



Announcement

CHAC Governing Council

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After many years of dedicated leadership in advancing Catholic health in Canada, John Ruetz has decided to step away from his current role as President and Chief Executive Officer of the Catholic Health Alliance of Canada (CHAC) next year. John will be leaving CHAC to spend more time working and serving in the community and to explore new avenues of service as part of his evolving interests in leadership and governance.

As a Governing Council, we are grateful for John's insightful and steadfast leadership over the years and his work in building strong relationships and strategic alliances within the Catholic community in Canada, with decision-makers in Canada's health and social sectors, and with the Holy See (Vatican) and other international partners.

We are grateful for John's contribution as a passionate champion for social justice and the responsibility of Catholic health to welcome all and to collaborate with others to create a society where all can thrive. During his tenure, John emphasized the essential role of Catholic health in forming meaningful connections with communities, and in listening and learning together as we respond to local needs.

CHAC is a national collaborative of 13 Catholic health sponsors that collectively have responsibility for 129 health organizations with Catholic identity—including major hospitals, care centres and community-based health and social services. Working with national partners and local sponsors, CHAC positions and advances the vital contribution of Catholic health in strengthening our high-quality integrated health system and in building a Canadian society where all can thrive.

We are blessed to continue to have John's leadership and wisdom over the next few months, allowing us to continue advancing our national strategy and planning a thoughtful, seamless, and coordinated transition.

CHAC has engaged Pender and Howe to support our recruitment for this leadership position. If you are interested in learning more about how you can positively impact health care in Canada and bring astute values-based leadership to help drive the strategic impact of Catholic health care across Canada, please contact Glenn Lesko at glenn.lesko@penderhowe.com.

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