



## Presentation of the 2009 CHAC Performance Citation Award

### Pésentation du Certificat d'honneur de l'ACCS pour 2009

We begin this evening's festivities with the presentation of the Performance Citation Award.

Ladies and gentlemen, on behalf of the Catholic Health Association of Canada, I have the pleasure and honour to present, this year, our distinguished recipient of the CHAC 2009 Performance Citation Award.

Please join me in giving a warm welcome to: ***Sister Nuala Kenny***

The Citation Award is the highest distinction in Catholic health care in Canada. This year the CHAC convention reminds us that reflecting on what we ought to do and who we ought to become, as individuals and as organizations, whether in the clinical, business, or social realms is the work of ethics. This evening we acknowledge an individual who for several decades has devoted her life to assisting individuals and organizations in undertaking such ethical reflection, and to further the understanding of the link between ethics and health policy in the public sphere.

Tonight we are pleased to present the 2009 CHAC Performance Citation Award to Dr. Nuala Kenny.

Dr. Kenny's impressive biography speaks to her qualifications for this special award. A member of the Sisters of Charity of Halifax, Dr. Kenny received her MD from Dalhousie University. She did post-graduate training at Dalhousie and Tufts-New England Medical Center, Boston and became a Fellow of the Royal College of Physicians and Surgeons of Canada in 1975. In 1999 she was appointed an Officer of the Order of Canada in recognition of her contributions to child health and medical education.

Après une carrière remplie en pédiatrie et en formation médicale, le Dr Kenny a fondé le département de bioéthique à l'université Dalhousie en 1996.

Auteure de plus de cent articles et de deux livres, elle fait actuellement porter ses intérêts de recherche sur la formation du caractère professionnel, l'éthique dans les domaines des politiques en matière de

santé et de la santé publique, l'éthique en pédiatrie et les soins en fin de vie. Ce travail lui a valu bien des honneurs, y compris le Prix d'excellence 2008 pour l'ensemble des réalisations de la Société canadienne de bioéthique et le Prix 2008 pour services éminents de l'Association canadienne des soins de santé.

In addition to her academic work, Dr. Kenny is regularly involved in policy deliberations, particularly in relation to values and Canadian Medicare. In 1994 she was appointed by then-Prime Minister Jean Chretien to be a member of the National Forum on Health, which reported to the government on ways to improve Canada's health care system.

She sits on the board of Canadian Doctors for Medicare, and is a member of the Health Council of Canada, most recently serving as Chair of the Council's "Value for Money Steering Committee."

Dr. Kenny has also served as Deputy Minister of Health for Nova Scotia.

Les personnes qui ont posé la candidature du D<sup>r</sup> Kenny ont fait ressortir que le savoir, l'engagement et l'enthousiasme du

D<sup>r</sup> Kenny dans le domaine de l'éthique, de la formation de chefs de file du secteur de la santé, de l'enseignement social de l'Église catholique et de l'élaboration de politique publique ont eu une grande incidence non seulement sur les soins de santé catholiques, mais aussi sur l'ensemble du réseau de santé au Canada.

As one person put it: "Sister Nuala has the ability to express compassion and understanding in dealing with patients and their loved ones as they face difficult choices, while at the same time addressing major public policy issues that will shape the future of Canada's health care system."

Sister Nuala, we want to acknowledge and express our appreciation for the leadership that you have shown and continue to provide in so many areas that are crucial to Catholic health care and in Canadian society today. You are rooted in the great legacy that has given rise to Catholic health care in Canada. Your pursuit of excellence and dedication has benefitted and inspired many of us. For this reason, on behalf of the Board of Directors of the CHAC, I am pleased to present you the 2009 CHAC Performance Citation Award.