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CHAC Offers a Valuable Program in Pastoral Health Care

Ottawa — The Catholic Health Association of Canada (CHAC) is planning once again to offer the **Pastoral Health Care Program** from May 21 to June 21, 1996. This interesting and highly-valued course is designed for individuals actively engaged in pastoral care and for those who wish to take up this ministry.

The complete five-week program combines both theory and hands-on practice and offers formal instruction in class; supervised visiting in acute and chronic care hospitals, nursing homes, community health clinics or parishes; and supervised sessions on interviewing skills.

The Pastoral Health Care Program is made up of different modules addressing such topics as:

- the role of the pastoral health care minister;
- theological reflections on the caring relationship, healing, suffering, sickness and death;
- sacramental theology;
- care of the dying;
- grief workshop;
- pastoral care to those of various faiths;
- understanding and facilitating psychosocial and religious growth in health care;
- communication and visiting skills;
- organization of a pastoral care department.

Participants have the option of registering in the complete five-week program or only in those modules which interest them.

Do not miss this great opportunity to learn more about pastoral health care or to strengthen your practice of this ministry through the integration of your faith experience. Contact the CHAC today at (613) 731-7148 (fax: 731-7797) to obtain more information on the program.