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Sister Elizabeth Davis, RSM and The Regional Pastoral Care Service of Quebec City Receive Canada's Highest Distinction in Catholic Health Care

St. John's, Newfoundland - The 2001 *Performance Citation Award* - Canada's highest distinction in Catholic health care - has been awarded to two recipients. The first is **Sister Elizabeth Davis, RSM**, past President and CEO of the Health Care Corporation of St. John's. The second recipient is **Le Service régional de pastorale de la santé : Région de Québec**, a regional pastoral care service based in Quebec City. The presentation of the award took place on Sunday, April 29 during the annual convention of the Catholic Health Association of Canada (CHAC), in St. John's, Newfoundland.

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

"Without a doubt, Sister Elizabeth has shown outstanding leadership in health care, both on the provincial and the national stage. As a champion of Christian values, her leadership has been motivated by a commitment to her faith, her congregation and the Church's mission of health care in Canada," said Sister Annette Noël, SP, CHAC Chairperson. As a woman of faith and vision Sister Elizabeth has been an untiring ambassador of Catholic health care sharing her considerable knowledge in the down-to-earth manner of her Newfoundland roots.

The second recipient of the *Performance Citation Award* is Le Service régional de pastorale de la santé : Région de Québec. The Coordinator and Project Manager of this service is Mr. Jacques Vezina. The activities of this organization include: providing training to pastoral care workers, health care professionals and volunteers; offering high quality spiritual and religious services to hospital patients and nursing home residents; and pursuing research on the relationship between religion, spirituality and health.

Increasingly, the Centre is being acknowledged for its leadership role in developing dynamic and innovative pastoral care services in the region of Quebec City. "The work of the Centre reaffirms the importance of the human and spiritual dimensions of care; promotes Christian

values in health care institutions; and unites compassion and organizational leadership. As such, it exemplifies leadership worthy of national recognition, and, hopefully, will inspire similar initiatives in other regions across Canada,” said Sister Noël.

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