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Please join me in giving a warm welcome to Diane Doyle, this year's Lifetime Achievement Award recipient. Driven by a desire to inspire positive change, Dianne pursued leadership opportunities in nursing and administration, culminating in her appointment as President and CEO of Providence Health Care, one of Canada's largest faith-based academic healthcare organizations. She served in this role for 12 years. For staff, physicians and partners, Dianne was the enduring face of PHC, her servant leadership style synonymous with the Catholic mission of the healing ministry of Jesus Christ in Health care: putting others before self, meeting the needs of the most vulnerable, and leading with compassion, courage, vision and strength of conviction.

Dianne was a highly visible leader, frequently attending Providence's 16 sites, meeting with patients, residents, families, staff and physicians. Her enduring legacy at Providence evidences the truth of her oft-mentioned mantra: "none of us achieves great things alone, but only with others." With others, she:

- led the re-imagining of PHC's vision with an eye on serving the vulnerable and marginalized,
- established Providence's Centre for Excellence in HIV/AIDS whose ground-breaking approach has been recognized by organizations such as the WHO and the United Nations;
- created services for youth at risk;
- and achieved exemplary standing with Accreditation Canada in 2013 and 2017.

Dianne's commitment to leadership and governance is evidenced by her continuous appointments to boards including:

- President and board member of the denominational health association in BC.
- Chair of the Provincial Catholic association,
- Vice chair of the National Alliance's Governing Council, and Chair to the predecessor National Association

Never wavering from her commitment to the values and beliefs foundational to Catholic healthcare, Dianne showed great courage

in guiding Providence in many difficult and controversial matters including:

- a constitutional challenge against the federal government when legislative changes prevented physicians from administering a medication to patients with treatment-resistant addiction,
- launching "Angel's Cradle" - providing a safe haven for infants abandoned by mothers unable to care for them,
- navigating ethical decisions associated with the opioid crisis and Medical Assistance in Dying,

Not long before her retirement from Providence she gained formal support for the redevelopment of the new St. Paul's Hospital as an integrated campus of care. This remarkable achievement ensures that PHC and Catholic healthcare in BC will continue to thrive for many years to come. Just as Dianne walked in the footsteps of the founding Sisters, Dianne's legacy continues to shine in the work Providence does each and every day. Congratulations Dianne!



**Dianne Doyle (centre) receives her award from John Ruetz (left), chair of the Governing Council of the Catholic Health Alliance of Canada, and Michael Shea, President and CEO.**

**In her acceptance speech Dianne remarked:**

*"My plea to each of you is to stay focused on health care as a ministry; to live the mission and values and ethics that define us; and to continue to find innovative ways to address the needs of the vulnerable and marginalized. The success of CHAC and Catholic health care will depend on intentional strategies which articulate and demonstrate our value-add to the health care system; and our attention to the formation of our sponsors, governors, leaders and staff. Please integrate compassion and social justice into all you do. Thank you."*

