

## Important Dates and Events!

May 15-17, 2019  
**CHAC Annual Conference,**  
Banff AB

May 28-31, 2019  
**Catholic Leadership French Formation**  
Program Module 2

Sep 18-19, 2019  
**Catholic Health Association of New Brunswick Conference**  
Miramichi, NB

Sep 25-27, 2019  
**Fall Leadership Council**  
Miramichi, NB

Oct 1-3, 2019  
**Catholic Leadership English Formation**  
Program Module 1

Oct 24-25, 2019  
**Catholic Health Association of Ontario Conference**  
Toronto, ON

**CHI Board Meeting Dates:**  
June 5, 2019  
June 7, 2019

## Joint Leadership Council – Plenary Session Montreal, Quebec - April 25<sup>th</sup> and 26<sup>th</sup> 2019

**Sister Bonnie MacLellan, csj.** Congregational Leader of the Sisters of St. Joseph of Sault Ste. Marie and Canon Lawyer, opened the



Plenary session with a presentation on Sponsorship and Canon Law. She explored how Canon Law is law in service of the

community of believers, the transition from Sisters to Sponsors, reserved powers, religion in popular culture and the importance of Catholic social teaching in healthcare.

Sister MacLellan was followed by **Sister Sarah Quackenbush, csj.** former President of St. Joseph's General Hospital in Elliot Lake and Vice President at the Catholic Health



Corporation of Ontario in charge of Mission and Education. She explored why formation is necessary, lessons she learned from her

years of teaching leadership formation, the benefits of formation development and what steps we should explore next.

**Heather Oakley** followed Sister Quackenbush and shared, in detail, CHI's revised Formation Program and the work of the Leadership Pillar. Heather outlined the ten core elements of Catholic Health Care Formation with mission and values at the centre of these elements.

She also gave an overview the two modules and the topics to be covered in those six days.

The final keynote speaker was internationally known Canon Lawyer **Father Frank Morrissey.** He is a professor emeritus at St. Paul University in Ottawa and was the first recipient of the CHI Founders Award in 2018 in recognition of his outstanding commitment and contribution to the Healing Ministry of Jesus. A



key component of his message was for CHI to better understand our charism, as it is the key that underlies our mission.

In his usual combination of thought provoking ideas and humour, he challenged us to view our ministry as gift in service of others. He used Pope Francis' message for the 2019 World Day of the Sick to explore what gift really means in the context of healthcare. Father Morrissey noted that this gift is more than simply giving presents, "it involves the giving of oneself" and "the desire to build a relationship... it is an acknowledgement of others and is a reflection of God's love." He also explored the 9 guidelines in Father Gerald Arbuckle's book, *Humanizing Healthcare Reforms* related to mission. He was able to share how these guidelines relate to the work CHI is doing in formation. He closed out his talk on exploring how transparency and integrity are keys for CHI as a Ministerial Juridic Person when dealing with transfer of goods (stable patrimony).

## Missioning Ceremony

The first day of our Plenary Session closed with a wonderful celebration of Missioning and Recommitment. Sr. Anita Holmes, CHI Board Chairperson and Dr. Robert Stewart, CHI President and CEO led the ceremony.



The ceremony was held in two parts. The first was the missioning of Mr. Dennis Savoie and Mr. Daniel Irwin and the second was the recommitment ceremony for all present. Mr. Savoie has joined the CHI Board of Directors following his recent retirement as the Canadian Ambassador to the Vatican and Mr. Irwin has joined the CHI family as the new Executive Director at the Partners in Mission Food Bank in Kingston, Ontario.



L-R: Daniel Irwin, Dennis Savoie, Robert Stewart

**The Torch** is always looking for submissions. Do you have a story to tell about your facility?

A person or project that you think others would be interested in knowing more about? If you do, please submit it for publication in Catholic Health International's newsletter, the Torch. If you have any questions or wish to send a submission please contact David Levangie at 506-693-8815 or [dlevangie@chpci.com](mailto:dlevangie@chpci.com). We look forward to hearing from you.

## Partners in Mission Food Bank Executive Director Sandy Singers Retires



At our recent Plenary Session banquet we celebrated the many years of service, vision and leadership of Sandy Singers as Executive Director of the Partners in Mission Food Bank. He dedicated over 26 years of his career to the Food Bank starting as warehouse manager in 1993. He appreciated how important a service the Food Bank is and he saw it more of a calling than a job. In Sandy's own words, "it had taught me to care more, be more, do more and live more." We wish Sandy well in his retirement as he embarks on this new phase of his journey.

