

Catholic Health Alliance of Canada

Midcareer Leadership Award

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The Midcareer Leadership Award. This award is given to young leaders, 50 years of age and younger, who have already made significant contributions to the ministry and who, through their leadership, provide prophetic witness to the mission of Catholic health care. Strong leadership is needed now and for the future of the Catholic health ministry. This Award is intended to encourage and support young leaders in their commitment to Catholic health care, thereby contributing to a promising future for the ministry and the people it serves.

Please join me in giving a warm welcome to the recipient of the 2013 Midcareer Leadership Award – Mr. Patrick Dumelie.

Patrick is well known to many of you in this room. He is the President and CEO of Covenant Health, which by 2014 will be comprised of 16 facilities here in Alberta.

Perhaps the best way to introduce Patrick, and to explain why he is being presented with this award, is to turn to some of the comments of those who nominated him.

“A brilliant strategist, Patrick is always focused on knowing where the organization needs to go to fulfill its mission. He articulates this vision clearly and

concisely – and often, using the words and concepts at every opportunity. Patrick is driven by the conviction that Covenant Health and Catholic health care can play a transformational role in health care.”

“Patrick leads by example. He understands the role of the CEO and demonstrates a sound command of governance and executive delegation. He is adept at seeing strengths in his team and challenges each to take on new roles and opportunities to contribute. He is a courageous leader, possessing a tremendous presence of calm and confidence in the face of political or financial adversity. While others may see scarcity and limitations during difficult budget cycles, Patrick exudes a spirituality of abundance, reframing challenges as opportunities.”

“Patrick has routinely shared with participants in our Covenant Health Leadership Program about the importance to be oneself; to be authentic. While there is much to learn from other visionary leaders, he would emphasize, it is instead one’s personal calling and values that need to be reflected in leadership, including the difficult decisions leaders face.”

“As President and CEO of Covenant Health, Patrick has led the organization to many significant accomplishments that have positioned the organization—and Catholic health care—to be a key partner in a seamless integrated health system.

Patrick, it is my pleasure to present you with the 2013 Midcareer Leadership Award.

