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Preserving the Values & Mission of Canada's Health Care System - The Annual Convention of the Catholic Health Association of Canada

Ottawa — What will help preserve Canada's health care system in this period of restructuring? What role can a revitalized values base and compassionate care for the dying play in forming health care in the new millennium? What can health care organizations and care givers do to preserve the system and improve the health and well-being of Canadians? These are some of the questions CHAC members and stakeholders will explore during the Association's annual convention, in Toronto, ON, May 2-4. More than 350 people will gather to hear prominent speakers and to discuss action they can take to further the mission and values at the heart of Catholic health care.

Major presenters include:

- Rev. J. Bryan Hehir
Professor of the Practice in Religion and Society, Harvard Divinity School
Keynote address: "The Challenge of Change: Empirical - Ethical - Ecclesial Dimensions"
- Nuala Kenny, MD
Director of Bioethics, Education and Research, and Professor, Department of Pediatrics, Dalhousie University, Halifax, NS
"The Ministry of Health Care in the New Millennium: Are Christian Values Possible?"
- Joseph Ayoub, MD
Professor of Medicine and Director of the Medical Oncology Program at the University of Montreal, QC
"Every Person is a Sacred Story — A Message from the Dying"
- Richard Gilmartin, Ph.D.
Psychotherapist in practice in Toronto, and affiliated with Southdown, a residential treatment centre for clergy and religious.
"It Takes a Whole Person to Bring Healing"

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During the convention 10 workshops will be offered. Some of the themes to be addressed include:

- Spirituality in the Workplace
- Tomorrow's Parish and its Role in Promoting Health and Well-Being

- The Parish Nurse
- Integrating Values in Hiring Practices
- Creating Neighbourhoods Scaled to Deeper Human Needs
- Care of the Dying

In addition, the Association will announce the name of the 1998 recipient of the Performance Citation Award, Canada's highest distinction in Catholic health care. The award is given each year to a person or group who exemplify leadership in an activity, program or project worthy of national recognition for its building up of the Christian community in an extraordinary way.

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