

# THE TORCH

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## NATIONAL CATHOLIC HEALTH CARE WEEK

Our CHI facilities celebrated Catholic Health Care Week from October 3-9. The theme for this year was “The Courageous Gift of Catholic Health Care” highlighted by four basic principles: inspired to serve, passion for justice, together in care, courage to lead. Our facilities celebrated during these Covid-19 times in creative ways. They engaged in activities that ranged from emailing and posting the daily reflections throughout their facilities to special meditation workshops held for staff. Several facilities had events where staff were given small gifts in recognition of the week including at Aspirus Langlade Hospital in Wisconsin who gave pocket crosses and prayer cards. Staff were also encouraged to look beyond their own facility to the greater community during the week. CHI Volunteer Award presentations were held at many facilities. Several dioceses also participated in the week by sharing information on their websites, in their bulletins and by using the special prayers prepared for use during the week. Catholic Health International wants to thank all those who participated and looks forward to Catholic Health Care Week 2021 next October.

**The courageous gift of  
Catholic health care**

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## RHSJ New Leadership Team

On October 3rd to 10th the Religious Hospitallers of Saint Joseph held their Chapter meetings in Montreal PQ. The theme of their meetings was *In a world in search of meaning, let us move forward together and let us promote Life*. The following women have agreed to serve in the General Administration for the next five years:

Sister Nicole Gaudet, r.h.s.j., Superior General, from Montreal, PQ, Sister Claudette Dionne, r.h.s.j., Assistant from Saint-Basile NB, Sister Alexia Chávez Durand, r.h.s.j., Assistant from Peru and Sister Juline Roberge, r.h.s.j., Assistant from Montreal PQ

In the words of Sister Gaudet, after the assembly, she wrote "together, faithful to our spiritual heritage, with a hospitable heart and open to the world around us, humbly, let us share what we are: a community of women, following Jesus, committed to promoting life, universal brotherhood, and attention to the most vulnerable."

Congratulations to the new members of the Council from the Catholic Health International Board of Directors, staff and sponsored facilities and blessings to Sisters Maire Thérèse Laliberté, outgoing Superior General and all her team. We thank them for their many years of support to our ministry.



# 2021 RHSJ CHAPTER MEETINGS



SISTER NICOLE GAUDET,  
R.H.S.J.  
SUPERIOR GENERAL



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## Funding for Centre of Mental Health Excellence

On October 18th the Ontario provincial government announced that approximately 68 acute mental health beds are expected to be transferred to Hôtel-Dieu Grace Healthcare to improve mental health and addictions services and programs for the people in the Windsor-Essex area. These beds will support a new Centre of Excellence in Mental Health and Addictions for the region, making it easier for patients to receive mental health and addiction services in one location.

“At the new Centre of Mental Health Excellence, clients will be able to access effective and safe services through a single-entry point, making it easier to receive the high-quality care they expect and deserve” said Michael Tibollo, Associate Minister of Mental Health and Addictions.

Janice Kaffer, President & CEO commented that “we are absolutely delighted with the announcement today that moves us a major step forward in the creation of the Centre of Excellence for Mental Health and Addictions. The past year and a half has shown us all the importance of coordinated and streamlined access to services that are available when and where needed.”



Janice Kaffer, President & Chief Executive Officer, Hôtel-Dieu Grace Healthcare, Windsor Mayor Drew Dilkens, Ontario Premier Doug Ford, Ontario Minister of Health Christine Elliott, David Musy, President & Chief Executive Officer, Windsor Regional Hospital

## Funding for Family Navigation Program for Child and Youth Mental Health

A new collaborative program between Hôtel-Dieu Grace Healthcare (HDGH) and Maryvale Adolescent and Family Services has begun this month, helping underserved youth and their families access and connect with mental health care. The goal of the program is to ensure the diverse needs of Windsor-Essex’s children, youth, and their families are accessible, responsive, evidence-informed, collaborative, and family-centered.

The Family Navigation Program for Child and Youth Mental Health will see two Family Navigators, a social worker from HDGH and Maryvale, working with youth and families who have historically experienced barriers to accessing mental health care.



Lisa LaRocque,  
Family Navigator  
HDGH

The Family Navigation Program for Child and Youth Mental Health in Windsor Essex does not provide diagnosis, treatment, case management or crisis services but rather helps underserved groups connect and navigate the system more easily ensuring they are receiving the care they require. “An important part of our work as Lead Agency for Child and Youth Mental Health Services in Windsor-Essex includes developing and operationalizing system-wide change and

Daniel Nehmetallah  
Family Navigator  
Maryvale Adolescent and  
Family Services



resources to better improve access, experiences and mental health outcomes for our region’s children and their families. Together, with Maryvale, that is exactly what the Family Navigation Program will do,” explained Terra Cadeau, the Executive Lead, Children and Youth Mental Health at HDGH.

# Catholic Health International Virtual Strategic Planning Session



The three-day strategic planning session that was planned for October 2021 in St. Andrews, NB was postponed to the Spring of 2022 due to Covid-19.

In the mean time, the Board held a one-day virtual strategic session on October 5th. All members of the Board of Directors were able to attend the session led by David Schneider, former President and CEO of our Aspirus Langlade Hospital Facility in Antigo, Wisconsin.

David had led the group in a pre-planning session over zoom in the Fall of 2020 where the board identified four priority areas: CHI Board of Directors, Challenges, Spiritual Health and Catholic Identity. From those four priorities it was decided that since we could not meet face to face that the group would focus on the first identified priority, Board of Directors.

The day long session focused on several items relating to our Board of Directors; Structure, Formation, Directors Recruitment/Succession Planning and Meeting Structure. There was a very engaged discussion with several ideas being brought forward for the CHI staff to explore further after the meeting.

