



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

CATHOLIC HEALTH INTERNATIONAL VOLUNTEER EXCELLENCE AWARD

In this issue, we feature more of the recipients of the 1st annual CHI Volunteer Excellence Award! We are still collecting the names of the volunteers that are being nominated from each of our sponsored facilities. If your facility has not yet submitted a volunteer please do so. Here is a link to [information](#) about the award you might need.

We want to recognize outstanding volunteers who:

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

An individual from each facility will be awarded annually so make sure you submit the name of your excellent volunteer! Please send information and presentation photos to Catherine at cbatten@chpci.com and we will feature your presentation in upcoming issues.

Hotel Dieu of St. Joseph, Perth Andover, NB
Doreen Roach was recently presented with the Volunteer Excellence Award from Catholic Health International.

"Doreen has been a very loyal and dedicated volunteer at Hotel Dieu for many years. She has a great understanding of patient needs and is very comfortable in the health care environment. She is a very kind and caring person."



Pictured here with Father Gilbert Doddatto, Advisory Chair

Doreen was employed at the hospital as both an LPN and Physio Assistant and for ten years served on the Advisory Committee (Board), including three years as Chairperson. She has also spent many years as a Pastoral visitor and spends time with patients ministering to their spiritual needs. Congratulations Doreen and thank you!

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Hotel-Dieu Grace Hospital, Windsor, ON
Sister Vivienne Caron was recently presented with the Volunteer Excellence Award from Catholic Health International.

Sister Vivienne, is part of the Ursuline of Sisters Order of the Chatham Union. She began volunteering at Hotel-Dieu Grace in 2006 in the Admitting Department where she is present several times per week. She assists the staff and is responsible for directing patients to register and to help patients and family find their way to where they need to go within the hospital.



Left to Right: Marie Campagna, VP Strategic Information Management and CFO, Ken Deane, CEO, Sister Vivienne Caron, Janice Kaffer VP Clinical Programs and Chief Nursing Executive and Carol Derbyshire, Board Chair.

"Sister Vivienne strives to please and assist others. She projects a warmth and sensitivity that affects all who come into contact with her. She has an aura of caring and love for others that is inspiring. Sister Vivienne is viewed by all as an amazing woman with a generous and giving spirit." Congratulations Sister and thank you!

Foyer Notre-Dame-de-Lourdes, Bathurst, NB
Part of the Nursing Home Renovation and Replacement Plan by the New Brunswick government, Foyer Notre-Dame-de Lourdes recently opened a new wing which added 30 beds to the nursing home. Construction started in 2011. Residents and staff celebrated with their own ribbon cutting ceremony when they transferred their first resident to the new wing.



Left to right: Lee McIntyre, Director of Support Services, Claire Savoie, Executive Director, Leonard Doucet (1st resident transferring to the new wing), Gisèle Mallet (Director of Nursing) and Daniel Roy (Nurse Manager)

The official grand opening will take place in the fall.

Annual Convention - October 2, 3 & 4 2013
This year's theme: **"Organizational Identity: The Individual and Collective Challenge for Catholic Health Care"**

Toronto Marriott Bloor Yorkville Hotel
[Convention Brochure](#)

Pre-Convention Trustee/Director Seminar

Building upon the success of last year's event, a Pre-Convention Seminar is being offered, co-sponsored by CHAO and CHI. This is a unique opportunity for Trustees/Directors from across the province to come together to meet with colleagues from other Catholic health organizations and sponsor groups, to reflect upon issues and topics specific to governance of Catholic health organizations.

This year's Seminar will focus on the core value of Justice within Catholic health care: **"Health Care an Essential Good."** Justice is a key concept for the kinds of relationships, practices and policies that Catholic health organizations and their boards should foster.

This seminar is offered at no charge to conference attendees, but does require registration. For more information see the Convention Brochure above. [REGISTER](#)

Catholic Health International Board of Directors & Corporation meeting dates for 2013 / 2014:

September 11, October TBA, November 20 2013
February 5 and April 16, 2014

2014 CHI and Corporations Annual meetings: June 11-13

Catholic Health Association of New Brunswick L'Association Catholique de la santé du Nouveau-Brunswick

Annual Convention - September 19 & 20 2013
This year's theme: **"Fostering an Ethical Culture: Rules are Not Enough"**

Rodd Inn Miramichi, NB
[Convention Flyer](#)

Keynote Speaker Hazel J. Markwell, PhD, DTh, is Director of the Centre for Clinical Ethics, a shared service between Providence Healthcare, St. Joseph's Health Centre and St. Michael's Hospital, in Toronto.

An Assistant Professor in the Department of Anaesthesia at the U of T, her background includes work as an Ethicist at St. Mary's Hospital in Montreal, and a Theologian at Concordia University. Her research interests include End of Life Care, Conflict Resolution and Organizational Ethics.



To view the program details and for registration instructions please click [here](#)

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Catholic Health International Centre for Excellence in Leadership (update)

Each of the Pillar Committees have met and have begun the task of developing individual priorities for the 2013 - 2014 fiscal year. The mandate of each Pillar and their primary objectives have been identified and reviewed.

Recommendations from each Pillar Committee are being made to the Board of CHI through their individual Pillar Sponsor, regarding their work-plan and any budget requirements for the coming year.

Click [here](#), to see the organizational chart for the Centre of Excellence to view the Centre's structure, Pillar Sponsors and committee members.



This issue of the Torch, features an update from two Pillar committee meetings.

"Values Integration Assessment Program (VIAP)"

Committee reported that there are six facilities within the CHI family that have requested assessment during the next year. It was noted that all CHI sponsored facilities will be required to go through the program.

The committee established the following working objectives:

1. What will be the frequency of CHI facility assessments?
2. Ongoing program development;
3. Is it feasible to offer the program to Corporations outside the CHI family?;
4. Sharing "best practices" from assessment results across the CHI system i.e. newsletter
5. Committee to establish "Terms of Reference"
6. What resources are required for the on-going maintenance of the program i.e. the number of surveyors in both official languages, required documentation
7. Facility Certification following completion of the assessment.

The **"Spiritual & Religious Care"** Committee is looking at training standards for both professional spiritual care providers and volunteers within our CHI sponsored facilities.

The plan is to complete a survey with each facility to assess a picture of the numbers of spiritual care professionals and volunteers and to determine the level of education and clinical pastoral education that our staff have. This survey may be used to develop an education strategy for CHI.

It is hoped that information on various programs that the spiritual care departments offer in our facilities will be shared through this process. This information may be kept on the CHI website and CHI members will be able to access information about different programs at different facilities and make contact with program leaders.

David Levangie, Pillar Chair is open to suggestions and thoughts. "We are looking forward to discussing the many different facets of Spiritual Care in health care at our committee meetings." Please don't hesitate to contact David at David.Levangie@HorizonNB.CA