



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

Sisters of Charity of the Immaculate Conception (SCIC)

At the 22nd Annual Red Triangle awards gala, the Sisters of Charity were presented with this year's award. It is presented annually by the YMCA-YWCA of Greater Saint John New Brunswick, to local individuals who have made a significant contribution in the community and a difference to Canadian society. The theme of the 2013 gala was "Connecting our Community since 1854."

Expressing gratitude, Sister Mary Beth recognized that both the local Y and the SCIC were established in Saint John in 1854 to focus on "the care and well-being of children, the vulnerable and the creation of strong, caring communities."



Sister Mary Beth McCurdy, Congregational Leader (left), accepts the 2013 Red Triangle award on behalf of all the SCIC Sisters in Canada, Peru and Ireland. Presenting the award were New Brunswick Lt.-Gov. Graydon Nicholas and retired Canadian senator Ermine Cohen (right).

Two Sisters who once served at the Y with refugees and new immigrants offered a blessing to all those gathered.



Thirty Sisters who were present then sang a refrain of hope and goodwill for Earth and for all.

"The Sisters have led numerous volunteer initiatives and have served our community as respected citizens. They embody the spirit of giving and service. Their big hearts and generous spirit are well-known throughout Saint John, the province of New Brunswick and the world."

Currently, the Sisters help fund school breakfast programs, legal aid services, housing for teenage mothers and low-income seniors, and they advocate for the rights of women and children.

(Photo credit: Rod Stears)

Additional information: Sister Roma De Robertis, scic)

Catholic Health International Board of Directors & Corporation meetings for 2013:

June 5,6,7 2013 (Annual Meetings/CHI Board and Corporations)
September 11, (October TBA), November 20

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Catholic Health International - Joint Leadership Council-Plenary Session Montreal April 4th & 5th.

"Honouring our Heritage - Celebrating our Future"

The third in a series of biennial Plenary Sessions where Board Chairs, Advisory Committee Chairs, CEOs and Facility Managers of all the facilities within Catholic Health International can come together with the Board and staff of CHI for orientation and educational sessions.

The conference is an opportunity for attendees to get to know one another and share ideas with others from our growing family of Catholic works founded by four Religious Institutes:

- ⇒ Religious Hospitallers of Saint Joseph
- ⇒ Sisters of Charity of the Immaculate Conception
- ⇒ Les Religieuses Filles de Jésus
- ⇒ Les Religieuses de Notre-Dame-Du-Sacré-Coeur



Sister Sarah Maillet, Chair of the Board of CHI welcomes attendees.

This year we welcomed some new Board/Advisory Chairs, whose terms have commenced since our last Plenary session in 2011. We were also very pleased to welcome, the representatives from Les Oeuvres de Hotel-Dieu Saint Joseph in St. Basile, New Brunswick, a new addition to the CHI family. The RHSJs recently transferred ownership and sponsorship responsibility for this Corporation to CHI. The March 2013 [Torch](#) featured a history of this facility.



Pictured here from left to right are: Bob Stewart CEO CHI, Sister Sarah Maillet, Chair CHI Board, Pauline Banville-Pêrusse, General Director and Albert Martin, Board Chair.

CATHOLIC HEALTH INTERNATIONAL VOLUNTEER EXCELLENCE AWARD

We are in the process of collecting the names of the volunteers that are being nominated from each facility to receive the CHI Volunteer Excellence Award. We want to officially recognize outstanding volunteers who:

- ◇ Demonstrate the Spirit of Volunteerism
- ◇ Reflect the Mission & Values
- ◇ Promote their Facility
- ◇ Empower and Educate Others to Volunteer.

An individual from each facility will be awarded annually.

**Joint Leadership Council—Plenary Session
April 4 & 5, 2013 Montreal
Keynote Speakers**

Sister Elizabeth Davis, RSM

Congregational Leader, Sisters of Mercy Generalate, St. Johns, NF spoke to the group about the "Ministry of Leadership in Times of Uncertainty and Promise".



As healthcare leaders we are challenged daily by a multitude of influences beyond our control. She reminded us of the social shifts worldwide; the changing face of family, growing social discontent, the various influences on health, including ecological issues, computerization and social media, the global gender gap, increasing poverty and financial crises.

