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MOUNT ST JOSEPH AWARDED 30 ADDITIONAL BEDS



(from left) Southwest Miramichi-Bay du Vin MLA Mike Dawson, Miramichi Bay-Neguac MLA Réjean Savoie, Seniors Minister Kathy Bockus, Miramichi MLA Michelle Conroy, and Mount Saint Joseph executive director Mike Kingston

On June 25, the New Brunswick Government announced that Mount Saint Joseph Nursing Home in Miramichi is preparing to add 30 more nursing home beds to the province’s long-term care system.

“Nursing homes are vital community resources providing seniors with the right care at the right time,” said Kathy Bockus, minister responsible for seniors. “This increase in beds will benefit seniors waiting in the community and in hospital for a nursing home placement. I am so pleased we are able to work with dedicated partners, like Mount Saint Joseph, to increase the number of beds in the Miramichi region.”

Earlier this year representatives from Mount Saint Joseph approached Social Development to propose adding new beds on the home’s fourth floor. These beds are in addition to 30 beds the facility opened recently (15 in December 2023 and 15 more in January 2024) as part of the [2018-2023 Nursing Home Plan](#). Two 18-bed licences were also granted for memory care beds and generalist care beds in the same building. “We are so pleased to expand our services again and increase the number of beds we can offer to seniors in the Miramichi region,” said Mike Kingston, the nursing home’s executive director. “I want to thank the Department of Social Development for their continued support.” The 30 new beds are expected to open this fall.



Our thanks and congratulations go out to Mike Kingston, his team at Mount St Joseph’s and to the Board for all their hard work.

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ST. BERNARD HOSPITAL CELEBRATES 120 YEARS

On June 24, St. Bernard Hospital, located on Chicago's South Side, announced the official celebration of its 120-year anniversary. The hospital, located in Englewood, stands as the only community hospital in the neighborhood that still serves families in need of care for urgent issues and preventative services.

The hospital hosted several internal celebratory activities for staff, including a Founder's Day Mass and hospital rededication on Wednesday, June 26. The Mass celebrated the safety-net hospital's commitment of service to Englewood that began on June 26, 1904. "St. Bernard is humbled and proud to celebrate 120 years of delivering quality care to our community," said Patricia Merryweather-Arges, Board Chair and Executive Director of Project Patient Care at St. Bernard Hospital. "We remain committed to our mission to address the holistic needs of our community and continuing the legacy of the hospital's founding sisters, showing exceptional cultural sensitivity and understanding of the unique challenges the people we serve face."

With American safety net hospitals declining nationwide and closing at an alarming rate, St. Bernard Hospital remains steadfast in its commitment to health equity.

St. Bernard Hospital and Health Care Center has served the Englewood community and Chicago's South Side since 1904. The hospital has 174 licensed beds and offers primary and specialty care, behavioral health services, dental care, imaging and rehabilitation among its services. Our mission calls us to care for the sick and promote the health of the residents in the community while witnessing the Christian values of respect, dignity, caring and compassion for all persons.

The hospital treats about 68,000 patients annually, of which 80% rely on Medicaid to pay for medical expenses. The mission of St. Bernard Hospital is to care for the sick and promote the health of the residents in the community while witnessing the Christian values of respect, dignity, caring and compassion for all person.

"Over the years, we've made

significant improvements to the hospital, not the least of which was the addition of a new, state-of-the-art Ambulatory Care Center, which opened in 2016," said Charles Holland, President and CEO of St. Bernard Hospital. "Our patient safety improvements, improvements to the Emergency Department and more underscore our dedication to providing the same level of safe, high-quality care that patients expect from any other hospital in Chicago. We look to do that for many more years." Congratulations to St. Bernard on this important milestone.

ST. BERNARD HOSPITAL

On November 21, 1903, seven Canadian Sisters left their home in Ontario, Canada to help start St. Bernard Hospital. They joined Father Bernard Murray in his mission to care for the growing healthcare needs of the Englewood community.

Since our founding, women have been the foundation of St. Bernard Hospital. We are grateful to the sisters for their courage, leadership and dedication.

Thank you to all the Sisters of the Religious Hospitaliers of Saint Joseph who have served at St. Bernard Hospital throughout these 120 years.



