

Catholic Health Alliance of Canada



The Performance  
Citation  
Award  
Recipients



Annual National Award  
1981-2008



## New Name and Logo for Organization



On April 24, 2009 the name of the *Catholic Health Association of Canada* was changed to the *Catholic Health Alliance of Canada*, a new structure to reflect the changing realities. This enables the organization to maintain the English and French acronyms (CHAC and ACCS) and its logo.

The CHAC ceases to be a national association and becomes, instead, a "national secretariat" or resource centre. The new CHAC By-law (2009) calls for a Governing Council elected from among the representatives of the various sponsor groups, while retaining an appointee from the Canadian Conference of Bishops (CCCB) and a provincial association appointee.

### 2008



#### Rev. Michael Prieur

London Ontario

Fr. Prieur, a specialist in Bioethics, is a consultant for the Canadian Conference of Catholic Bishops, as well as numerous Catholic health care organizations throughout Canada. He served as consultant and author in the development of the 1991 and 2000 *Health Care Ethics Guide*. Father Prieur has also made an enormous contribution, in particular to St. Joseph's Health Care in London. Over the past 38 years he has authored more than 30 position papers for the organization's bioethics committee.

### 2007



#### Sister Sarah Maillet, RHSJ

Bathurst, New Brunswick

For years Sr. Sarah was Pastoral Care Coordinator in the Edmundston Hospital. She then became Director of Mission Services for the Catholic Health Association of Canada, before serving two terms on the CHAC Board. As a charter member of the Catholic Health Association of New Brunswick she was its first Chair in 1986, and again from 2003 to 2005. Sr. Sarah was elected the first chairperson of Catholic Health Partners a Public Juridic Person sponsor organization that now sponsors 31 health corporations.



2007 



## Sisters Margaret & Charlotte Vickers, SCIC

Vancouver, British Columbia and Moncton, New Brunswick

Sister Margaret Vickers last administrative role as an Executive Director and Administrator was at St. Joseph's Hospital in Saint John, a position she held for 22 years. She is also past chair of both the New Brunswick Hospital Association and the Catholic Health Association of Saskatchewan. Her sister in family and religious life, Sister Charlotte Vickers, has worked in health care as a nurse in hospitals in New Brunswick and Saskatchewan. She is a past-chair of the Catholic Health Association of Saskatchewan, and was a board director on the Catholic Health Association of New Brunswick.

2006 



## Mary Pat Skene

Edmonton, Alberta

Mary Pat Skene, currently Executive Director of the Sisters of Charity (Grey Nuns) of Alberta, also serves as board chairperson for both Youville Home in St. Albert and La Salle. With 40 years of experience from a staff nurse, she moved to supervisory nursing instructor positions at the Grey Nuns Hospital in Edmonton and finally as President and CEO of St. Paul's Hospital in Saskatoon. She ended her full-time career as President & CEO of the Saskatchewan Catholic Health Corporation. She served on the board of the CHAC from 1996 until 2001, and was chair from 1999 to 2000.

2006 



## Raymond Lafond

St. Boniface, Manitoba

Since 2000 he has served as Executive Director of the Catholic Health Corporation of Manitoba (CHCM), overseeing nine organizations that were previously owned by the Sisters of Charity of Montreal and the Benedictine Sisters. Raymond has had to respond to new challenges as well. Serving as the Vice Chairperson of the Interfaith Health Care Association of Manitoba (IHCAM), as a board member of St. Boniface Hospital and as the treasurer of the Catholic Health Association of Manitoba.

2006 



## Gerald G. Herkel

Surrey, British Columbia

For over 18 years, Gerald Herkel has served faith-based health care in British Columbia. He was administrator of Saint Michael's Centre until his retirement, and then Chair of the Catholic Health Association of British Columbia where he served in some capacity on the board of the provincial association for all but one of the past 14 years. He also served for five years on the CHAC board, and was chair during the 1998-1999 term. He is presently on the board of the Burnaby Hospice Society.



2005 



## Most Rev. Anthony F. Tonnos

Hamilton, Ontario

Bishop Tonnos served on the Board of Catholic Health Association of Ontario (CHAO) for thirteen years. He was the first, and to date, the only bishop to serve as chair of the CHAO board. As a result of his dedication, the CHAO established and, with the help of the membership, endowed the Bishop Anthony Tonnos Scholarship Award granted annually to a person studying health care ethics at an Ontario University. He also served as a member of the board of the St. Joseph's Health System in the Hamilton.

2004 



## Sister Anne Collins, SCIC

Saskatoon, Saskatchewan

Sister Anne has provided many years of creative and enthusiastic service throughout Canada, but in particular, in the province of Saskatchewan. For the Catholic Health Association of Saskatchewan (CHAS) she has acted as the Director of Education and Ethics, and served as the Executive Director of CHAS for fifteen years. Her spirit of collaboration helped her develop the Parish Home Ministry of Care manual, program that is itself a Performance Citation Award Recipient in 1996.