We explored population pyramids for Canada and the United States until 2050. She explained that there are six generations living today for the first time and we discussed the challenges that this presents to our healthcare system and the needs of our communities.

Our understanding of what health is and what influences health is changing as well: food security, nutritional well-being, water, tobacco, mental health, infectious disease, violence, climate change, war, terrorism.

Father Francis Morrissey, OMI is a Canon Lawyer and Professor Emeritus of canon law at Ottawa's Saint Paul University. He spoke to the group about what it means to be a "Catholic" Corporation from a Canonical perspective and provided us with a brief history of the Code of Canon Law which was rewritten in 1983 to express in legal terms, the insights of the Second Vatican Council.



Although the 1983 Code addressed an obvious need in the Church at the time, he reminded us of how vastly the world has changed in the last 30 years (i.e. the fall of the iron curtain) and how that continues to affect Canon Law. Another major impact has been the exponential growth of lay persons working full time in apostolate works and the steady decline in the numbers of religious. Most healthcare facilities were sponsored by the religious congregations/institutes that founded them, so this has affected models of sponsorship as well.

He explained that in Canon Law, a sponsored work must have a spiritual purpose, which can be either a work of piety, a work of the apostolate or a work of charity and must answer a need. The corporal works of mercy include; feeding the hungry; clothing the naked; sheltering the homeless and visiting and caring for the sick.

Sister Sarah Quackenbush, CSJ is a Consultant in Mission and Education for Catholic Health Corporation of Ontario. Her presentation was entitled "Blazing a New Trail - Keeping the Legacy Alive....It's your Turn".



She provided us with a history of the founding of religious works in the early years. There was a much stronger relationship between community and Church then, and the family unit was stronger.

Today, more laity are working in positions traditionally filled by religious. In 1968 there were 770 religious CEOs (hospitals in the United States) and in 2013 there were 4. Further, we have many religions represented within our facilities, on our staff and amongst those we serve. Exposure to Church is very different today.

Her presentation challenged us to think about what is required by us to keep the flame burning. We explored Stewardship, Ministry, Sponsorship and the Gospel Tradition, which tells us that Jesus reached out to the poor, sick and vulnerable and that there is a biblical mandate to care for the poor. Sister asked us a number of questions:

Are you up to the challenge and ready to carry the torch?
What will your legacy be in 20 or 30 years from now?
How can you inspire our next generation to be part of the call to these ministries?

Sr. Mary M. Haddad, RSM is Senior Director of Sponsor Services at Catholic Health Association of the United States. Her presentation was entitled "Stewarding the Ministry in Times of Change".



She discussed the development of institutional ministries due to the socioeconomic problems created by urbanization during the industrial revolution in Europe in the 18th century, through to the immigration of Catholics to New France, and how congregations responded to bring care to communities that had none. Early hospitals were modeled on the almshouses of Europe and care was given to the chronically and mentally ill, aged, prostitutes, alcoholics, vagrants and the homeless.

She walked us through the evolution of the various "sponsorship" models and changing structures of healthcare systems.

Sister explained that the social mission of the Church today, must be responsive to contemporary needs. We are still directed to care for the poor and advocate on behalf of the needy and this should be evident in the work of the organization and expressed in its core values.

A working knowledge of Catholic faith is required by today's leaders, to enable them to shape the culture of the organization and integrate Catholic identity throughout their facility and extend ministry values into the larger community that they serve.



CHAC 2013 Annual Conference

May 1–3, 2013

Calgary, AB

Fairmont Palliser Hotel



Catholic Health Association of Ontario

Association Catholique de la Santé de l'Ontario

CHAO 2013 Annual Convention

October 2, 3 & 4

Toronto Marriott Bloor Yorkville Hotel

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Did you know that CHAUS was established in 1915 as the Catholic Health Association for the United States and Canada?



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2013 CATHOLIC HEALTH ASSEMBLY
JUNE 2-4 - ANAHEIM, CALIF.

Catholic Health Association of New Brunswick



CHANB 2013 Annual Convention

September 19 & 20

Rodd Inn Miramichi, NB

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