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The Lifetime Achievement Award honouring a leader is presented to individuals who have inspired and mentored numerous others in Catholic health care and whose accomplishments, over the course of a career, have strengthened the ministry. Her or his leadership extends past the Catholic health ministry to influence and impact the local community and beyond.

Today we honour two individuals.

Fran Ross is a passionate thought leader in Catholic health care, inspiring others with her selfless services, always seeking the best for the ministry and those called to further it.

With over 20 years in providing strategic communications, planning and engagement consultancy, Fran demonstrates tireless commitment in inspiring the next generation of leaders.

Connecting hearts and minds in helping people fulfill their calling to the healing ministry in personal, impactful and genuine ways, Fran champions the need for authentic engagement,

seeking the wisdom of community as key to the flourishing of Catholic health care.

In her leadership roles at Caritas Health Group, Covenant Health, and now at the Catholic Health Alliance of Canada, we only have to look at the vocabulary we have appropriated to appreciate her enduring legacy. Words like: engagement; sense-making; ambassadorship; corporate storytelling; grace; and allyship.

In the words of people who have been mentored and touched by Fran:

“Fran has the most amazing ability to listen – hear and then distill multiple points of view into beautiful language that is clean, inspiring and poignant. She can tease out details you weren’t even focused upon as you prepared for a conversation. She hears the soul of people’s thoughts and in doing so generate amazing messages.”

“Fran is a strategist – what is it we are trying to achieve and why, how does it fit with who we are and align with mission, values and our vision... how best to position us, our organizations to achieve great things today and into the future. It is a privilege and a blessing to work with Fran and learn from her.”

Congratulations Fran!