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Pope Leo's Prayer Intention

[For the values of sports - June 2026](#)

Let us pray that sports be an instrument of peace, encounter, and dialogue among cultures and nations, and that they promote

values such as respect, solidarity, and personal growth.

[View a Video of the Prayer Intention Here](#)

2026 Annual CHAS Convention

The Catholic Health Associations of Saskatchewan's Annual Convention will be held October 29-30, 2026 in Prince Albert, Saskatchewan.



CHAS Convention 2026 - An Invitation

The most beautiful sound you will ever hear in your life is the voice of God. That stands to reason because God is beauty itself and all that is beautiful has been created by God.

The title of the CHAS Convention this year is, *Shared Vision, Sacred Work: Growing Healing Communities*. At the heart of this title is a beautiful calling - the healing ministry of Jesus Christ. It is the mission of Catholic Health Care; it is our mission. We discover that mission

when we hear the sound of God's voice inviting us to share in a sacred work that grows healing communities.

Meet the Speakers:

CHAS ANNUAL CONVENTION 2026

Speaker Highlight: Mission: How We Can Strengthen and Live Out the Healing Ministry of Jesus Christ



SPEAKER

ARCHBISHOP SUSAI JESU, O.M.I.

CHAS ANNUAL CONVENTION 2026

Speaker Highlight: Pathways to Presence: Supporting Those Who Grieve



SPEAKER

DR. BRIAN CHARTIER

CHAS ANNUAL CONVENTION 2026

Speaker Highlight: Living Well and Dying Well: Palliative Care Stories and Opportunities



SPEAKER

DR. JAMES MACMILLAN

Convention Hotel Accommodations



We have secured a dedicated block of rooms at the [Best Western Premier Prince Albert](#). According to major internet travel review platforms (where it consistently holds "Exceptional" and "Excellent" ratings), this property is widely recognized as the best hotel in Prince Albert.

Accommodations are to be booked independently from registration for the convention.

If you are making convention plans early, you can view the accommodation details and secure your room. Registration will officially open in **July**, with full details posted on our website and shared in our next newsletter.

Best Western Premier
Brochure

Booking Information

2026 CHAS AGM Date

Annual General Meeting Announcement CHANGE OF PROCESS!

CHAS' 2026 AGM will be held **VIRTUALLY** on Tuesday, September 29, 2026
from 9:30 to 11:00 am.

The AGM will no longer be held during the Annual Convention.

This change has been made to [increase member engagement](#).

Registration information will be provided in upcoming newsletters and on our website.

Community News

Palliative Care Education & Research Conference: October 19, 2026

We support the advancement of palliative care knowledge through the Palliative Care Education and Research Conference. Learn about palliative care needs and enhance your knowledge of the practical aspects of palliative and end-of-life care. Explore current trends, issues and research with our invited guest experts and your colleagues.

A promotional poster for the Palliative Care Education & Research Conference. The poster has a blue and green color scheme. At the top, it says 'Covenant Health Palliative Institute'. Below that, the title 'Palliative Care Education & Research Conference' is followed by the date 'Monday | October 19, 2026'. A section titled 'Plenary Speakers' features two circular portraits: Dr. José Pereira, PhD, with the text 'Canada's Poor Global Palliative Care Ranking: Unjustified or Cause for Concern?', and Dr. Pippa Hawley, PhD, with 'True Patient-Centred Care: Walking the Walk'. The main theme is 'Palliative Care in a Changing World', with a paragraph explaining the importance of palliative care and the need for consistent services. A call to action states 'FREE! We are pleased to offer FREE Registration this year. Registration is now OPEN June 15 - October 5, 2026'. At the bottom, it directs visitors to the conference website for more information.

Palliative Care Education & Research Conference
Monday | October 19, 2026

Plenary Speakers

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Unjustified or Cause for Concern?

Dr. Pippa Hawley, PhD
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Walking the Walk

Palliative Care in a Changing World

Palliative care is at a pivotal point in its development. While health systems and societal needs continue to evolve, the foundational principles of palliative care remain unchanged. Authentic palliative care supports individuals to live well from the time of diagnosis through death or recovery, while providing essential support to families, caregivers, and the broader health system.

Despite its importance, access to primary and specialized palliative care services, education, and training remains inconsistent. This gap underscores the need to think strategically about how to ensure palliative care is positioned to meet present and future needs. As our world changes, palliative care must continue to develop accordingly.

The conference theme, *Palliative Care in a Changing World*, reflects this period of transition and opportunity. Through education, research, and interprofessional engagement, participants are invited to champion authentic palliative care, reflect on its evolution, and contribute to shaping its future.

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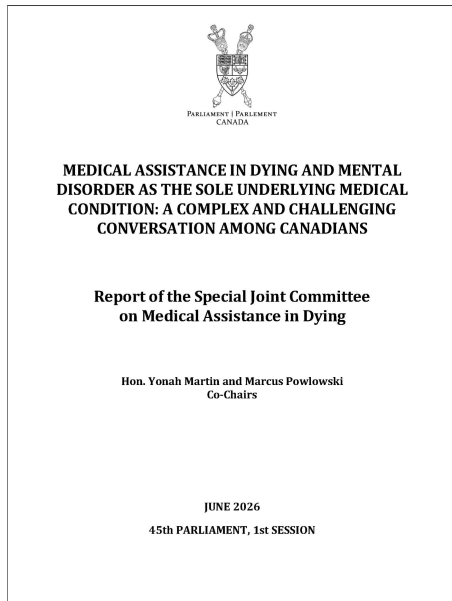
For more information about the conference please visit the conference website
(see link below)

[Learn More](#)

MAiD & Mental Health: Report of the Special Joint Committee on Medical Assistance in Dying

On June 17th, the Special Joint Committee on Medical Assistance in Dying (MAiD) released a report recommending that the Government of Canada amend the Criminal Code to indefinitely exclude mental illness as a sole underlying condition for Medical Assistance in Dying (MAiD).

[Learn More](#)



Motto:

The Compassion of Christ
Compels Us

Patroness:

Our Lady of Good Counsel

Land Acknowledgement

In the spirit of justice and reconciliation, and remembering the Indigenous lands of our province are shared through Treaty, we

acknowledge these lands as the ancestral home of the Plains Cree, Saulteaux, Assiniboiné, Sioux, Dene, Chipewyan and Dakota. We also acknowledge this land as the homeland of the Métis Nation.

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