLIC HEALTH ALLIANCE OF CANADA Annual National Conference "Spirituality and Healthcare—Growing into Wholeness"

May 9th to the 11th 2012

St. John's Newfoundland Sheraton Hotel

Keynote presentations are being made by:

Helen Prejean, CSJ:

Dead Man Walking: The Journey Continues

Donna Markham, Mercy Hospital and Medical Center,
Chicago: Soul-Sized Affairs: The Work of Restorative
Community

Kirby Kranabetter, Bruyère Continuing Care, Ottawa
"Lord my life is too easy" Famous last words and what
I've learned journeying from a hospital bed to a hospital
chaplain

Thomas Kerr, St. Paul's Hospital, Vancouver

"Moral Courage and the Response to Drug-related Harm in
Vancouver's Downtown Eastside: An Ethic of Humanity"

Elizabeth M. Davis, RSM, Congregational Leader
Sisters of Mercy, St. John's, NL

God the Healer: Our Call as Persons and Communities To
Heal And Be Healed

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

Stella-Maris-de-Kent Hospital, Saint Anne NB



Pictured here, the 1st Gala organized by the new "Friends of the Stella-Maris-de-Kent Hospital Foundation" in support of Hospital Stella Marie de Kent in Saint Anne de Kent, NB

CATHOLIC HEALTH INTERNATIONAL BOARD MEETING:

Highlights from the meeting of the Directors held April 4, 2012:

- ⇒ Insurance survey of facilities completed and submitted to CRSIRP
- ⇒ Financial/Investment statements reviewed and accepted.
- ⇒ All Canonical approvals were up to date.
- ⇒ Concurrent meetings were held for the following Corporations:
 - St. Bernard Health Network – Members - Chicago, IL
 - St. Bernard Health Network – Trustees - Chicago, IL
 - Hôpital Stella-Maris-de-Kent, - Ste Anne de Kent, NB
 - Overview – Hotel-Dieu Grace Hospital – Windsor, ON
- ⇒ Approval for the construction of a filtration plant at Ste. Anne de Kent, NB was granted.
- ⇒ Board received an update of the work of the Board of Governor`s of the Catholic Health Alliance of Canada.
- ⇒ Discussion of the impact of the Federal Budget and the provincial budgets of Ontario, New Brunswick and Nova Scotia.
- ⇒ Update provided on the Values Integration Assessment Program – announcements to be made at the CHAC conference in St. John`s NFLD in May.
- ⇒ The French Catholic Healthcare Leadership Program scheduled to begin in Bathurst on April 11th with 21 students.
- ⇒ Board provided with an update on the development of the Centre for Excellence in Leadership – Champions are being chosen.
- ⇒ The English version of the "Working Together" booklet was approved and the Board authorized its publication. The French version outline was presented and accepted. Comparisons will be completed within the next month and the French publication will follow.
- ⇒ An Education session was held with the Board transferring to an electronic meeting. Future meetings will be paperless.
- ⇒ A draft outline of a core message being developed by the Ontario Alliance of Sponsors and customized for CHI use was presented in power point. This is a work in progress with the Board agreeing to proceed with the development of this educational tool.
- ⇒ Discussion of the Drummond Report and its implications.
- ⇒ An Environmental Scan of the CHI System was presented to the Board with an update on all operations.
- ⇒ CHI Corporate Representative policy was presented and approved.
- ⇒ CHI President & CEO position and profile updated.
- ⇒ Board advised of our United States facilities in the Kenedy Directory.
- ⇒ A review of individual Corporate names is presently being conducted with the possibility of some changes being made. To be brought to future meetings.
- ⇒ Recent government announcement regarding replacement and upgrading of Nursing Homes in New Brunswick was circulated. Discussion regarding the impact on our facilities.
- ⇒ An outline of the agenda for the Leadership Council – Central meeting being held in May in Montreal was reviewed.

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Catholic Healthcare Leadership Program

On April 11, 12 and 13th 2012, facility leaders and senior staff from some of our French speaking organizations, gathered at the RHSJ Regional House in Bathurst, New Brunswick to attend Module 1 of the first session of the newly developed French version of the Catholic Healthcare Leadership Program.

Sister Rose-Marie Dufault, Director of Programs at CHI was responsible for its design and coordination. The English version of this course has been offered in cooperation with the Catholic Health Association of Ontario to our English speaking facilities for a number of years. From all accounts and course evaluations— it was a huge success! Here is a group photo of the attendees who will return to complete Module 2 in October.

Congratulations Sister Dufault and participants!



UPCOMING EVENTS:

Catholic Health International Board Meetings 2012:

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

Module 2 French Program: October 17—19, 2012

RHSJ Regional House in Bathurst New Brunswick

Catholic Healthcare Leadership Program

Module 3 English Program: 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/>

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