## Executive Assistants Training

A training session was held in Montreal on April 24<sup>th</sup> and 25<sup>th</sup> to provide information on Catholic Health International. This information session included a review of the reporting documents, processes, policies, by laws, education programs and available resources. 15 participants travelled from Wisconsin, Illinois, Ontario and New Brunswick to attend. We thank them for taking the time from their busy schedules and for the engaged participation in the two day session.



## Catholic Leadership Formation Program

Registrations are now open for Module 1.

Fall 2019

English Program

October 1-3, 2019

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### Hotel Dieu Hospital Hosts Appreciation Tea for Sister Annette Valade



Sister Valade a long time volunteer at Hotel Dieu Hospital (Kingston Health Science Centre) in the Spiritual Health and Endoscopy Departments, was recently celebrated at the Hospital. Many staff members, RHSJ Associates, Volunteers and Physicians and local Priests came to thank her for her ministry. It was a wonderful event and guests had the opportunity to write a message of appreciation in a hard-cover book for her to keep.

Shown in the photo is Caroline Manley (HDH Board Chair, representative of the Archbishop, and member of our Mission & Values Coordinating Committee) pinning an orchid corsage onto Sister Valade's blazer at the start of the festivities.



### New London Chamber of Commerce awards St. Joseph Residence "Beautification Award"



St. Joseph Residence was the proud recipient of the "Beautification Award" from the New London Chamber of Commerce. They were also nominated for business of the year. Gidget Blank, Executive Director at St. Joseph Residence was very pleased with the award and nomination and stated "thank you to all the staff who make us great and all the families and community members who support the important mission we serve!"



St. Joseph's Health Care Society in London Ontario is seeking a driven, collaborative CEO to provide compassionate, visionary leadership in accordance with their mission, policies, standards and objectives. To qualify for this unique and exciting opportunity, the successful candidate must have proven senior leadership and strategic planning experience, coupled with a University Degree in Business, Commerce, or a related field of study – a Master's degree will be strongly preferred. Experience within a healthcare setting or Not-For-Profit environment will be a definite asset. To express your interest in this opportunity please submit your cover letter and resume to [www.pmg.on.ca/bullhorn/#/jobs/4216](http://www.pmg.on.ca/bullhorn/#/jobs/4216)



## Catholic Health International Volunteer Excellence Award at Hotel Dieu Shaver Health and Rehabilitation Centre



David Ceglie – Interim VP Operations, Paul Nestor, Sister Louise Dillon, rhsj – Director of Mission



The Catholic Health International Volunteer Excellence Award is given to a Hotel Dieu Shaver Health and Rehabilitation volunteer each year who demonstrates the spirit of volunteerism, reflects the mission and value of Hotel Dieu Shaver, promotes our facility and its programs and services, and empowers and educates others to volunteer.

This year, Hotel Dieu Shaver's recipient is a former patient who has devoted his time to our Carpentry Shop since 2015 – Mr. Paul Nestor. Paul was in a car accident which left him needing extensive rehabilitation. Paul volunteers an average of 15 hours each week. Paul continues to support the Carpentry Shop and most recently has been a part of the Hospital's new fund-raising initiative. Paul and the patients of the Carpentry Shop together create magnificent charcuterie boards, cutting boards, and bread boards that are then sold on the Hospital's website and at local artisan shops in support of the hospital. If you were to walk by the Carpentry Shop window on any given afternoon, you would see Paul with a few patients, cutting, gluing, and sanding away. Congratulations Paul on receiving the CHI Volunteer Excellence Award for Hotel Dieu Shaver!

## Mount Saint Joseph's Nursing Home celebrates the Feast of St. Joseph

On March 19<sup>th</sup> several C.H.I. facilities celebrated the feast of St. Joseph. St. Joseph's life was that of an ordinary workman, yet his ability to see and communicate the presence of God made him extraordinary. With many of our facilities named after St. Joseph some took the time to celebrate in a special way. Shown here is a display at Mount Saint Joseph's Nursing Home in Miramichi that was put in place for the residents and staff to enjoy. Let us ask St. Joseph to give all who serve the healing ministry of Jesus the courage to listen to our dreams and follow what we know to be right, so that we will continue to care for all those in need.



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## *Volunteer Excellence Award*

Don't forget to celebrate those who have exhibited the spirit of volunteerism at your facility by awarding the CHI Volunteer Excellence Award. Contact administration of your facility to nominate a special volunteer of this award.