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CHANB ANNUAL CONFERENCE

The Catholic Health Association of New Brunswick held its annual conference in Miramichi on September 19th and 20th. There were 95 registrants from 12 Catholic Health International Sponsored facilities in New Brunswick. The theme of the conference was “The Faces of Homelessness” with four excellent speakers who work in the field in New Brunswick



Greg Bishop, a Senior Director from the Human Development Council (HDC) led off the conference with an in-depth overview of recent research on homelessness in New Brunswick. On the second day of the conference Marc Belliveau, Senior Director of Philanthropy, Government Relations and Strategic partnerships with Harvest House Atlantic - Moncton (HHA) presented on the theme “How we properly support those most vulnerable.” The final two presenters were from the YWCA in Moncton, Michèle Nadeau, CEO and Tara Hosford, Housing Case Manager. Their theme was “Women’s Housing Needs & Homelessness.” Tara gave a particularly inspiring and moving first person account of living with homelessness. The CHANB Board and staff want to thank the presenters for their inspiring work and for the challenge to find ways to advocate for those working in the homelessness field. We also would like to thank all who attended from the many different facilities and corners of our province. Some of the presentations are available on the CHANB website at this [LINK](#).

CHANB LIFETIME ACHIEVEMENT AWARD



Theresa Mercer with Dr. Robert Stewart

The CHANB Board of Directors are proud to announce that Theresa Mercer, Director of Finance at Rocmaura Nursing Home in Saint John is the 2024 recipient of the Lifetime Achievement Award. In the words of Rocmaura, we honour her with this Award because “Theresa demonstrates true commitment to the mission of Rocmaura in every decision she makes and in every interaction she has, both inside and outside her work. Theresa does not function as an accountant only; she takes on the many roles required when working with people from all walks of life and with those with disabilities and challenges related to aging.” Congratulations Theresa on this well deserved recognition.

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CHAO ANNUAL CONFERENCE

The Catholic Health Association of Ontario recently held its Annual Conference on the theme of *Catholic Healthcare: Our Journey to Enhance Equity, Diversity, Inclusion and Belonging* (October 17).



Catholic Healthcare: Our Journey to Enhance Equity,
Diversity, Inclusion and Belonging

CHAO 2024 Annual (Virtual) Conference

The Opening presentation was titled *Trinity and Divinity - What Does the Triune God Have to Do with Equity, Diversity, Inclusion, and Belonging?* by Rev. Dr. Darren Dias, Ph.D. O.P., Executive Director, Toronto School of Theology followed by Patricia O'Campo, Ph.D., from Unity Health and Claire Barcik, Executive Director, Catherine Donnelly Foundation who presented *Equity: What it is and Why it Matters*. Peter J. Cataldo, Ph.D., an ethicist from New Hampshire, gave a very important presentation on *Catholic teaching and the care of persons with gender dysphoria in Catholic health care*. Adam Shaen and Paul Francis, both Vice Presidents from the St. Joseph's Care Group, in Thunder Bay presented on *Walking with Humility and Creating a Culture of Belonging*. The final speaker was Anna Greenberg, Executive Director & COO from Ontario Health who gave an overview of their work. Some of the presentations are available on the CHAO website by following this [LINK](#).



THE INTERNATIONAL INTERFAITH SYMPOSIUM ON PALLIATIVE CARE: RECOMMENDATIONS

The Canadian Conference of Catholic Bishops, as a follow up to the *International Interfaith Symposium on Palliative Care: Towards a Narrative of Hope* has released its anticipated Statement and Recommendations as a key concrete outcome of the event which took place from 21 to 23 May 2024. The Symposium, organized by the Canadian Conference of Catholic Bishops (CCCCB) in partnership with the Pontifical Academy for Life (PAV), as well as other collaborators, was one of the first of its kind in terms of charting new paths for the promotion and expansion of palliative care. For further details and to access the full Post-Symposium Statement and Recommendations, please click on one of the images.





The Dominican Center for Ethics and Spiritual Life (Centre dominicain d'éthique et de vie spirituelle) invites you to its free upcoming virtual conferences:

- The Good Samaritan: concern for others and hope (Le bon Samaritain: souci des autres et espérance) with Brother Michel Gourgues, o.p. on Tuesday, November 19, 2024 at 19:30 ET
- Coping with the irreparable and getting on with life (Accompagner l'irréparable et continuer à vivre) by Sister Catherine Aubin et Jean-Guy Nadeau on Tuesday, December 17, 2024 at 7:30 p.m.

The Centre's presentations are in French. To register for the first of these webinars click on the link below:

[**REGISTER NOW**](#)

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Bonjour !

À lire ou à relire | Décès imprévus en milieu hospitalier

Quand la lumière fuit entre nos mains

Par Marie-Christine Laroche | Éditorial

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SPIRITUALITÉ SANTÉ

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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. This publication is only available in French. The latest edition is available by following this [LINK](#).

FORMER BOARD CHAIR ORDAINED



Fr. Brian Payne

On September 14, Brian Payne, former Chair of the Hôtel-Dieu Grace Healthcare Board of Directors (2024-25), was ordained to the priesthood at Saint Petka Serbian Orthodox Church in Lakeshore (Windsor) ON. In addition to serving on the Board of Directors at Hôtel-Dieu Grace Healthcare Brian has been an active volunteer for many organizations in the Windsor area. He graduated from the ROCOR Orthodox Seminary in Des Plaines, IL with a Graduate Degree in Pastoral Theology in June 2023. He will serve in churches in the Windsor area and will travel as required to help in other Canadian Diocese parishes. Catholic Health International would like to congratulate Father Brian and offer our blessing on this most important ministry. Congratulations Brian.

IMPORTANT DATES & EVENTS

CHI Board Meeting Dates

November 13, 2024 (Corporate & CHP Board) December 11, 2024 (CHP Board)
January 15, 2025 (Corporate) March 12, 2025 (CHP Board)

CHANB Board Meeting Dates

December 4, 2024 February 26, 2025

Centre for Excellence in Leadership Meeting Dates

VIA Pillar November 12, 2024
Mission Pillar November 27, 2024 - new date
Ethics Pillar December 4, 2024
Spiritual Care Pillar December 11, 2024
Leadership Pillar January 22, 2025

Ontario Sponsor Alliance Meetings Dates

November 14, 2024 January 9, 2025

Leadership Formation Program

English Program	French Program
Module 1	Module 1
June 23-26th, 2025 in Mississauga, Ontario	will be held in Fall 2025
<u>ENGLISH REGISTRATION FORM</u>	Dates to be determined
	<u>FRENCH REGISTRATION FORM</u>

If you have any questions please contact CHI's Director of Education Heather Oakley at hoakley@chpchi.com.

Recognition Events

November 3-9 : Allied Health Professionals Week
November 3-9 : National Health Ethics Week
November 10-16 : National Nurse Practitioner Week
November 11: Remembrance Day - Veteran's Day