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New Board Appointed for the Catholic Health Association of Canada

(Ottawa) – Today the first meeting of the new CHAC Board of Directors for 2004-2005 was held by teleconference.

At CHAC's Annual Assembly, held in Halifax, Nova Scotia on May 3, 2004, the Assembly approved three proposals related to the Association's roles, fee formula, and the structure and composition of the Board of Directors.

In adopting a refocused approach, the Assembly endorsed two primary roles for the association: national advocacy, and the development of standards and guidelines.

The new fee formula, developed through a consultation process with members, was approved by the Assembly.

The new board structure required By-Law amendments that were approved by the Assembly. The amended By-Law received Industry Canada approval as of May 17, 2004.

In order to have continuity and rotation of Directors, the transition Board 2004-2005 will include the following 13 Directors.

CHAC Board of Directors 2004-2005

Executive Committee

Chairperson , **Sandra Keon**, (Pembroke, ON) Vice-Chair of the
2003-2004 Board

Vice-Chairperson, **Charles Gagné**, (Winnipeg, MB) appointed
by the Catholic Health Association of Manitoba

Secretary-Treasurer, **Beverly Rachwalski**, (Edmonton, AB) appointed by the Christian Health Association of Alberta
Robert St-Pierre, (Montréal, QC) appointed by Carrefour Humanisation-Santé

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Lil Bergamo, (Thunder Bay, ON) appointed by the Catholic Health Association of Ontario

Dianne Doyle, (Vancouver, BC) appointed by the Catholic Health Association of British Columbia

Heather Kolla, (Saskatoon, SK) elected by the Sponsor organizations in Saskatchewan and Manitoba

Michael Pontus, (Comox, BC) elected by the Sponsor organizations in British Columbia and Alberta

Sarah Quackenbush, CSJ, (Sudbury, ON) elected by the Sponsor organizations in Ontario

Jim Schneider, (Regina, SK) appointed by the Catholic Health Association of Saskatchewan

Diane Smyth, RSM, (St. John's, NF) elected by the Sponsor organizations in Quebec and the Atlantic provinces

Robert Stewart, (Miramichi, NB) appointed by the New Brunswick Catholic Health Association

Most Reverend James Wingle, (St. Catharines, ON) appointed by the Canadian Conference of Catholic Bishops

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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 acts to promote health in all its aspects: physical, emotional, spiritual and social. Its membership includes seven provincial associations; 27 sponsors/owners of health care organizations; 98 hospitals and long-term care organizations; health care professionals; and affiliate organizations and individuals.

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