The next step in the process is for the Board to meet in the Spring in St. Andrews to discuss the other 3 priorities. The Board members are to be commended for their engagement in this process and their willingness to explore a new and exciting future for CHI and the Board and Staff wish to thank Dave Schneider for his excellent navigation skills in moving our planning forward.



## EDUCATIONAL OPPORTUNITY FOR THOSE IN SPIRITUAL CARE

### THE SPIRITUAL GIFTS OF AGING

VIRTUAL WORKSHOP FOR THOSE PROVIDING SPIRITUAL ACCOMPANIMENT IN HEALTH CARE

**FACILITATOR: MARIO DROUIN**  
THEOLOGIAN, CASC/ACSS SUPERVISOR-EDUCATOR,

Thursday, November 4, 2021

12:00-2:15pm Atlantic Time (Utc/Gmt-3)

Offered in French with Simultaneous English Translation

#### Spiritual Accompaniment and Gerotranscendence:

This workshop will focus on:

- the effects of aging on our spiritual dimension
- an awareness of our personal spiritual dimension as it enhances our accompaniment of others on their spiritual journey
- accompanying people with daily challenges of aging



PRESENTED BY THE NEW BRUNSWICK SPIRITUAL HEALTH NETWORK



### YEAR OF ST. JOSEPH

Joseph had dreams. They weren't always clear nor easy but they were his. Eventually they changed his mind and heart.

Sister M Madeleva Williams csj

# National Conference

Please mark your calendars for the CHAC national conference, which will be held virtually on May 12-13, 2022.

Focusing on the theme *Together in Care: Ensuring Culturally Safe Environments for the People We Serve*, the conference will explore uncomfortable truths—and the shared values and actions that will help move us towards authentic healing and restoration, mutual understanding, trust and community. Further details will be sent to you as the conference program takes shape.



Join Conference

**Virtual via Zoom**

Thursday May 12, 2022 and  
Friday May 13, 2022

For updates about the conference go to: [www.chac.ca](http://www.chac.ca)

## Annual General Meetings

The Catholic Health Association of New Brunswick and the Catholic Health Association of Ontario held their Annual General meetings virtually on September 24th and October 15th respectively. Their face to face conferences were postponed due to Covid-19. It is hoped that both Associations will be able to have their full conferences in the Fall of 2022.



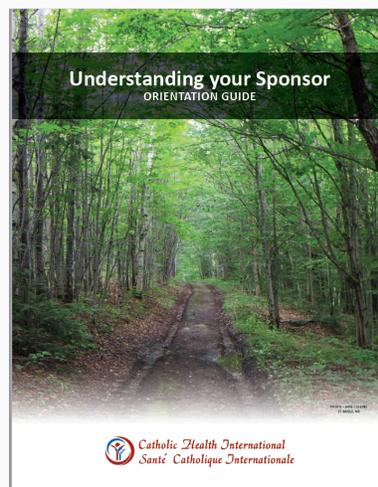
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Several times a year the Center Spiritualitésanté de la Capitale-Nationale publishes its newsletter “INFOLETTRE” of which the Centre Hospitalier Universitaire de Québec and Université Laval are the trustees. The latest edition is available by following the link here.

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## New Orientation Guide



Catholic Health International has completed work on the new publication *Understanding your Sponsor: Orientation Guide*. The plan for the roll out of the document is being worked on and will be shared with our sponsored organizations soon. We would like to thank Heather Oakley, Director of Education Services for CHI, for her leadership on this project.



# Ethical Issues in Caring for Older Adults

The 2021 annual Centre for Clinical Ethics (CCE) conference will be held again this year as a speaker series with lectures/panel discussion over four consecutive Wednesdays in November. This series is free, but registration is required. Please visit their website for more details

## CONFERENCE INFORMATION

**November 3, 2021 - 12:00 p.m. to 1:00 p.m. (ET)**  
*Vulnerability in the senior population from medical, bioethics and legal perspectives*  
Presenters: Dr. Fiona Menzies, Chief of Geriatric Medicine, St. Joseph's Health Centre, Unity Health Toronto  
Mary Oko, Chair, Copernicus Lodge Family Council

**November 10, 2021 - 12:00 p.m. to 1:00 p.m. (ET)**  
*Speakers from the Office of the Public Guardian and Trustee will discuss the role of the Guardianship Investigations Unit*  
Presenters: Sandi Parker, Team Leader of Investigations, Office of the Public Guardian and Trustee  
Philippa Geddie, Counsel, Office of the Public Guardian and Trustee

**November 17, 2021 - 12:00 p.m. to 1:00 p.m. (ET)**  
*Co-creating research in older adults with patients and caregivers*  
Presenter: Sharon Straus, MD, FRCPC, MSc

**November 24, 2021 - 12:00 p.m. to 1:00 p.m. (ET)**  
*Seniors Care*  
Presenter: André Picard, Award-winning National Health Writer

## IMPORTANT DATES & EVENTS

**CHI Board Meeting Dates**  
November 10, 2021 (Corporate)  
November 17, 2021  
December 8, 2021 (Corporate)

**CHI Virtual Leadership Session**  
November 30th, 10:00 a.m. AT

**Leadership Formation Program**  
English Program  
Module 2 of the 2019-2020 English Program has been postponed until Spring of 2022. Registrations are now closed.

French Program  
Module 2 of the 2021-2022 French Program, will be held in the Spring of 2022. Registrations are now closed.

Fall 2022 - Spring 2023  
We are now taking registrations for the upcoming Fall 2022 – Spring 2023 programs in both English and French. Specific dates to be announced.

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