



# The Torch

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**Les Œuvres de Hôtel-Dieu Saint-Joseph**, Saint-Basile, NB  
The official opening of the Heritage Room of the Religious Hospitallers of Saint Joseph, and the launch of the new the [Archives](#) website for St. Basile, took place in May. The room contains artefacts related to activities that took place there until approximately 1973. Artefacts are grouped to illustrate the life and works that took place there, care of the sick, education, religious community, Catholic religion and manual tasks. There is also a space for visitors to explore the virtual exhibition of 927 ancient photos on the new web site.



The Archives go back to the arrival of the RHSJ Sisters in the Madawaska area in 1873 and are intended to help preserve documents they created and the works they accomplished at Hôtel-Dieu Saint-Joseph in Saint Basile. They provided an orphanage and boarding schools, a public school and a college for young women. It also became the first hospital in the region, was a residence for persons of private means and a nursing home. In 2000 Hôtel-Dieu was recognized as a Provincial Historic Site by the province for its architecture, and in 2011 it was designated a Provincial Heritage Place.

*Pictured here on opening day, examining the 1873 to 1904 Register of the Sick: Dr Guy Savoie, his wife Janine, Albert Martin, (on the right) Board Chair of Les Œuvres de Hôtel-Dieu Saint-Joseph.*



**PARTNERS IN MISSION FOOD BANK**, Kingston, ON  
Inmate volunteers from Collins Bay Institution have planted over an acre of vegetables for the Food Bank this year. Last year they grew 36,000 pounds! The Food bank provides the seeds, the inmates start the seedlings in a greenhouse and two inmates oversee the planting with five to seven others helping out. They pump water from an old well into a big tank; fill up plastic drums at the end of each row, then water by hand with watering cans. "It's quite labour-intensive, but it's beautifully done - the attention to detail is incredible." says Sandy Singers, Executive Director of the Food Bank. "We're really grateful for this program, as one of our biggest challenges is to get fresh produce so we really rely on the growing season. They're very mindful of keeping it organic and keeping it well maintained. The inmates are motivated by the desire to give back to the community, despite their incarceration, plus it breaks up their normal routine, and they're able to be outside all day and work the land. They all seem to enjoy it" he said.

**Hôtel-Dieu Grace Healthcare**, Windsor, ON

On behalf of the Members of the Corporation and the Board of Catholic Health International, Dr. Robert Stewart President & CEO would like to announce the appointment of Ms. Janice Kaffer to the position of President and CEO at Hôtel-Dieu Grace effective September 8th, at which time Mr. Ken Deane will retire.



Janice currently serves as Vice President of Clinical Programs and Chief Nursing Executive at Hôtel-Dieu Grace. Please join us in welcoming Janice to the family!

**Sister Evelyn Leonard** RHSJ (1918-2014) passed away on July 10 at the Sisters of Providence Motherhouse in Kingston ON. Sister was 95 years of age, of which 61 years were spent in religious life.

Sister Leonard was a long-time Director and committee member at HDH in Kingston, as well as Director of Finance for some time. She will be remembered by many, as the driving force behind the creation of Partners in Mission Food Bank in 1984 in Kingston. The RHSJs learned that the greatest unmet need in the community at that time was food for those living in poverty. The first collection was in June that year and four local Catholic Churches participated. The food was sorted at St. Joseph Regional House in Amherstview and then forwarded to St. Vincent de Paul for their emergency food distribution program.



Apparently it was very common until just a few years ago, for Sister Leonard to pack up a food hamper at the Amherstview storage location and her and another Sister would go off in the station wagon to deliver it.

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### ST. BERNARD HOSPITAL, Chicago Illinois

The Dental Center at St. Bernard Hospital was recently awarded the \$100,000 Wisdom Tooth Award from Delta Dental of Illinois Foundation. This annual award is to help expand an existing children's oral health program, and recognizes one Illinois non-profit organization that has made a significant impact on improving children's oral health through education and access to resources and care. The Center provides comprehensive oral health care to children living in underserved communities on the South Side of Chicago. Dr. Vipul Singhal, Director of oral



health services at the Dental Center (pictured here with the Center staff) says, "Children with special needs face increased oral health problems because of physical, cognitive and financial challenges. Routine care like

brushing and flossing can be more difficult for these children and may require caregiver support. They may also lack the communication skills to convey they are experiencing dental pain." The Dental Center trains parents and caregivers to look for changes in children's behavior to detect oral health issues before they become chronic conditions. Congratulations!

