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It is my pleasure to present the second of our national awards – 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 even more so 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 2015 Midcareer Leadership Award – Mr. Scott Harrison. Scott is the Director of Urban Health and HIV/AIDS at Providence Health Care, Vancouver.

Those who nominated him for this award emphasized that Scott is a tireless advocate and champion of the organization's mission and values. They describe him as an outstanding nursing leader known for his work with the vulnerable including: aboriginal communities; those who are homeless; people living with learning disabilities and mental health challenges, as well as HIV and substance misuse. His nomination includes a long list of achievements:

- In the area of HIV and AIDS, Scott led the STOP HIV Program (Seek and Treat for Optimal Prevention of HIV/AIDS) within the HIV program at Providence Health Care – an initiative for which the team received the Premier's Award.
- He helped create the Pacific to Prairie Partnership, sharing knowledge and expertise with caregivers in Saskatchewan who were experiencing the highest rates of new HIV infections in Canada – an initiative for which he received accolades from the Saskatchewan Ministry of Health.
- He operates an addiction research clinic in the downtown eastside seeking new and effective

treatment for the most vulnerable and addicted people in the province of British Columbia.

- To promote the dignity of members of the aboriginal community he partnered with the Mission and Pastoral Care teams to create an all-nations sacred space where traditional healing ceremonies can be held.

Scott's personal commitment and the achievements of his team have been acknowledged through numerous awards, including the following:

- Scott was part of the team that received the Premier's Award for a Homeless Intervention project in 2009.
- In 2010, he received the Individual Mission Award of Providence Health Care for his outstanding contribution to and promotion of the organization's mission and the Catholic health ministry.
- He received a provincial award for advocacy from the College of Registered Nurses of British Columbia in 2011.

Scott is known for not only ensuring that the most vulnerable populations are treated and attended to holistically, he applies the same values in working with his team members. He is highly respected and sought out by his team as a mentor. He is recognized for his ability to articulate a clear vision for his program and services, and is a role model of leading through compassion and social justice while promoting excellence in care, research, and teaching for everyone the organization serves.

One of his nominators wrote the following: "Scott lives and promotes the healing ministry of Jesus Christ. He champions the integration of care and research to ensure we promote the best possible care for every single patient who seeks our support, regardless of where they come from or their circumstances."

Scott, it is clear in all of the comments we received that you are deeply appreciated for your leadership and prophetic witness to the mission of Catholic health care, and as such we are very pleased to award you the 2015 Midcareer Leadership Award.

