

Catholic Health Alliance of Canada

Performance Citation Award

2011

Sr. Sarah Quackenbush, CSJ

Sudbury, ON



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The Performance Citation Award is the highest distinction in Catholic health care in Canada. This year as we reflect together, we are reminded that what we ought to do and who we ought to become, both as individuals and as Catholic organizations, is more important than ever.

For more than 35 years, Sister Sarah has been actively involved in Catholic health care, both in Ontario and at the national level. Originally a Physiotherapist, Sister Sarah continues to evolve an impressive career that influences and guides individuals, organizations and communities through compassion and growth in Catholic Mission and values.

Sister Sarah was President of St. Joseph's General Hospital in Elliot Lake for many years, where she had a direct and positive influence on the staff, patients and the greater community. She left Elliot Lake to take on the position of Vice President of the newly formed Catholic Health Corporation of Ontario where, in 1998, she helped create the current sponsorship model that is now made up of seven congregations and the Catholic Health Association of Ontario. Part of her responsibilities was Mission and Education for CHCO, leading organizational discussions

around institutional Mission, Trustee and Senior Leadership education, as well as facilitation of board retreats.

As the CHCO board nominee to the Catholic Health Association Board, when it made the difficult decision to change to a secretariat as the Catholic Health Alliance, all appreciated her wisdom and grace through the decision-making process.

Sister Sarah helps to coordinate and deliver the Catholic Leadership educational program now provided to institutions across Ontario and in New Brunswick. Sister Sarah has been instrumental in developing programs for trustees and middle managers of Catholic facilities throughout Ontario that link the values of the institution to the work performed. Her delivery of the message of Catholic Mission has had visible impact at both the personal and organizational level, demonstrated by the very positive feedback from the current leaders of our facilities who have participated in the Foundations, Trustee and organizational planning sessions for over 12 years.

Sister Sarah, for your personal commitment to education of the Catholic Mission and for the impressive outcomes which have inspired personal spiritual growth and organizational development, the Governing Council of the Catholic Health Alliance of Canada is pleased to present you with the 2011 Performance Citation Award.



Mike Shea, chair of the CHAC board presents the award to Sr. Sarah