

# THE TORCH

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## CHI LEADERSHIP COUNCIL MEETS IN MONTREAL



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The Catholic Health International Leadership Council met in person, in Montreal, for the first time since before the pandemic. The group, made up of leaders of our sponsored facilities, along with CHI staff, has been meeting virtually for the past several years. This year, we were fortunate to welcome 12 new leaders to our group. There was a special Missioning ceremony, led by Dr. Robert Stewart, CHI President and CEO, for Cindy Drouin, Sherry Buntzen, Marie-Claude Thériault, Sindy Turcott, Jennifer Eagan, Eric Haché, Mike Kingston, David Ceglie, Cindy Muise, Valérie Dufour, Sarah Messer & Abbie Kingston.

Dr. David Ceglie, CEO of Hotel Dieu Shaver Health & Rehabilitation Centre led an excellent presentation and workshop on his recently completed Ph.D. thesis "Understanding of the Relationship Between CEO Servant Leadership, CEO Values and Organizational Culture in Ontario Catholic Hospitals." The group also had an excellent guided visit to the RHSJ museum - Musée des Hospitalières de l'Hôtel-Dieu de Montréal, where participants were given an opportunity to see the history of one of CHI's founding congregations. The 2-day conference concluded with a business meeting. CHI would like to thank all who participated in these Leadership meetings and we welcome our new members to the CHI family.



**NATIONAL DAY FOR  
TRUTH AND RECONCILIATION**  
**JOURNÉE NATIONALE DE LA  
VÉRITÉ ET DE LA RÉCONCILIATION**

On September 30th, in communities across the nation, Catholic health care providers will participate in the National Day for Truth and Reconciliation, acknowledging the suffering experienced in Canada's Indian Residential Schools. We commit to creating safe and healing space for all we serve and pray for healing and wisdom as we continue our journey of reconciliation with Indigenous Peoples.

**Prayer for the National Day for Truth and Reconciliation**

Holy One, Child of Life, Great Spirit, we meet you in the company of ancestors and the oft-unnoticed presence of people praying throughout the country, connected by a longing for peace and healing.

Find our hearts open and ready for reconciliation as we face the injustices of the past and long for the joy of a future of peace and healing. Help us to attend well to the stories we need to receive. Awaken our hearts with the stories of residential school survivors and their kin.

Together, we weep for the children, then and now: for braids, beads, new moccasins, and the orange shirt taken away leaving only broken hearts; for parents whose hearts were torn from them when their children were taken; for children whose tongues were silenced when they lost their languages and names.

Awaken our spirit, O God.

Help us to hold the stories faithfully, so that they may transform us and become part of us.

May our prayers be translated into compassion and may our "Amen" be this truth:

(Indigenous) brothers, sisters, and siblings: We receive your stories.

May they lead us in wisdom and may we journey together in love.

Amen.

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## Three New Facility Administrators



Cindy Muise  
Facility Administrator  
Villa Saint-Joseph-du-lac  
Yarmouth NS



Valérie Dufour  
Executive Director  
Les Oeuvres de l'Hôtel-Dieu de Saint-Joseph  
St-Basile NB



Sarah Messer  
Facility Manager  
St. Joseph's Hospital  
Saint John NB

In the past few months we have had three new administrators appointed to their respective facilities. Cindy Muise has been acting Facility Administrator at Villa Saint-Joseph-du-Lac in Yarmouth NS for the past year and was appointed Facility Administrator in July. Valérie Dufour was appointed the Executive Director of Les Oeuvres de l'Hôtel-Dieu de Saint-Joseph in St-Basile NB in June. Sarah Messer will begin her role as Facility Manager of St. Joseph's Hospital in Saint John NB in early October. CHI is fortunate to have these new dynamic leaders join our family and the Board and Staff of CHI are looking forward to working with Cindy, Valérie and Sarah.

## Catholic Health Care Leadership Formation Program



(from left - front row): Lise Savoie (Hôpital Stella Maris-de-Kent, Ste-Anne-de-Kent), Nadia Clavette (Residence Hotel-Dieu St-Joseph, St-Basile)  
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The second cycle of the most recent CHI French Leadership Program was held at the Villégiature Deux Rivières Resort in Tracadie-Sheila from September 24 to 26. The three day session featured Bishop Claude Champagne (Bishop of Edmundston NB) on "Sponsorship and Canon Law," Dr. Pierrette Fortin (Université de Moncton) on "Healthcare Ethics," Christian Blanchard (Vitalité Health Network) on "Diversity, Equity and Inclusion" and Ms. Annette Comeau (Social Worker) on "Social Justice." In addition to the educational content, the session provided 14 New Brunswick CHI leaders with the opportunity for interaction with colleagues, self-reflection, and meditation in a calm and relaxing environment. The second cycle of the English Formation Program will be held next spring.



