



Christmas Update



The following provides some highlights of recent and current activities of Catholic Health Sponsors of Ontario:

[CHSO Strategic Plan](#)

On October 25 & 26, Catholic Health Sponsors of Ontario gathered for a two-day Strategic Retreat at The Sisters of St. Joseph of Sault Ste. Marie Motherhouse in North Bay. During our time together, we reflected on the work of CHSO during the past few years, set a practical vision for the goals we want to achieve in the next 3-5 years, and planned actions that will support us in achieving our practical vision. CHSO looks forward to consulting with organizations, founding congregations and other individuals regarding the refresh of our strategy so that it can be finalized early in 2019.

[Marianhill Inc., Pembroke](#)

CHSO recently provided Marianhill with approval to proceed with an expansion and redevelopment project which will include retrofitting the existing building and the construction of a new addition. Government approval for the redevelopment of 160 beds, including 29 new beds has now been publicly announced.

[Board Appointments - Process](#)

The CHSO Board has approved new Director appointments for several CHSO sponsored organizations since the fall. The Board views this as one of many important roles in ensuring Board director candidates are demonstrating an affirmation and commitment to Catholic identity. The CHSO Guideline, *Recruiting, Interviewing and Recommending New Board Directors* sets out CHSO's expectations regarding the extent and type of information that is required to accompany any new director appointments coming forward to CHSO for approval. CHSO is also looking at how it might further assist organizations with the appropriate discussions with potential board candidates which would contribute to an overall positive process at the local level as well as for CHSO.



CHSO approved a new mission and vision statement for Providence Care, Kingston. In its submission to CHSO, Providence Care provided a detailed briefing note which outlined the process followed by the Providence Care Board, including references to the CHSO guideline, *Mission Statements & Catholic Identity*. The organization's submission also included the completed *Catholic Identity Worksheet*, demonstrating how the distinctive elements of Catholic identity have been incorporated into Providence Care's new statements. CHSO wishes to highlight this excellent work of the Providence Care Board.

"Providence Care, a Catholic health organization, is strengthened by the spirit and tradition of our Founders, the Sisters of Providence of St. Vincent de Paul. We instill hope and enhance the quality of life of the people we serve. Through partnership and innovation, we excel in care, education and research to meet the needs of the whole person."

[2019 CHSO Living the Mission Award](#)

An invitation for Nominations for the [CHSO Living the Mission Award](#) has been sent to all CHSO organizations. Please submit your nominations to John Ruetz by January 21, 2019. The award is to acknowledge the highest level of excellence in the area of demonstrated and recognized expression of Mission.



The presentation of this year's recipient will be made at the annual CHSO Forum and Gala Dinner in Toronto on March 25, 2019.

The Catholic Alliance of Canada (CHAC) has also issued a call for nominations for the Lifetime Achievement Award and Midcareer Leadership Award. [Click here for further information.](#)

[CHSO Mission Leadership Program](#)

The 2018-19 Mission Leadership Program commenced with Module 1 on October 22 & 23. CHSO organizations are well represented in the program, with four of our organizations' CEOs participating. Thirty-five participants completed the first module. Module 2 takes place on February 20-22, 2019.



[CHSO Interaction with the Holy See](#)

John Ruetz attended the Holy See's international health care conference in November, as a representative of the Catholic Health Alliance of Canada. While at the Vatican, he presented CHSO's annual report to Cardinal Braz de Aviz, prefect of the dicastery where CHSO reports, and had a wide-ranging discussion about Catholic health care in Canada. He also had an opportunity to meet Pope Francis and bring greetings from Canada and our health care ministry.

CHSO BOARD MEETING CALENDAR & UPCOMING EVENTS

The CHSO Board will be meeting by teleconference on January 25, 2019.
In-person meetings are scheduled to take place on
February 27th at Unity Health - St. Michael's Hospital, Toronto;
March 26th at Marriott Courtyard, Toronto;
and April 26th at Mattawa Hospital.

THE [CHSO FORUM & GALA DINNER](#) FOR THE CHSO BOARD AND CHSO SPONSORED ORGANIZATIONS IS SCHEDULED TO TAKE PLACE ON MARCH 25TH AT THE MARRIOTT COURTYARD TORONTO DOWNTOWN

Recommendations coming forward from CHSO organizations should be supported by a briefing note and received at least two weeks prior to a CHSO Board meeting. Please involve the sponsor early by contacting John Ruetz once it has been identified that CHSO approval on a particular item is required. This is particularly important when approval is required related to reserved powers: changes to philosophy, mission, values; appointment or dismissal of Board Members, Chair or CEO; and major financial decisions, mergers, and integrations.

*A very Merry Christmas and
our best wishes for good health
and much happiness
in 2019*

The Board and Staff of Catholic Health Sponsors of Ontario



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