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New President for Catholic Health Association of Canada

(Ottawa) – The Catholic Health Association of Canada (CHAC) announced today that Mr. James Roche has been appointed President of the association. Making the announcement, Chairperson of the Board, Dianne Doyle, said “we believe the Catholic health care ministry in Canada will greatly benefit from Mr. Roche’s longstanding experience and commitment to Catholic health care.”



Mr. Roche joined the staff of CHAC in 1994 as Researcher-Writer. He is the author of numerous CHAC publications including *Spirituality and Health*, and *Facing Death Discovering Life*. He was also a member of the Steering Committee responsible for the preparation of the *CHAC Health Ethics Guide*. Since 2005 Mr. Roche has served as Vice President - Ethics, Advocacy and Public Policy.

“I am honored to have been asked to serve as the CHAC’s next president and I look forward to working with the staff and partner organizations to support the thousands of women and men who embody the ministry’s unique expression of care and caring,” Mr. Roche stated.

“I know I speak on behalf of my colleagues on the board in saying that James has the board’s full support and our confidence in his ability to enhance the focus of the association in these changing times,” said Sister Sarah Quackenbush, CHAC Vice-Chair.

Mr. Roche is the association’s 10th chief executive in its 69 year history.

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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