2003 



## Harold (Hal) E. Schmidt

Vancouver, British Columbia

Mr. Harold Schmidt for his exemplary leadership while Chief Executive Officer at Saint Mary's Hospital, New Westminster, BC. Missioning Ceremonies for new board members and the CEO were regularly celebrated in the hospital chapel; and an historical mural was unveiled featuring the ongoing commitment to Catholic health. He worked untiringly to create a healing environment among staff, volunteers and patients. Hal's style of management embraces the mission and values of Catholic health care.

2002 



## Francis G. Morrissey, OMI

Ottawa, Ontario

Fr. Morrissey is no stranger to Catholic health care in Canada. Health care restructuring brought with it new challenges for sponsors and owners of Catholic hospitals and homes. Consistently Fr. Frank Morrissey provided wise counsel to many religious congregations across Canada, as well as to public juridic persons of either diocesan or pontifical right who have continuously sought his advice and assistance on all type of issues. His response to these requests has been generous. His counsel prompt and wise.



2001 



## Le Service régional de pastorale de la santé

Région de Québec

The Service régional de pastorale de la santé is a multidisciplinary team comprising some forty pastoral care workers with a wide range of experience. The Service's mission is to ensure that the pastoral departments in all health and social service institutions in the greater Québec City area are able to provide adequate spiritual and religious services to all people coping with disease, suffering and death. Mr. Jacques Vezina, the Coordinator and Project Manager, accepted the award.

2001 



## Elizabeth Davis, RSM

St. John's, Newfoundland

Sr. Elizabeth served on the CHAC board from 1988 to 1992 and again from 1993 to 1997, as board chair from 1989 to 1991. She was a member of the Task Force for the revision of the 1991 *Health Care Ethics Guide*, and helped design the *Values Integration Assessment Process*. Her insight and skills helped to negotiated an agreement with the Government of Newfoundland in 1994 to ensure that the mission, philosophy and values of the Sisters of Mercy would continue at St. Clare's Mercy Hospital in St. John's.

2000 



## Kateri Ghesquiere, CSJ

London, Ontario

Although a high school teacher and principal for many years, today we honour Sr. Kateri's 23 years of service to the ministry of Catholic health care. During that time she sat on the boards of: Killam General Hospital in Killam, Alberta, St. Joseph's Health Centre in London, Ontario, and the Catholic Health Association of Ontario from 1989 to 1996. She was the driving force behind establishing the St. Joseph's Health Care Society in London. She also served on the board of the CHAC from 1994 to 1999.

1999 



## Mark Miller, CSsR

Saskatoon, Saskatchewan

Fr. Miller serves as a bioethicist and a member of the Ethics Committee for St. Paul's Hospital in Saskatoon, is director of the Redemptorist Bioethics Consultancy in Edmonton, and works as a consultant on ethical issues for the Catholic Health Association of Saskatchewan. In all of these various roles he demonstrates outstanding leadership in the area of ethical decision-making. Father Miller is the author of two books, *Making Moral Choices*, and *Living Ethically in Christ*.



1998 



## Misericordia Sisters

Montréal, Quebec

The Misericordia Sisters who operate Misericordia Hospital in Winnipeg continue to respond today, nationally and internationally, to the miracle of life, the treasure untold in earthen vessels that risks being discarded in our world. They bring the care and compassion of God to unwed mothers and their children, and to married mothers who struggle with pregnancies. Sisters Marguerite Tremblay, and Marie-Anna Plamondon accepted the award on behalf of the congregation.

1997 



## Dr. Carolyn and Thomas Barry

New Maryland, New Brunswick

Dr. Carolyn Barry and Dr. Thomas Barry have truly taken health care beyond the walls of institutions and medical clinics, and out into the community and the life situations of the people they come in contact with. Not only do they offer excellent health care to their patients, they also provide leadership for parenting and family life, travelling to parishes, schools, and community meetings and groups, to speak on sexuality and family matters.

1996 



## CHAS Parish Home Ministry Committee

Saskatoon, Saskatchewan

Formed in 1993 under the auspices of the Catholic Health Association of Saskatchewan (CHAS), the Parish Home Ministry Committee has developed a program designed to help parishes to provide a home-based, values-focused, holistic Catholic care ministry to their sick, elderly, home bound and bereaved members. Sr. Anne Collins, SCIC and Mr. Leo Stevens accepted the award.

1996 



## Perinatal Loss Team, St. Joseph's Hospital

London, Ontario

Mourning a perinatal death requires the painful recall of fantasies about one's child-to-be in the absence of actual memories. It is exceedingly difficult because there is little or no tangible evidence of the child's existence. Helping such families who have experienced such losses is the demanding task that the *Perinatal Loss Team* has committed itself to for nearly 20 years. Cathy Cameron, Margaret Nelson (photo), and Margaret Cox, representatives of the *Perinatal Loss Team*, accepted the award.