### HOTEL DIEU OF SAINT-JOSEPH, Perth Andover, NB



Sister is pictured here (left) with Karen O'Regan, Facility Manager

Staff at Hotel Dieu recently received a very much appreciated surprise visit from Sister Evangeline Poirier, the last Sister to serve at the Hospital. Everyone took time to visit and share in this treasured moment. Sister Poirier works at Villa St. Joseph du Lac in Yarmouth NS, and is a member of the Mission Pillar of the CHI Centre for Excellence in Leadership.

### CHI VOLUNTEER EXCELLENCE AWARD

Rocmaura, Saint John, NB



Annually, Rocmaura hosts a banquet to honour their volunteers. Recipients of the CHI Volunteer Excellence award were presented with their award at the banquet.

Rocmaura Foundation awarded John and Susan Delaney the CHI Award and Rocmaura Nursing Home awarded Jean Hamel. This group photo was taken at the banquet. Congratulations everyone and thank you!

### CATHOLIC HEALTH INTERNATIONAL (CHI) VOLUNTEER EXCELLENCE AWARD

St. Joseph Hospital in Dalhousie, NB recently honored Ms. Mae Lawlor, who has been a member of the St. Joseph Auxiliary for 25 years. She is also a member of Pastoral Care and devotes her time to patients in the palliative care unit.



In her nomination letter, Leola Darrah President of the Auxiliary writes, "Her commitment of Volunteerism and her loving presence towards our patients of the palliative care unit reflect the Mission and Values of our facility and make her a person of choice for this recognition". Congratulations!

Mae is pictured here (right) with Dina Haché, Facility Manager

### YTD Recipients of the CHI Volunteer Excellence Award:

Pascal Chishom – St. Joseph's Hospital, Saint John, NB  
Israel Maillioux – Hotel Dieu Shaver, St. Catharines, ON  
Gloria Hoggett – St. Joseph's Continuing Care, Cornwall, ON  
Dawn Ofsthun - Langlade Hospital, Antigo, WI  
Susan and John Delaney – Rocmaura Foundation  
Jean Hamel – Rocmaura Nursing Home, Saint John, NB

Please submit the name of your truly outstanding Volunteer to [ebowes@chpci.com](mailto:ebowes@chpci.com) Send photos to [cbatten@chpci.com](mailto:cbatten@chpci.com)

### IMPORTANT DATES AND EVENTS! MARK YOUR CALENDARS!

#### Catholic Health International Leadership Alumni

**Atlantic Group** - September 17, 2014

Keynote : Professor Tracy Carr U of NB Nursing Program:  
"Spirituality: the invisible ingredient in health and healing"

#### Catholic Health Association of New Brunswick

**2014 Annual Convention:** September 18 & 19 2014  
Rodd Inn, Miramichi, NB

#### Catholic Leadership Formation Program

(English) Module 2 September 23, 24, 25 2014

Location: Montreal at [Villa Saint Martin](#)

(French) Module 1 May 6, 7, 8 2015

(French) Module 2 Sept 23, 24, 25 2015

Location to be determined

#### Catholic Health International Leadership Alumni

**Central Group** - September 30, 2014

Keynote : Professor Tracy Carr U of NB Nursing Program:  
"Spirituality: the invisible ingredient in health and healing"

#### Catholic Health Association of Ontario

**2014 Annual Convention:** October 1 to 3, 2014

Bloor Yorkville Marriott Hotel, Toronto, ON

#### Catholic Health International

**Leadership Council** October 14-17 2014

hosted by Langlade Hospital, Antigo WI

#### Leadership Council Plenary Session

April 9 & 10, 2015 Fairmont Queen Elizabeth Montreal

**Board of Directors & Corporation meeting dates for 2014**

September 11, November 19