

## An Invitation to Join

Will you support the health care ministry of the Church by becoming a member of CHAS?

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Organization: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone number: \_\_\_\_\_

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### Annual Membership Fee

Personal Member—\$30

Associate Member—\$75

*(K of C and CWL Councils, Parishes, Religious Congregations, Professional and Business Groups)*

Affiliate Member—\$250

*(Healthcare organizations or facilities)*

Personal membership fees and any additional donations to CHAS are tax deductible.

**Please send your application and membership fee to:**

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A faith community continuing  
the healing ministry of Jesus.

We all experience sickness.  
We all desire healing.



**WE BELIEVE** that faith gives us the ability to deal with sickness, find hope and peace in the midst of suffering, and bring purpose and meaning to dying.

**WE BELIEVE** that health means wholeness—addressing body, mind and spirit. Health is not simply an absence of illness; and healing is more than simply curing a disease.

**WE BELIEVE** that health care is not a commodity.

**WE BELIEVE** in the sanctity of life and dignity of all, understanding that each human life is both sacred and social.

**WE BELIEVE** that human life is a gift to be respected from conception through natural death, understanding that the spiritual dimension is an integral part of health and healing.

## What is Catholic health care?

Catholic health care ministry is about tending to the sick, suffering and dying as though we were tending to Jesus Himself.

In the past, countless women and men have devoted their entire lives to caring for the sick and suffering, leaving a powerful legacy of Catholic health ministry. Today, we are all called to be 'Good Samaritans' stopping along the way to show the compassion and love of Jesus.

Some are involved in preventative, acute and long-term care, home care, end-of-life care, spiritual care and supportive counseling. Others are in the community reaching out to the poor, visiting the lonely, and tangibly caring for the needs of the less-abled.

Ultimately, Catholic health care ministry is an activity of the whole church—responding to human suffering, and caring for the well-being of the whole person.

Together, we all build a faith community that is continuing the healing ministry of Jesus.

**I was sick, and you looked after me.  
Jesus, when did we ever see you sick?  
When you cared for the least of my  
brothers and sisters, you were doing  
it to me!**

*Matthew 25:35,40 paraphrased*

## What does CHAS do?

The Catholic Health Association of Saskatchewan (CHAS) was formed in 1943 to be a voice for Catholic hospitals and long-term care facilities, and to protect and promote Catholic health care in Saskatchewan.

Catholic health care is evolving as we face advancing technology, a more secularized and pluralistic society, and growing pressures and challenges in a complex healthcare system. CHAS continues to serve the needs of today by offering leadership, education and resources in ethics, mission, spiritual care and social justice.

Our mission has broadened to engage the parishes and public in the important ministry of Catholic health care.

### **CHAS provides:**

- Networking, support and resources to its institutions and members
- Annual convention and general meeting
- Mission Award and Moola Freer Palliative Care Award and Scholarship
- Ethics consultation and resource services
- Mission Formation Program and resources
- Resources for spiritual care providers
- Community of Care: Parish Home Ministry of Care Program
- Lending library
- Networking on provincial and national levels