



The Religious Hospitallers of St. Joseph celebrate 175 years in Kingston

In September the Religious Hospitallers of St. Joseph celebrated 175 years in Kingston and the beginnings of what is now Hotel Dieu Hospital (Kingston Health Sciences Centre). We at Catholic Health International are very proud of the work accomplished by the Sisters, Board, Management and Staff, and Volunteers who throughout the years not only upheld the original mission of the Founders but enhanced it.



Drawing of the RHSJs arriving in Kingston on September 2nd, 1845. Three Religious Hospitallers of St. Joseph are shown being greeted by Bishop Patrick Phelan and two Sisters of the Congregation of Notre Dame.
RHSJ St. Joseph Region Archives, Kingston.

New Rocmaura Staff Scholarship Established



Recently the family of the late Aubrey Reid established a scholarship in his name for staff at Rocmaura Nursing Home. The "Aubrey Reid Memorial Bursary" will be available to all employees to further their education. The fund was made possible with

donations from his family and the Sisters of Charity of the Immaculate Conception. "Aubrey had a very special personal relationship with the Sisters of Charity, and in the last decade of his life, he was an active member of the Rocmaura Board of Directors, and served as Board Chair" says his sister Heather Oakley.

Aubrey spent his entire career advocating for and assisting individuals to reach their greatest potential. His love for Rocmaura and his belief in equal opportunity for post-secondary education and learning will enable staff to access funds to advance their learning.

Provincial Catholic Health Associations hold AGMs

Recently two provincial Catholic Health Associations held virtual Annual General Meetings.

On September 25th the Catholic Health Association of New Brunswick (CHANB) elected:

President	Lise Guerrette-Daigle
Vice-President	Heather Oakley
Secretary	Claire Savoie
Treasurer	Adélard Cormier



Ex-Officio & Secretary to the Board R. B. Stewart, Executive Director

On October 19th, the Catholic Health Association of Ontario elected:

Chair	Mr. John Woods
Vice Chair	Ms. Janice Kaffer
Past Chair	Dr. Gillian Kernaghan
Treasurer	Mr. Gary Johnson
Secretary	Mr. Ron Noble



Catholic Health International is a member of both organizations.

Catholic Health International celebrates National Catholic Health Care Week 2020



National Catholic Health Care Week 2020

The Catholic Health Alliance of Canada celebrated its second annual National Catholic Health Care Week from October 4th to 10th. Material prepared by the Awaken Task Group were shared with CHI facilities and their affiliated dioceses. The materials included daily reflections posters, a letter from the CHAC with links to additional material on their website, and the Awaken statement on Catholic health care. The material was also sent to our CHI facilities in the United States in an adapted form. All materials links were posted to the CHI website. **(continued on page 2)**

Stop. Ask. Listen. Learn Reflections on Covid-19



Janice Kaffer, President and CEO of Hotel Dieu Grace Healthcare in Windsor, posted a very thoughtful reflection on the pandemic to her staff. It is too lengthy to republish here so we encourage you to go to their website to take a moment to reflect on how Covid-19 is affecting you and those you work with. <https://www.hdgh.org/Blog/Stop-Ask-Listen-Learn---October-Observations>



St. Joseph's Hospital Auxiliary receives the CHI Volunteer Excellence Award



The St. Joseph's Hospital Auxiliary in Saint John, NB received the CHI Volunteer Excellence Award on October 9th. Jennie Gallant (centre), President of the Auxiliary, accepted the award from Kathi Hurley (right), Facility Manager, with Melissa Short (left), Business Manager for Jo's Boutique, looking on. The St. Joseph's Auxiliary continues to be active since its beginnings in 1929. Members serve as volunteer staff members in the much loved gift shop in the lobby of St. Joseph's Hospital, as well as through their many generous donations within the hospital. Due to COVID-19 restrictions, Auxiliary members were unable to attend the presentation but have been promised a celebration when they are able to meet again.



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CHI's Leadership Formation Program

Due to the global COVID-19 pandemic the Leadership Formation Program was postponed for 2020. However, we are optimistic for next year and are moving forward to provide a French Leadership Formation Program in Tracadie, New Brunswick June 15-18th 2021. Participants, faculty and presenters all reside within the "New Brunswick Bubble" which is currently in the yellow phase. In this phase, educational sessions can be held safely if Public Health Guidelines are followed. We currently have 16 people registered for this session and can accept 18 in total. The dynamic speakers for this session are Jean Marie Dionne who will speak on heritage, tradition and mission leadership, Father Denis Belliveau who will present on vocation and spirituality, and Michel Drisdelle who will focus on leadership and care for the self.

The second session of the English Leadership Formation Program has been rescheduled for May 25-28th 2021 in Montreal. This is pending on the COVID-19 situation and the safety of travel at that time. There are currently 21 participants registered for this session. Our very knowledgeable speakers for this second module will focus on the core elements of leadership formation. The presenters are Sr. Bonnie MacLellan who will speak on canon law, Sr. Nuala Kenny on ethics, Jamie Hall and Phillip Appleby will describe their Outflow Ministry in Saint John, NB and Sr. Anelle Fitzpatrick will share her knowledge on culture and diversity. We are now taking registrations for English Leadership Program to be held in the fall 2021.