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The Annual Meeting of the **Catholic Health International Joint Leadership Council** was held on September 20th and 21st in Cornwall, Ontario hosted by St. Joseph's Continuing Care Centre. This meeting brings together the staff of CHI with the CEO/Executive Director/Facility Manager of each Corporation we sponsor.



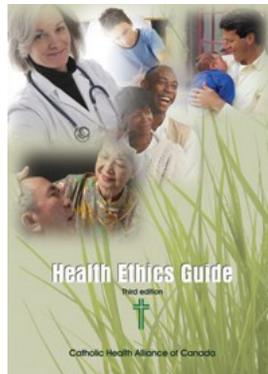
Our guest speaker was Sister Nuala Kenny ([bio](#)) a Sister of Charity from Halifax, who was one of the key contributors to the extensive revision of the newly released 3rd Edition of the Health Ethics Guide. Designed to be a bedside guide, it provides direction on moral issues faced by healthcare and service providers today, while remaining faithful to Church teachings of dignity of the human person and how these difficult ethical issues should be approached in a multi cultural, secular society.

Sister Kenny gave us the background about who the individuals were that contributed and assisted the Catholic Health Alliance of Canada with the process of its revision prior to submission to the Canadian Conference of Catholic Bishops for their "Nihil Obstat" approval.

The major changes that she identified in the new Guide, include:

- ⇒ The Principles of Cooperation
- ⇒ Some End of Life Issues
- ⇒ Care of the Sexually Assaulted
- ⇒ Residential and LTC
- ⇒ Mission and Justice

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While in Cornwall, we had the opportunity to tour **St. Joseph's Continuing Care Centre** and **Marie de la Ferre Apartments**.

The apartments provide non-profit residential accommodation and incidental facilities to persons of low or modest income, primarily senior citizens and disabled persons.



There are 59 apartments - 47 rent-geared-to-income and 12 market rent apartments. 6 apartments are wheelchair modified units. In addition to the usual amenities like laundry facilities etc., the residents have access to a communal roof top deck with a wonderful view.

St. Joseph's Continuing Care Centre underwent a four-year period of construction, resulting in a brand new 209-bed facility completed in 2009. Originally founded by the RHSJ's

over a century ago, the new facility provides 150 Long Term Care (LTC) beds, 50 Complex Continuing Care (CCC) beds, 8 Restorative Care beds and 300 employees. The Joint Leadership Council was provided with a detailed, guided tour of the entire facility.



The clever layout of the seven "houses" resulted in out door spaces for residents to use for seating and gardening. Each "house" was named for a RHSJ Sister who had managed the facility in the past. This layout, results in lots of natural

light coming into hallways and patient rooms and enhances an atmosphere that is bright and fresh and feels homey.

The thought that went into the detail of the facility is obvious. While construction was underway, appropriate technology was installed to maximize its future use. An extremely quiet nurse call system has been installed, and interfaces to a state of the art "Work Order" system. This system is used by all staff for everything from scheduling a physio appointment for a resident to a maintenance call. This in turn allows supervisory access and reporting history on all entries into the system, which reduces errors and streamlines processes.

It was important to staff to try and incorporate as many artifacts and windows from the old facility and chapel into the new design. One such impressive touch was the window/wall next to the bank of elevators on each floor. Each was fitted with a huge stained glass window (like this one) from the original chapel. The resident's common room on the main floor was designed to house the sacristy for mass each day and also contains some of the original stained glass from the chapel.



Thank you Bonnie Ruest, Anne Bethune and staff for the warm welcome and tour through your facilities!

To see virtual tours and read more detailed information about the facility and services at St. Joseph's Continuing Care Centre, please see: http://www.siccc.ca/eng/index.php?page=default_templates

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Villa Saint Joseph du Lac, Yarmouth, Nova Scotia

In the August 2011 issue of the Torch we reported that the Villa had been notified by the Minister of Health, that their nursing home was to be replaced. The location of the present Villa is so stunning that it was the goal from the onset to build on the existing grounds. Through the vision of the Villa staff, Steering Committee and



Architects, this was achieved. This current photo of the facility shows the beauty of the location.

