



Lifetime Achievement Award for Honoring a Leader 2023

Mr. Gordon Self Edmonton, Alberta



The CHAC Lifetime Achievement Award in the category of honoring a leader recognizes a leader who, in a career of service to our ministry, has mentored other leaders, articulated a clear vision for Catholic health, influenced within their organization and nationally, and encouraged actions consistent with Catholic social teaching.

It is my pleasure to announce that this year's recipient is Gordon Self, and I would invite Gordon to the stage here in Montreal. Gordon has a true calling to the Catholic health care ministry. He has dedicated his life – personally and professionally – to leadership and service, all with the view towards improving the lives of others.

Gordon's tenure in Catholic health spans over 42 years, starting as an orderly providing direct

supportive patient care at St. Boniface in Winnipeg and continued through his work as a hospital chaplain, Ethics fellow, Ethicist and executive leader, culminating with 19 years as Chief Mission and Ethics Officer for Covenant Health.

While Gordon has retired from Covenant Health, he continues to influence Catholic health as a Board member of Catholic Health Sponsors of Ontario. In the words of one of Gordon's team members: "I am the beneficiary of Gordon's commitment to mentoring the next generation of professional working in the Catholic health ministry. I have vivid recollections and awareness of Gordon's intentional efforts to develop competence in the areas of leadership, organizational savvy, and managerial courage in my own work." Congratulations Gordon!

