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The Highest Distinction in Catholic Health Care Bestowed on Three Recipients

(Ottawa) – The 2007 *Performance Citation Award* – Canada’s highest distinction in Catholic health care – has been awarded to three individuals for outstanding leadership in the Catholic health care ministry. The recipients are Sisters Margaret and Charlotte Vickers, members of the Sisters of Charity of the Immaculate Conception, and Sister Sarah Maillet, a member of the Religious Hospitallers of St. Joseph.

The presentation of the awards took place on Saturday, May 5 during the banquet of the annual convention of the Catholic Health Association of Canada (CHAC), in Moncton, New Brunswick.

The presentation of the *Performance Citation Award* was initiated in 1981. It 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 Catholic health ministry in an extraordinary way.



Sr. Margaret Vickers

Sister Margaret Vickers, SCIC, has served in numerous capacities in health care, in positions as varied as Director of Nursing, Paediatric Nursing Supervisor, and as Assistant Administrator. Her last administrative role was as Executive Director and Administrator of St. Joseph’s Hospital in Saint John, New Brunswick. Sister Margaret is currently a member of the Board of Directors of Providence Health Care, Vancouver – the largest Catholic health care organization in Canada.

Sister Charlotte Vickers, SCIC, has worked in health care settings in New Brunswick and Saskatchewan, and is a past-



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Chairperson of the provincial Catholic health associations of both provinces. In addition, she has served on the boards of such organizations as L'Arche, AIDS Saint John, and the Saint John Legal Clinic.

As one nominator wrote, "both Sister Charlotte and Sister Margaret were among the first in Catholic health care to recognize that the ministry must extend beyond the walls of its health facilities."



Sr. Sarah Maillet

The third recipient of the 2007 Citation Award is Sister Sarah Maillet, RHSJ. Sister Sarah has been involved in promoting values in health care for many years. She has been a teacher and nurse in New Brunswick and Indiana, and a missionary in Peru. At the national level she was Director of Mission Services for the CHAC, and also served two terms on the CHAC Board of Directors. Sister Sarah is a charter member of the Catholic Health Association of New Brunswick and was its first Chair in 1986. She again served as Chair of the Board from 2003 to 2005.

Sister Sarah received a double honour during the award ceremony when it was announced that in recognition of her energy, passion and efforts to preserve a Catholic presence in health care she was also being awarded the Performance Citation Award of the Catholic Health Association of New Brunswick.

In presenting the awards, Charles Gagné, Chairperson of the CHAC Board of Directors, commented that "these three individuals have spent a lifetime seeking ways to make the values of Catholic health care a part of their religious vocations, endeavoring to practice them daily in their ministry, and then going the extra step to pass these important values on to others."

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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.

NOTE: Photographs of the award recipients are available upon request (TIF format).

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