



**Catholic  
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## **CHAC Celebrates World Day of the Sick**

(Ottawa) – The Catholic Health Association of Canada, together with the Pastoral Health Care and Social Services Centre of the Diocese of Québec City have collaborated again this year to produce a resource package to mark the World Day of the Sick – February 11, 2007.

Pope John Paul II instituted World Day of the Sick in 1992, setting aside February 11, Feast of Our Lady of Lourdes, for this annual celebration. The Church takes this opportunity to encourage the sick and those who care for them, to reflect on the Christian meaning of suffering. The occasion also provides an opportunity for those involved in health care to recall the roots of their healing mission.

The resource package contains the following:

- two reflections for reproduction in a newsletter or bulletin;
- a prayer card;
- camera-ready artwork;
- a pamphlet providing a list of suggested activities; and
- a suggested format for a prayer service/liturgy;

Parishes and healthcare facilities may purchase this package for a cost of \$15.00. For information about ordering a resource package, please view our website: [world day of the sick](http://www.chac.ca/world-day-of-the-sick)

The Archbishop of Quebec, Marc Cardinal Ouellet, has issued the following statement to mark February 11, 2007: “Allow me to express my sincere appreciation to all those who work in health care facilities, the people who are at the service of the sick, the volunteers, the pastoral workers, the support staff as well as the family members. By your presence and your work, you improve the quality of life of the sick and contribute to make our world more humane.”

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The Catholic Health Association of Canada (CHAC) is a national Christian association supportive of health care in the tradition of the Catholic Church. As the national voice for Catholic health care, the CHAC's mission is to strengthen and support the ministry of Catholic health care organizations and providers. Its membership includes seven provincial associations; 23 sponsors/owners of health care organizations; 90 hospitals and long-term care organizations; health care professionals; and affiliate organizations and individuals.