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## **Sr. Anne Collins, SCIC Receives Canada's Highest Distinction in Catholic Health Care**

(Ottawa) – The 2004 *Performance Citation Award* — Canada's highest distinction in Catholic health care — has been awarded to Sr. Anne Collins, SCIC for exemplary leadership in Catholic health care. The presentation of the award took place on Sunday, May 2 during the annual convention of the Catholic Health Association of Canada (CHAC), in Halifax.

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



As one of his nominators wrote: "Sr. Anne has always struck me as someone completely dedicated to Catholic health care, to the enhancement of its delivery, and to the formation of the leadership required for this." Such leadership has been an integral part of Sr. Anne's ministry. It has earned her the respect of her colleagues and inspired many others.

In addition to fulfilling a variety of roles within her religious congregation, Sr. Anne has been a school teacher, a school principal, a pastoral assistant whose focus was visiting the sick, a retreat facilitator, and a spiritual director.

Currently Assistant Executive Director of the Catholic Health Association of Saskatchewan (CHAS), Sr. Anne served as Executive Director of CHAS for 15 years. Her dedication and

spirit of collaboration was especially evident in her work to develop the Parish Home Ministry of Care manual, a resource that is used throughout Canada.

In presenting the award, Janet Brown, Chairperson of the CHAC Board of Directors, said Sr. Anne's principal focus "has been to instil the attitudes and skills needed to reflect the healing love of Christ for the sick and the elderly. In doing so she has been an inspiration for Catholic health care in Saskatchewan and for all of us throughout Canada."

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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.

NOTE: A photograph of Sr. Anne is available upon request (TIF format).

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