Mother Superior Ann Hopkins, Sr. Mary Anne Blaney, Sr. Helen Jarrell, Sr. Gertrude Leahy, Sr. Elizabeth Norris, Sr. Mary of the Sacred Heart (Catherine Leahy), and Sr. Mary of the Angels (Sarah Farrell)



**Celebrating 120 Years
of Providing Excellence
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*Committed to Care, Collaboration
and Community*

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETINGS



CORPORATE ANNUAL MEETINGS
WEDNESDAY JUNE 26, 2024

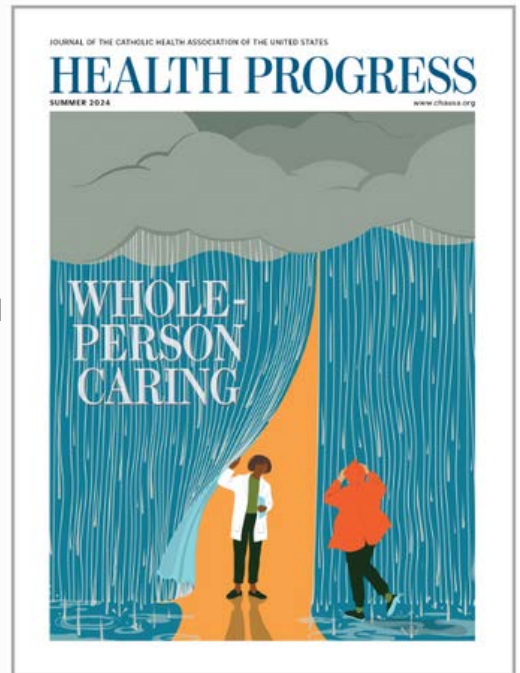
AGENDA

10:00 am Atlantic 9:00 am Eastern 8:00 am Central	Meeting Opening : Land Acknowledgment Opening Prayer Mission Statement	
10:10 am Atlantic 9:10 am Eastern 8:10 am Central	Hotel Dieu Place, Miramichi, NB Annual Meeting Members: Dr. Robert Stewart, Mr. Frank Bagatto, Sister Anita Holmes, Sister Judith Fitzgerald, Ms. Lise Guerrette-Duangle, Mr. Charles Holland, Ms. Suzanne Lafrance-Allaire, Ms. Dina Haché, Ms. Lucie Lombardo, Bishop Claude Champagne and Mr. Robert Creamer.	Plus: Mr. Frank Trevors, Mr. Ron Kierstead, Mr. Ian Flieger, Ms. Ellen Cook, Ray Desveaux

Catholic Health International held its annual meetings for four days in the month of June (June 19, 20, 26 & 27) for many of their sponsored corporations, Catholic Health Partners and Catholic Health Partners Foundation. A significant focus of the meetings were the Annual Accountability Reports to the Sponsor. These reports outline many of the important works of our sponsored facilities and become part of Catholic Health International's Annual Report to Rome. Thank you to our Board of Directors for their commitment and dedication and all who contributed to these meetings.

HEALTH PROGRESS

The Catholic Health of the United States Summer issue of *Health Progress* is available online. This issue explores "WHOLE-PERSON CARING" and the question of "How are health care providers truly caring for the whole person? There are specific articles on mind-body-spirit connections and how health care organizations are encouraging healthy lifestyles, tending to emotional and spiritual wholeness, fostering a better understanding of trauma and distress and how supportive relationships can assist with mental health. It is available at www.chausa.org. Here some links to their featured articles.



- [*Lifestyle Medicine Takes an Expansive View of Well-Being*](#)
- [*New Approaches to Mental Health Aim to Benefit Patients*](#)
- [*Striving for Spiritual Wholeness When Caring for Patients*](#)

CHAC CONFERENCE

Catholic Health Alliance of Canada  Alliance catholique canadienne de la santé

CHAC Annual Conference 2024
Getting to the Heart of It: Being, Caring, Doing
Meaningful Connections and Actions
Winnipeg, Manitoba | May 9-10, 2024
Summary Notes

The Catholic Health Alliance of Canada held its Annual Conference in Winnipeg Manitoba from on May 9th and 10th. An extensive summary of the speakers presentations is available on their website by following this [LINK](#).

THE NDSC CELEBRATE 100 YEARS

This year Les Religieuses de Notre-Dame-du-Sacré-Coeur are celebrating their 100th anniversary. In our next edition of Torch we will highlight some of their celebrations.

DID YOU KNOW...

In the last 100 years there have been 565 religious members of the NDSC.

They have lived in 90 convents/houses in the three Maritime Provinces.

The congregation currently has 80 sisters in Moncton, Dieppe, Bouctouche and Ste-Marie-de-Kent.

