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## NEW BRUNSWICK COUPLE RECEIVE CANADA'S HIGHEST DISTINCTION IN CATHOLIC HEALTH CARE

Ottawa — The 1997 Performance Citation Award — Canada's highest distinction in Catholic health care — went to a New Brunswick couple who have demonstrated a tangible commitment to the values of the Catholic health care ministry.

“Dr. Carolyn Barry and Dr. Thomas Barry are physicians who are active witnesses to the healing ministry of Jesus,” said Sister Sarah Maillet, member of the Catholic Health Association of Canada's (CHAC) Board of Directors during the award ceremony last night. The ceremony took place in Saint John as part of the Association's annual convention Social Justice: A “Yes” to the World. “Through their work and their personal commitment, Drs. Carolyn and Thomas Barry have truly taken health care beyond the walls of institutions and medical clinics out into the community and in the life situations of the people they come into contact with.”

Both Drs. Barry not only offer excellent health care to their patients, they also provide leadership for parenting and family life, travelling to parishes, schools and community meetings and groups to speak on sexuality and family matters. “Their dedication to the right to life and their commitment to community involvement and to health care in a Christian context are catalyst forces that inspire many. They make the church's healing ministry present and concrete in the lives of those they touch,” said Sister Maillet.

The Performance Citation Award is given each year to the CHAC to salute individuals and groups who exemplify leadership in an activity, program or project worthy of national recognition for its strengthening of the Christian community in an extraordinary way.

Sister Maillet added that as well-respected and caring Roman Catholic doctors, Drs Carolyn and Thomas Barry play an important role in their community and in their profession. Both are very active in medical associations and societies in New Brunswick and Canada.

“They are also in the forefront of maintaining Catholic pastoral care for their patients. They take the initiative of ensuring that patients and their families are looked after not only by themselves, but also by the clergy. They bridge their health care efforts with the mission of the church,” said Sister Maillet.

“With this Performance Citation Award, we pay tribute to their dedication, their love and their commitment to serving their community.”