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Nuala Kenny to Join CHAC as Ethics & Health Policy Adviser

(Ottawa) – The Catholic Health Association of Canada (CHAC) is pleased to announce that Nuala Kenny, O.C., M.D., FRCPC, an internationally recognized medical educator and lecturer on ethics questions in health care and policy, will be joining the CHAC as an ethics and policy adviser in 2009.



A member of the Sisters of Charity of Halifax, Dr. Kenny received her M.D. from Dalhousie. She did postgraduate training at Dalhousie and Tufts-New England Medical Center, Boston and became a Fellow of the Royal College of Physicians and Surgeons of Canada in 1975. In 1999 she was appointed an Officer of the Order of Canada for her contributions to child health and medical education.

After an extensive career in paediatrics and medical education, Dr. Kenny founded the Department of Bioethics at Dalhousie in 1996. Author of over one hundred papers and two books, her present research interests include professional character formation, ethics in health policy and public health, paediatric ethics, and end-of-life care. This work has earned her many honours, including the 2008 Canadian Bioethics Society Lifetime Achievement Award and the 2008 Canadian Healthcare Association Distinguished Service Award.

In addition to her academic work, Dr. Kenny is regularly involved in policy deliberations, particularly in relation to values and Canadian medicare. She is a member of the Health Council of Canada and sits on the Board of Canadian Doctors for Medicare.

“I am looking forward to devoting a significant amount of my time now to work with the CHAC and with Catholic health care providers, particularly in the complex and challenging area of health care ethics. Having spent my career to date in the public space, I look forward to reflecting on these critical issues within the family of the faith,” said Dr. Kenny.

Speaking on behalf of the Association, James Roche, CHAC President, said “We believe the knowledge, commitment and enthusiasm Dr. Kenny brings in the areas of ethics, the development of health care leaders, Catholic social teaching, and public policy represent a tremendous asset, which will be instrumental in building up and supporting Catholic health care in Canada.

Dr. Kenny will assume this advisory role with the CHAC beginning in April 2009 when she is scheduled to make a presentation on health care ethics during the CHAC annual convention in Vancouver.

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; sponsors/owners of health care organizations; 90 hospitals and long-term care organizations; health care professionals; and affiliate organizations and individuals.

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