The NDSC have taught more than 200,000 young Acadians in public and mixed public schools in the three Maritime Provinces.

The NDSC have had missions in five countries: Colombia, Haiti, Japan, Louisiana (United States) and Peru.

Three NDSC religious have been admitted to the Order of Canada. Mother Jeanne-de-Valois (1989) Sr Aurea Cormier (1995) and Sr Lorette Gallant (1996).



LEADERSHIP FORMATION PROGRAM



Module two of the English Formation Program was held June 25-27th 2024 at the Queen of Apostles Retreat House in Mississauga, Ontario. There was a total of 18 participants from 7 different CHI facilities with 15 graduates. The Formation Team, led by Heather Oakley, CHI's Director of Education Services, presented on three main themes: Canon Law, Ethics and Diversity, Equity and Inclusion. On the first day Chad Glendinning, Dean of Canon Law at Saint Paul's University, presented on Canon Law and Sponsorship. Christopher De Bono Executive Director of Mission, Values and Spiritual Care at Unity Health presented on Healthcare Ethics the second day and led the group in case review and discussion. The final day of the Program concluded with an excellent presentation on Diversity, Equity and Inclusion by Allison Needham, Director of Anti-Racism, Equity and Social Accountability at Unity Health and Sr Annelle Fitzpatrick who presented on the topic of Building Culturally Competent Healthcare Organizations. CHI would like to thank all the participants, presenters and Heather Oakley, for their involvement in this most important program that leads to a better understanding of what it means to live the mission of Catholic healthcare. Congratulations to all the graduates and we look forward to Module Two of the French Program in September.



Seated (L to R): Danielle London, Julia Steeves, Christina Harvey, Abbie Kingston, Cindy Muise, Lynne Dafeo
Standing (L to R): Shelley Henry, Renaud Golsse, Benjamin McCullough, Cindy-Ann Drouin, Katie Jean Snipp, Christopher Gillies, Renate Ilse, Jennifer Eagan, Lynn McPhee, Tom Hart, Heather Oakley, Margaret Shepherd, Jason Hann

VOLUNTEER EXCELLENCE AWARDS DEADLINE EXTENDED

IMPORTANT DATES & EVENTS



THE CATHOLIC HEALTH INTERNATIONAL



Volunteer Excellence Awards

Catholic Health International recognizes the tremendous dedication of our volunteers and is pleased to accept nominations for the Annual Volunteer Recognition Award. One recipient will be awarded to each CHI sponsored facility.

To nominate, follow this [LINK](#).

Deadline for nominations is extended to Fall 2024



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If you have any items of interest for Torch please forward them to catholichealth@chpci.com

CHI BOARD MEETING DATES

SEPTEMBER 11: CORPORATE
NOVEMBER 13: CHP BOARD & CORPORATE
DECEMBER 11: CHP BOARD

CENTRE FOR EXCELLENCE IN LEADERSHIP MEETING DATES

SEPTEMBER 10: MISSION PILLAR
OCTOBER 9: ETHICS PILLAR
OCTOBER 23: SPIRITUAL CARE PILLAR
OCTOBER 30: LEADERSHIP PILLAR
NOVEMBER 12: VIA PILLAR

ONTARIO SPONSOR ALLIANCE MEETINGS

SEPTEMBER 12 OCTOBER 10

CATHOLIC HEALTH ASSOCIATION OF NEW BRUNSWICK ANNUAL CONFERENCE

THE FACES OF HOMELESSNESS
SEPTEMBER 19 & 20 IN MIRAMICHI NB

CATHOLIC HEALTH ASSOCIATION OF ONTARIO ANNUAL CONFERENCE

CATHOLIC HEALTHCARE: OUR JOURNEY TO ENHANCE EQUITY, DIVERSITY, INCLUSION AND BELONGING - OCTOBER 17 (VIRTUAL)

LEADERSHIP FORMATION PROGRAM FRENCH PROGRAM

MODULE 2
SEPTEMBER 24-26, 2024 TRACADIE NB

NOW TAKING REGISTRATIONS FOR 2025

**ENGLISH
REGISTRATION**

**FRENCH
REGISTRATION**

IF YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS PLEASE CONTACT CHI'S DIRECTOR OF EDUCATION HEATHER OAKLEY AT HOAKLEY@CHPCI.COM.

RECOGNITION EVENTS

NATIONAL DAY FOR TRUTH AND RECONCILIATION: SEPTEMBER 30