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Misericordia Sisters Receive Canada's Highest Distinction in Catholic Health Care

Toronto — The 1998 Performance Citation Award — Canada's highest distinction in Catholic health care — went to the Misericordia Sisters in recognition of their outstanding commitment to the values of the Catholic health care ministry. Their motto — “Compassion of the Heart for Those in Need” — reflects their dedication to respond to the needs of those most likely to be excluded in society.

1998 marks the 150th Anniversary of the Misericordia Sisters. Madame Rosalie Cadron-Jette founded the community in 1848 after establishing the Misericordia Hospital of Montreal in 1845. From their challenging beginnings in Montreal, they quickly expanded across the country, establishing themselves as care givers in Ottawa, Scarborough, Edmonton and Winnipeg. The Misericordia General Hospital in Winnipeg celebrates its 100th Anniversary this year. In June of 1997 the Sisters were proud to open their newest mission in Pascuales, Ecuador.

“Through this award, the Catholic Health Association of Canada (CHAC) honours a prophetic community of women who continue, today, the same mission that inspired them from the beginning. They bring the care and compassion of God to single mothers and their children, and reach out to the poorest and most neglected,” said Kateri Ghesquiere, CSJ, CHAC Chairperson, during the award ceremony last night.

The ceremony took place in Toronto as part of the Association's annual convention. The Performance Citation Award is given each year by the CHAC to individuals or 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.

“The Misericordia Sisters have a long history of dedication, courage and determination in serving the needy. They have met the ever changing needs of society with new directions for their services. With this award we pay tribute to their commitment to compassionate service.”

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