1996 



## Rita Desrosiers, SGM

Winnipeg, Manitoba

Sr. Rita worked with tuberculosis patients as a nurse at the St. Boniface Sanitorium, now the St. Amant Centre in Winnipeg, Manitoba, where she has been a strong presence since the early 1950's. She herself contracted tuberculosis and stayed at the Sanitorium as a patient for two years. In 1959, when the St. Amant Centre welcomed its first developmentally-challenged residents, she took on the responsibility of the care of one group of children with disabilities.

1995 



## Point de rencontre

Baie Comeau, Quebec

*Point de rencontre* is a non-profit corporation in Baie-Comeau, on the north shore of the Saint Lawrence River, owned by the Religious Hospitallers of Saint Joseph of Montréal. It offers shelter and compassion for people struggling with thoughts of suicide, alcohol or drug problems. At *Point de rencontre* they live in a family-like atmosphere, surrounded by love and faith. After 20 years of operation, Sister Éleine Pépin, executive director, accepted on behalf of *Point de rencontre*.

1995 



## Fred Barth

Edmonton, Alberta

Fred was a board member of the Misericordia Hospital in Edmonton for 13 years and chair for six years. In 1989, he helped create Alberta's first hospital based foundation at the Misericordia Hospital, as well as the establishment of the Misericordia Hospital Corporation to preserve the mission and values first set out by the Sisters of Misericordia. He was the chairperson from 1985 up until 1995. In 1976 he also helped establish the Alberta Catholic Hospitals Foundation and served as its Director for almost 10 years.

1994 



## Margarete Bradley

New Westminster, British Columbia

For nineteen years she lived the words of the mission of St. Paul's Hospital in Vancouver. "Serve the poor and those in need with compassionate loving care." In a special way her commitment to caring for persons with AIDS, Margarete became instrumental in enhancing the reputation of St. Paul's Hospital in its role as a major National Treatment Centre for HIV/AIDS. She is remembered for how she responded to AIDS patients with care, comfort and true Christian charity.



1993 



## New Brunswick Catholic Health Association

Special Performance Citation Award

Government reforms often impacts Catholic health care, and nowhere recently has this struggle been more severe than in New Brunswick. Today, the CHAC is giving a Special Performance Citation Award to the Catholic health leaders in New Brunswick for their strong opposition to the methods and means used by the provincial government to take over control of Catholic hospitals.

1993 



## Muriel Gallagher, SP

Moose Jaw, Saskatchewan

Sister Muriel Gallagher, a Sister of Providence of St. Vincent de Paul, has been actively involved in health care for 44 years. As a member of the faculty of St. Mary's Hospital School of Nursing in Montréal, Sister Muriel influenced many young women in their work with the sick, the vulnerable, and the marginalized. Sister was also director of nursing at St. Mary's of the Lake Hospital in Kingston. Beginning in 1989, Sr. Muriel has played a key role as president of the Providence Health System in Kingston.

1992 



## Anna Dunn Campbell

Antigonish, Nova Scotia

Anna Dunn Campbell has shown unselfish dedication as a person for others, and that her 30 years of contributing as a lay volunteer in various capacities in the Catholic health care system has made a definite contribution to health care in the Christian context. She was a volunteer at St. Martha's Hospital in Antigonish and also served on the board of the Catholic Health Association of Canada. Anna is the first laywoman to receive the Performance Citation Award.

1991 



## Rosalia Cobey, RHSJ

Kingston, Ontario

Over the years Sr. Cobey was a nurse in the congregation's infirmary and also administrator of St. Catharine's Maternity Hospital in St. Catharines, Ontario. She had to deal with the changes as many sisters left the ministry and few stepped in to replace them. The congregation began to see its schools of nursing close. Some hospitals shut their doors; others were transferred to new owners. As a result the congregation asked Sr. Cobey to create the *Religious Hospitallers of St. Joseph Health System*, the first such system in Canada.



1990 



## Dr. Harold MacNeil, LLD

Edmonton, Alberta

The health care ministry was a second career to which he volunteered the skills and experience he had gained as an educator. Following his retirement in 1978, he served as a board member of Misericordia Hospital in Edmonton, and appointed board chairman from 1985 to 1988. He was a moving force behind the Catholic Hospitals Foundation, whose aim it was to assist the Alberta bishops in taking over and maintaining Catholic health care facilities when Religious Orders felt the need to give up ownership of these facilities.