## SEASON OF CREATION 2024 THEME:

*To Hope and Act With Creation*

The Season of Creation is a time to renew our relationship with our Creator and all creation through celebration, conversion, and commitment together. During the Season of Creation, we join our sisters and brothers in the ecumenical family in prayer and action for our common home.

The season starts 1 September, the Day of Prayer for Creation, and ends 4 October, the Feast of St. Francis of Assisi, the patron saint of ecology beloved by many Christian denominations. Throughout the month-long celebration, the world's 2.2 billion Christians come together to care for our common home. Click on the logo to access The Season of Creation Celebration guide.



CELEBRATION GUIDE  
TO HOPE AND ACT  
WITH CREATION



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## HEALTH PROGRESS



The latest edition of the CHAUS's *Health Progress* explores the theme of *Whole-Person Caring* with a featured article titled "Effective Catholic Health Care Sponsors Are Elders, Guides and Guardians." The article explores how Health care systems in Canada and the United States have leadership structures comprised of boards and management; Most Catholic health care systems are unique in that they include another layer of leadership called a "public juridic person" or, in common parlance, the "sponsors." This is the entity — established under the Church's Code of Canon Law — that has the ultimate responsibility for sponsoring a Catholic health system in the name of the Church. Click on the graphic for access to the article.

The latest episode of the CHAUS's *Health Calls* podcast explores "Technology, Change and the Catholic Response." As the world of technology spins faster and faster, responses can vary to the rapid pace of change and innovation. Fear, excitement, caution – everyone has an idea of how to respond. What does Catholic tradition and faith have to say? Click on the graphic for access to the podcast.





## SPIRITUALITÉSANTÉ

INFOLETTRE : AUGUST 2024

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 this [LINK](#).



The Dominican Center for Ethics and Spiritual Life (Centre dominicain d'éthique et de vie spirituelle) presents its new lecture program for the start of the new academic year! Three upcoming virtual conferences are offered free online.

- Living with the broken - in spite of everything (Vivre avec l'irréparable - malgré tout) with Sisters Catherine Aubin and Isabelle Le Bourgeois on Tuesday, October 29, 2024 at 19:30 ET
- Once again - the Good Samaritan: concern for others and hope (De nouveau - 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](#)

# Convalescent care beds for patients experiencing homelessness

The St. Joseph's Hospital Foundation, in Saint John NB, along with Horizon Health Network, Outflow Ministry Inc., and Canada East Spine Centre recently announced the finalization of a partnership which will create convalescent care beds designed to provide a safe and supportive environment for patients experiencing homelessness transitioning from hospital care back into the community. For more information click on this [LINK](#).



Representatives from Horizon, Outflow Ministry, Canada East Spine Centre and the St. Joseph's Hospital Foundation came together to celebrate this exciting partnership.

## IMPORTANT DATES & EVENTS

### CHI Board Meeting Dates

October 2, 2024 (Corporate)

December 11, 2024 (CHP Board)

November 13, 2024 (Corporate & CHP Board)

January 15, 2025 (Corporate)

### CHANB Board Meeting Dates

December 4, 2024

February 26, 2025

### Centre for Excellence in Leadership Meeting Dates

Ethics Pillar

October 9, 2024

Leadership Pillar

October 16, 2024

Spiritual Care Pillar

October 23, 2024

VIA Pillar

November 12, 2024

Mission Pillar

November 19, 2024

### Ontario Sponsor Alliance Meetings Dates

October 10, 2024

November 14, 2024

### CHAO Annual Conference

Catholic Healthcare: Our Journey to Enhance Equity, Diversity, Inclusion and Belonging - October 17 (Virtual) To Register click on this [LINK](#).

### Leadership Formation Program

English Program

French Program

Module 1

Module 1

June 23-26th, 2024 in Mississauga, Ontario

will be held in Fall 2025

Dates to be determined

[ENGLISH REGISTRATION FORM](#)

[FRENCH REGISTRATION FORM](#)

If you have any questions please contact CHI's Director of Education Heather Oakley at [hoakley@chpchi.com](mailto:hoakley@chpchi.com).

### Recognition Events

September 30: National Day for Truth and Reconciliation:

October 10: World Mental Health Day

October 12: World Hospice and Palliative Care Day

October 20 to 26: Respiratory Therapy Week

October 20 to 26: Spiritual Care Week

Occupational Therapy Month