



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

New London, Wisconsin

On August 3rd, 2013 we were notified of the accidental drowning death of one of our own - our friend and colleague Mr. Robert Fietsch. Bob was Executive Director of our New London facilities: St. Joseph Residence Nursing Home, Washington Center, Marian Heights Apartments and Trinity Terrace.



Most of you will remember Bob from our Leadership Council meetings. He completed his Foundations of Catholic Healthcare leadership Program in Saint John, NB in June 2011. He's pictured here (left) with the other attendees of that program.



As a group, we will feel his absence each time we get together in the future. We will miss his wonderful sense of humour, sharp wit and kindness. Our hearts go out to his family and the staff and residents in New London who are dealing with this tragic loss.

St. Joseph's Hospital, Dalhousie NB
Sister Jeannine Leclerc of the Filles de Jésus was recently presented with the CHI Volunteer Excellence Award.

Sister Leclerc has volunteered for many years throughout Dalhousie providing comfort to the elderly, the sick and the disabled. She regularly visits the Palliative Care Unit at St. Joseph Hospital, where she prays with and for patients,



distributes holy communion when asked, and supports families in need. Sister spends many hours visiting residents at nursing homes in the region and is in charge of Pastoral Care at Dalhousie Nursing Home. Sister Leclerc (left) is pictured here receiving her award from Ms. Dina Haché Facility Manager at St. Joseph's Hospital. Congratulations Sister Leclerc and thank you!

St. Joseph's Continuing Care Centre, Cornwall ON
About a year ago Darren Marleau returned to Cornwall, his home town, after spending four years in Ottawa because it was the only place in the region that could accommodate his complex needs. Born with spina bifida, Darren requires assisted ventilation at night to help him breathe.



A number of partners collaborated on a project to bring the specialized care to St. Joseph's Continuing Care Centre, where nurses were trained on ventilation technology so Darren could move home.

Bonnie Ruest, CEO at St. Joseph's Continuing Care Centre, says that not only has Darren's quality of life improved immensely, but the initiative has enabled the organization to enhance its nursing skills. "It demonstrates that health-service providers can collaborate and have great success."

Angie St. Louis pictured above with Darren, a registered nurse at St. Joseph's, coincidentally provided home-care support for Darren in Cornwall when he was younger. Angie is now one of his main caregivers at St. Joseph's. "You've come a long way, Darren," she tells him. "I think we've learned a lot together."

Foyer Notre-Dame-de-Lourdes, Bathurst, NB recently celebrated the official opening of 30 new beds.



Construction started in 2011 as part of the province wide NURSING HOME RENOVATION OR REPLACEMENT PROJECT.

Pictured here is Sister Sarah Maillet speaking to Claire Savoie, Executive Director and the Minister of Social Development for New Brunswick Madeline Dube about the history of the RHSJs at the facility. In the background on the right is Bob Stewart CEO of CHI and the Board Chair at Foyer Notre-Dame-de-Lourdes, Francis Goguen.

Integrity compels us to align who we say we are with what we do.

Shared Statement of Catholic Identity



We are the people of Catholic health care, a ministry of the church continuing Jesus' mission of love and healing today.

As provider, employer, advocate, citizen — bringing together people of diverse faiths and backgrounds — our ministry is an enduring sign of health care rooted in our belief

that every person is a treasure, every life a sacred gift, every human being a unity of body, mind, and spirit.

We work to bring alive the Gospel vision of justice and peace. We answer God's call to foster healing, act with compassion, and promote wellness for all persons and communities, with special attention to our neighbors who are poor, underserved, and most vulnerable. By our service, we strive to transform hurt into hope.

As the church's ministry of health care, we commit to:

- Promote and Defend Human Dignity
- Attend to the Whole Person
- Care for Poor and Vulnerable Persons
- Promote the Common Good
- Act on Behalf of Justice
- Steward Resources
- Act in Communion with the Church

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

November 20, 2013
February 5 and April 16, 2014
Annual meetings: June 11-13 2014

St. Bernard Hospital, Chicago Ill is providing free diabetes testing at a local Wal-Mart. An estimated **285 million people** worldwide are affected by diabetes, with a further 7 million people developing it each year. This number is expected to hit 438 million by 2030.

Faced with an explosion of younger and younger people developing diabetes, with large numbers going undiagnosed, the clinic is appealing to the community to get tested and take action. Many of those going undiagnosed are teenagers and young adults. Early diagnosis is important to stopping or controlling diabetes which is why St. Bernard decided to take action to address the numbers of undiagnosed diabetics.

Facility Newsletters: Check these out!

[Hotel Dieu Hospital](#), Kingston, ON
[Langlade Hospital](#), Antigo, WI
[St. Joseph's Continuing Care Centre](#), Cornwall, ON
Partners In Mission [Food Bank](#), Kingston, ON
[Hotel-Dieu Grace Healthcare](#), Windsor, ON

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Hôtel-Dieu Grace Hospital, Windsor ON

A number of festivities took place in September as Hôtel-Dieu Grace Hospital celebrated **125 years of service** to the Windsor Community!



The Ouellette Street site of Hotel-Dieu Grace has a long and interesting history. It was originally established in 1887 by Fr. T. Wagner, pastor of St. Alphonsus Church as a mission for black children whose families had immigrated from the southern united states.

There were many orphans then and black children were not admitted to white schools, so Fr. Wagner needed to raise funds to run such a mission. He circulated letters requesting donations of a dime.

The RHSJs in Montreal received one of his letters.

Mother Justine Bonneau, Superior at the time was so touched by his devotion that she sent him a small piece of gold valued at \$2.50 as the Community's contribution, adding "that if you were to found a hospital in Windsor, you should not hesitate to call upon the Religious Hospitallers of St. Joseph." There had been talk of building a hospital but there was a lack of necessary funds and interest in running one. Fr. Wagner seized this opportunity to invite the RHSJs to come to Windsor to establish a hospital and to teach the black children.



Five Sisters from Montreal arrived in September 1888 to pioneer this great work. Construction of the hospital began in October 1888 and the official blessing took place one year later. The opening of the Hospital was February 13, 1890 when the Sisters admitted their first patient to a three-story brick building with a capacity of 100 beds. Over the years, Hotel Dieu grew to encompass the needs of the community and evolved into Hotel-Dieu Grace Hospital through an affiliation agreement with the Salvation Army and their Grace Hospital.

Today Hotel-Dieu Grace Hospital transitions again; from an acute care hospital on Ouellette Street to Hotel-Dieu Grace Healthcare on a multi acre site on Prince Street, providing the following specialized care:

- ⇒ Specialized Geriatric Services
- ⇒ Complex Continuing Care
- ⇒ Adult Specialized Mental Health and Addiction Services
- ⇒ Rehabilitation
- ⇒ Children's mental health services

The Ouellette Street site is no longer a Catholic facility and was leased to Windsor Regional Hospital. It was decommissioned by the local Bishop. The new site for Hotel-Dieu Grace Healthcare, is known locally as the Tayfour Campus, and commissioning is underway as it has become a Catholic facility sponsored by CHI. This change became effective October 1 through affiliation and lease agreements with Windsor Regional Hospital, approved by Ministry of Health and the Members of the Corporation.

Catholic Health International would like to welcome all of the Tayfour Campus employees to our family!