

CATHOLIC HEALTH ALLIANCE OF CANADA

2011
Annual Report

Working to strengthen and support the ministry of Catholic health care organizations

Members of the Alliance

There are 12 sponsor organizations that currently comprise the membership of the Alliance.

1. Diocese of Victoria
2. Sisters of Saint Ann
3. Providence Health Care Society, Vancouver
4. Catholic Health of Alberta
5. Sisters of Providence of Western Canada
6. Catholic Health Ministry of Saskatchewan
7. Catholic Health Corporation of Manitoba
8. Archdiocese of Winnipeg
9. Sisters Servants of Mary Immaculate
10. Catholic Health Corporation of Ontario
11. St. Joseph's Health Care Society, London
12. Catholic Health International



The Mission of the Alliance

The mission of the Alliance is to strengthen and support the ministry of Catholic health care organizations and providers throughout Canada. The focus areas of the Alliance are: ethics; mission and values integration; leadership development; and national advocacy.

The Governing Council (board of directors) of the Alliance, which is made up of representatives from each of the sponsor members, has the task of identifying those projects and initiatives that will best support Catholic health care at a national level. The work of the Alliance is coordinated by a secretariat located in Ottawa.

The priority projects of the past year have included work on the final steps in the revision of the *Health Ethics Guide*, coordination of the 2011 annual conference in conjunction with the Catholic Health Association of Manitoba, and the establishment of the new secretariat office in Ottawa.

New Logo for Alliance



During a March meeting of the Governing Council a new logo was chosen for the Alliance. The objective in the development of potential logo concepts was to ensure the logo aligns with the mission and values of Catholic health care, and reflects the national nature of the Alliance. The new logo also reflects the vibrancy of the Catholic health care community and its commitment to further Jesus' mission of love and healing.

National Archives Project

The establishment of the Catholic Health Alliance of Canada in 2009 brought to a close the 70-year history of the former *Catholic Health Association of Canada*. During the past year the archival material that had been collected over the association's history was transferred to the National Archives of Canada where it will



be available to the public for research purposes. In addition, two CD collections have been created which provide a digital compilation of all books and publications of the former association, as well as a digital collection of material related to conventions, symposia and seminars. These digital collections will also be stored by the National Archives.

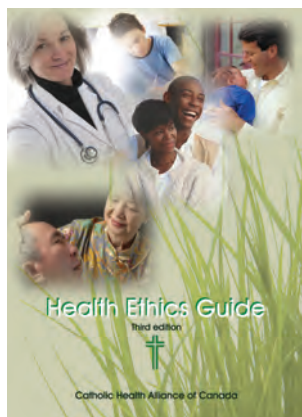
Novalis is Now the Distributor of Alliance Publications

In December 2010, Novalis, Canada's largest religious publisher and distributor, became the distributor of publications and resources produced by the Catholic Health Alliance of Canada. The expertise, knowledge and infrastructure that characterize this publishing company will provide Catholic health care organizations in Canada greater ease of access to Alliance publications, and will also make these publications available to a broader audience including schools, parishes and individual readers. A link to Alliance resources on the Novalis website can be found on the publisher's home page: www.novalis.ca



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Health Ethics Guide Revision



In the summer of 2010 a revised text of the *Health Ethics Guide* was submitted to the Canadian Conference of Catholic Bishops (CCCC) for review. That review was conducted over the Fall months, and in December the CCCC provided its comments and suggested revisions. Since January a 5-person

Editorial Team has been working to complete further revisions to the text. That work should be completed by June, and the text will then be submitted to the CCCC for final approval. This will

mark the completion of a 3-year project that has involved Catholic health care ethicists, leaders and administrators from Canada, the United States, Australia and Britain. After a French translation has been completed, the new guide will be printed and made available for purchase on the Novalis website.

Survey Regarding Future National Conferences

For many years the Catholic health care community in Canada has expressed appreciation for the opportunity to meet with others engaged in the Catholic health care ministry from throughout the country. In January-February 2011 the Alliance conducted a survey of participants of past national, Catholic health care conferences. More than 220 people participated in the survey. The responses received will assist the Alliance to better plan and execute future conferences and tailor them to meet the needs of participants.

Dr. Nuala Kenny, Ethics and Health Policy Advisor

Since May 2009, Dr. Nuala Kenny has served as Ethics and Health Policy Advisor to the Alliance. Over the past year Sister Nuala has provided a variety of services including the following:



- consultation to numerous Catholic health care organizations on ethical issues;
- representing the Alliance in media interviews;
- keynote speaker at numerous Catholic health care conferences in Canada, the United States and abroad;
- representing the Alliance as a member of the Quality-End-of-Life Care Coalition of Canada;
- presentation of a brief to the Special All-Party Parliamentary Committee examining the state of palliative care services in Canada;
- serving as a member of the Editorial Team for the revision of the *Health Ethics Guide*.

2011 Annual Conference - Winnipeg



The Governing Council wishes to express its appreciation to the Catholic Health Association of Manitoba, and the local planning committee headed by Julie Turenne-Maynard, for their collaboration in organizing the 2011 national Catholic health care conference in Winnipeg (May 4-6). The list of keynote speakers, which includes Retired General Roméo Dallaire and author, poet David Whyte, who will speak to the central role of compassion in Catholic health care is sure to inspire and renew all those who participate.

2012 Annual Conference - St. John's (NL)

Planning is well under way for the 2012 annual conference that will take place in St. John's, NL, from May 8-10, 2012. The conference will focus on a theme of spirituality in health care. A number of keynote speakers have already been selected including: *Sr. Donna Markham, OP*, the prioress of the Adrian Dominican Congregation, Adrian, MI; *Mr. Kirby Kranabetter*, Pastoral Services, Bruyère Continuing Care, Ottawa; and *Sr. Elizabeth Davis, RSM*. Other speakers will be confirmed in the near future.

New Office Established in Ottawa

The office which will serve as the secretariat for the Alliance has been established at the Saint Vincent's Hospital site of Bruyère Continuing Care in Ottawa. The Alliance wishes to express its thanks to Jean Bartkowiak, CEO, and staff at Bruyère for their assistance and support in setting up the new office space.



**The Governing Council of the
Catholic Health Alliance of Canada wishes to
thank the Boards, Presidents/CEOs and staff of
Catholic health care organizations in Canada
for their ongoing support of the Alliance
and its efforts to strengthen the Catholic
health care ministry in Canada.**

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