



Euthanasia— No Way to End *A Critical Conversation About Approaching Death*

Every spring, CHAS sponsors educational sessions relating to issues in Catholic health care around mission, spiritual care or ethics.

This year we'd like to introduce a ***critical conversation*** regarding ***euthanasia***. As a Catholic organization, our position is to always support a culture of life, from conception to its natural end. However, the euthanasia question is becoming more prominent in health care circles, legislature, and main stream media - and the faith community is looking to respond.

As long time supporters and advocates of ***palliative care***, it is our pleasure to bring ***Jeff Christiansen, Executive Director of Regina Palliative Care Inc.***, to the podium. Jeff is an articulate and engaging speaker, who understands the pastoral and spiritual dimensions of supporting the needs of individuals and families at the end of life.

This session is not intended to be a clinical presentation on palliative medicine or an in-depth ethical discourse. Rather, it is an ***invitation to the Catholic, Christian and faith-filled community to understand the issues that surround end of life, and be encouraged to embrace a culture of life and hope throughout the entire journey.***

Beyond the medical and ethical dilemmas that often surround the end of life, exists a **critical conversation** that is often overlooked. How do we as a Christian or faith-filled community **approach and respond to death** as individuals, families and communities? How do we **journey with those who fear** they may become a burden on others, are depressed or stressed from their illness, or fear the pain associated with terminal illnesses?



Jeff Christiansen, Executive Director of Regina Palliative Care Inc., will explore the **theological, pastoral, and spiritual dimensions** of responding to the needs of individuals and families at the end of life and will highlight the importance of a palliative care approach.

Prince Albert - Wednesday, May 5: 2 pm and 7 pm, Mont St. Joseph Home, 777 - 28th Street East

Saskatoon - Thursday, May 6: 2:00 - 3:00 pm, Rm G30, St. Paul's Hospital; 7:00 - 8:00 pm, St. Philip Neri Church, 1904 Munroe Avenue

Moose Jaw - Wednesday, May 19: 1:30 - 2:30 pm, Providence Place, 100 - 2nd Ave N E

Regina - Wednesday, May 19: 7:00 - 8:00 pm, Holy Trinity Church, 5020 Sherwood Drive

What is our Tomorrow?

Living the Compassion of Christ in Healthcare

Sr. Lynn Levo
Keynote Address

Dr. Nuala Kenny
Keynote Address

Raphael Amato
Inspirational Speaker &
Town Hall AGM Facilitator

Fr. Tony Bidgood
Presider and Homilist



Catholic Health Association of Saskatchewan

67th Annual Convention, October 24 - 26, 2010
Delta Bessborough, Saskatoon

For more information, please contact the CHAS office at
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Take note...

Thank-you to all who hosted and attended **World Day of the Sick** celebrations across the province on February 11th.

Congratulations to Bishop Donald Bolen who on March 25, celebrated his Episcopal ordination as Bishop of the Roman Catholic Diocese of Saskatoon.

CHAC National Convention will be held in Toronto from April 30 - May 2. This year's theme is *Health Care Trends and Transformations*.

May 31 - June 1: **Saskatchewan Hospice Palliative Care Association Conference** to be hosted at the Delta Regina.

We look forward to the **100th Anniversary of the Roman Catholic Archdiocese of Regina** to be celebrated on June 6, at the Brandt Centre.

The **W.F. Mitchell Bioethics Conference** will be hosted at Saskatoon City Hospital on November 18 & 19. The theme is *Dementia, Mental Illness & Addiction: Ethical Dilemmas, Ethical Demands*.

What's New with our Members

PROVIDENCE PLACE: UNVEILING CEREMONY FOR REVISED MISSION/VISION STATEMENT

- submitted by Ginny Jackson, Director of Spiritual Care

To kick off the annual Spring Mission Week at Providence Place for Holistic Health Inc., a ceremony was held unveiling the newly revised Mission/Vision Statement for the facility. The Mission Effectiveness/Quality Workplace committee organized the event held in the Rose Room on Monday, March 29, 2010. Staff and invited guests participated in the ceremony which had Deacon Bob Williston, Mission Educator for CHAS perform a song he composed around the theme of the Mission Week: **The Mission is... Yours, Mine and Ours**.



The new Mission/Vision Statement was blessed by the Priest from St. Joseph's Parish in Moose Jaw after his weekly Mass at Providence Place on March 31st. The new Mission/Vision Statement and Resident Rights are now displayed at the main entrance of Providence Place.

CONFERRAL OF PAPAL HONORS

- submitted by Bob Williston, Mission Educator for CHAS

Tuesday, April 6 was a special day for four people with long histories of service to the people of God in the Archdiocese of Regina. In the context of the Liturgy of the Hours, André Moquin, John Hoffort, and James Schneider were each conferred the Papal title of Knights of Saint Gregory the Great. Jean Mahoney was given the title of Dame Commander of Saint Gregory the Great.



L to R: J. Hoffort, A. Moquin, Bishop Bolen, Archbishop Bohan, J. Mahoney, J. Schneider

It was noted that for each of the four, their involvement with CHAS was one of the areas where their witness to service was most evident and inspirational. We are very proud of these folks and applaud their great work for the church. One person commented, "What's with CHAS being mentioned all the time?" I smiled with beaming pride and replied, "That's what CHAS is all about...service!" Congratulations to all, and may the Lord rise up many more willing witnesses to faith and service!