

## **SISTER NUALA PATRICIA KENNY, SC, OC, BA, MD, FRCP(C)**

### **Biographical Summary**

Dr. Nuala Patricia Kenny was born in New York and entered the Sisters of Charity of Halifax in 1962. She received her BA, Magna Cum Laude, from Mount Saint Vincent University in 1967, an MD from Dalhousie in 1972 and did postgraduate training in pediatrics at Dalhousie and Tufts-New England Medical Centre, during which she held a Killam Scholarship. In 1975, she became a Fellow of the Royal College of Physician and Surgeons of Canada and in 1976 was certified by the American Board of Pediatrics. She has received Honorary Doctorates from Mount Saint Vincent University (1992), the Atlantic School of Theology (2000), Regis College, Toronto School of Theology (2000), St. Francis Xavier University (2000) and The College of New Rochelle (2008). In 1999 was appointed an Officer of the Order of Canada for her contributions to child health and medical education and has received a Queen's Jubilee Medal. In 2006 was elected a Fellow of the Canadian Academy of Health Sciences. In 2008 she received the Distinguished Service Award from the Canadian Healthcare Association and the Lifetime Achievement Award from the Canadian Bioethics Society.

Doctor Kenny joined the Department of Pediatrics at Dalhousie in 1975 as the Coordinator of Regional Pediatric Services. In 1982, she became Director of Medical Education at the Hospital for Sick Children and the University of Toronto. In 1985 she was appointed Professor and Chairperson of the Department of Pediatrics at Queen's University, Kingston, Ontario. She returned to Dalhousie as Professor and Head of the Department of Pediatrics and Chief of Pediatrics at the Izaak Walton Killam Hospital in 1988. In 1995, she became the founding Chair of the Department of Bioethics of Dalhousie, Faculty of Medicine. From February to November 1999, Dr. Kenny was seconded as Deputy Minister of Health for the Province of Nova Scotia.

Dr. Kenny is nationally recognized as an educator and physician ethicist. She has travelled extensively as a distinguished lecturer. In 1991 and 2005, she was a Visiting Scholar at the Hastings Centre for Ethics and in 1993 held a Royal College of Physicians and Surgeons of Canada Fellowship in Continuing Medical Education at the Kennedy Institute of Ethics at Georgetown University. In 2001, she was a Scholar in Residence at the Rockefeller Foundation Study Centre in Bellagio, Italy.

She has served on the Committees on Biomedical Ethics of the Royal College of Physicians and Surgeons of Canada and the Canadian Pediatric Society, the National Council for Bioethics in Human Research, the Tri-Council Working Group on Guidelines for Research with Human Subjects and the National Science Advisory Board. She Chaired the Values Committee of the 1997 National Forum on Health and is past President of both the Canadian Pediatric Society and the Canadian Bioethics Society. She was a founding member of the Governing Council of the Canadian Institutes of Health Research (CIHR) and Chaired their Working Group on Ethics. She is presently a member of the Health Council of Canada and a Director of Canadian Doctors for Medicare.

Author of over one hundred papers and two books: "What Good is Health Care? Reflections on the Canadian Experience" (2002) and "Lost Virtue: Professional Character Development in Medical Education" (2006), her present research interests include professional character formation, ethics in health policy and public health, pediatric ethics, and end-of-life care.