1989 



## Marion MacDonald, SCIC

Saint John, New Brunswick

Sr. Marion MacDonald's vision of quality health care have spanned this country. Born in Saskatchewan, she graduated as a nurse from Holy Family Hospital in Prince Albert before entering the Sisters of Charity of the Immaculate Conception. She was involved in the construction of the new St. Joseph's Hospital and in the School of Nursing in Saint John. She travelled to become administrator of St. Vincent's Hospital in Vancouver, providing leadership in that institution for 23 years.

1988 



## Margaret Smith, CSJ

North Bay, Ontario

A distinguished 45 year career in health care, you were director of nursing and director of a school of nursing for eight years. Three different hospitals in Northern Ontario were fortunate to have you as their executive director. You served as a director of the Canadian Council of Hospital Accreditation, the Ontario Council of Health, and the Ontario Hospital Association. But you are most proud of the Smith Clinic in Thunder Bay, a facility named after you for the treatment of alcoholism.

1987 



## Janet Murray, CSJ

Toronto, Ontario

Sr. Janet Murray held top administrative positions in health care over the last thirty years. Your institutional career culminated in your appointments as executive director of two major Canadian teaching facilities: Saint Michael's Hospital and St. Joseph's Health Centre, both in Toronto. She has been a board member of many professional groups including the Catholic Health Conference of Ontario and the Ontario Hospital Association, and she also held positions with the Catholic Health Association of Canada.



1987 



## Mary Michael, SP

New Westminster, British Columbia

Sr. Mary Michael's leadership was recognized by your congregation, the Sisters of Providence, in their health care institutions where you worked as a nurse, nursing supervisor, and director of the school of nursing. And it was especially so during your twenty-four years as administrator of Saint Mary's Hospital in New Westminster where you endeavoured at all times to protect and promote the Catholic philosophy of your hospital.

1986 



## Thérèse Roddy, CSJ

Estevan, Saskatchewan

Sr. Thérèse Roddy's service in the health care field spans every geographic level: community, regional, provincial and national. You serve your community and region as executive director of St. Joseph's Hospital in Estevan, Saskatchewan. On the provincial level, you were president of the Catholic Health Services Conference of Saskatchewan and the Saskatchewan Health Care Association. Nationally, you were a board member of the Catholic Health Association of Canada.

1985 



## Dr. John Scatliff

Victoria, British Columbia and Winnipeg, Manitoba

In your vocation of physician, you not only gave your patients your medical skills, but also gave them the care which comes from the belief that health encompasses body, mind and spirit. Your quality of caring for others came to you from your roots in England. Your great grandfather, grandfather, father, and mother, were physicians – a noble tradition carried on by you and your son. Five generations – a heritage of the caring physician.

1984 



## Gilberte Paquette, SCO

Ottawa, Ontario

As a Sister of Charity of Ottawa and Executive Director of the Elisabeth-Bruyère Health Centre (formerly Ottawa General Hospital) this presentation is made in recognition of your outstanding work which exemplifies in a most concrete way the mission and aims of this association. Your 25 years in top administrative posts have witnessed to your unselfish dedication as a "person for others", to your service carried out with consummate professional competence, great personal warmth, and extraordinary perseverance.



1983 



## Claude Brunet

Montréal, Quebec

Your achievements, Mr. Brunet, as a patient acting on behalf of hospital patients: aged, handicapped, disabled, many of whom are powerless to speak for themselves. Thanks to your numerous interventions, the mandatory formation of Patients' Committees in all long-term care hospitals and homes for the aged in the Province of Québec has been realized. Bill 27, which also provides budgets for these committees, was passed in the Québec Legislative Assembly.

1982 



## Mary Fabian Hennebury, RSM

St. John's, Newfoundland

She is known as a woman of vision by the many "firsts" in her life. She was the first Sister of Mercy to receive an RN in Newfoundland. During the twenty-four years that she was Executive Director of St. Clare's Mercy Hospital in St. John's, Newfoundland, the hospital received its first full accreditation and inaugurated the first palliative care unit in Newfoundland. This was also one of the first palliative care units in Canada. She laid the groundwork for the first detoxification unit in her region, Talbot House.

## 1981 ~ The First Performance Citation Award Recipient



## The Honourable Emmett M. Hall

Saskatoon, Saskatchewan

When we turn to your actions on behalf of health care as such, we begin by recalling your service as chairman of the board of St. Paul's Hospital in Saskatoon from 1947 to 1963. The end of that 16-year term overlapped with your service from 1961 to 1964 as chairman of the *Royal Commission on Health Services in Canada*. You recommended daringly "that as a nation we take the necessary legislative, organizational, and financial decisions to make all the fruits of the health sciences available to all our residents without hindrance of any kind." It is, thanks to you, that our comprehensive, universal, medical care system exists today. So it was entirely fitting that, when a need was seen to review the state of health services, you were named in 1979 to conduct that study. And it was typical of your unwavering convictions that you entitled your 1980 report "A Commitment to Renewal."