Originally the Lakeside Inn, built in the early 1930's by CP Railroad, it

continued operation as a popular five star resort until 1960. Its many interesting and grand architectural features are similar to those found in other railroad hotels of the era. The property also housed five separate cottages, a boathouse and a pump house, a water tower which supplied water to the facility, as well as several onsite fire hydrants, a tennis court and a small beach area.

At the request of the Diocese of Yarmouth in Nova Scotia, who had purchased the property, the Religious Hospitallers of Saint Joseph agreed to found a home for the elderly in the old hotel.

At long last, on October 2, the sod turning ceremony took place. Villa staff, board members, government officials and others gathered outside the Villa in brilliant sunshine for the event. The plan is to expand to the north, south and west on the Villa property, and in the end, all that will remain of the existing facility will be the chapel and hall.

Benoit Robichaud, Chair of the Villa's board expressed thanks to all who have been a part of the project in some way. "It is great to see that the work started by the Sisters over 50 years ago will continue on this site for many years to come," he said. "The new facility will accommodate 79 residents – the same number as the current one does – but they will all be single rooms. The new villa will take the shape of a cross, which is wonderfully appropriate."

Looking over drawings of the new Villa St. Joseph du Lac following the Oct. 2 sod-turning ceremony (from left) Villa administrator Rick Atkinson, architect Cathy MacNaughton, Villa board chair Benoit Robichaud and architect Sydney Dumaresq.



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Catholic Healthcare Leadership Program

Graduates from Catholic Leadership programs are presented with a certificate upon completion of their course by Catholic Health International. Pictured below receiving theirs from Robert Stewart, President & CEO of CHI are Kim Gillet (Director of Care) and Shivon Konink (Health, Safety and Education Coordinator) both from St. Joseph's Continuing Care Centre in Cornwall, ON.



Sisters of Charity of the Immaculate Conception Receive the Lieutenant-Governor's "Excellence in Aging" Award



On behalf of their religious community, two members of the leadership team of SCIC of Saint John, NB accepted the Award Sept. 27, 2012. Sister Mary Beth McCurdy (middle), Congregational Leader and Sister Anita Holmes (left—CHI Board), pictured here with New Brunswick Lt.-Gov. Graydon Nicholas,

accepted the award for 158 years of SCIC service to the community, notably in areas of health and elder care. The Sisters were nominated by two health-care facilities in Saint John with which SCIC have long been associated: Rocmaura Nursing Home and St. Joseph's Hospital.

Catholic Healthcare Leadership Alumni

The Atlantic group met in Miramichi, NB October 3 & 4 for an educational session. The gathering kicked off with a banquet on Wednesday evening and was attended by 25 alumni. The next day, Craig Murphy, Roman Catholic Chaplin at Dorchester Penitentiary and Shepody Healing Centre did a presentation on leadership.

The Alumni reported their Executive for 2012/2013:

David Levangie – Chair

Eileen Bowes – Secretary

Atlantic Representative – Rick Atkinson

Central Representative – Maria Gionnatti

US Representative – Bob Fietsch

UPCOMING EVENTS:

CHI Board and Corporation meetings for 2012:

December 12

Catholic Healthcare Leadership Program (French)

Module 2: October 17–19, 2012

RHSJ Regional House in Bathurst NB

Catholic Healthcare Leadership Program (English)

Module 1 - November 15 & 16 2012

Module 2 - February 6, 7, 8 2013

Module 3 - May 16 & 17 2013

Villa Loyola in Sudbury, Ontario

CHI Joint Leadership Council—Plenary Session:

April 4 & 5 2013 Fairmont—Queen Elizabeth Montreal