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Catholic Health
Association of Saskatchewan



2026 ANNUAL CONVENTION

SACRED VISION, SACRED WORK.
GROWING HEALING COMMUNITIES.

DETAILS:



Date:
October 29-30, 2026



Convention Venue
St. Joseph's Parish
260 25 St E,
Prince Albert, SK



Accommodations
**Best Western Premier
Prince Albert**
313, 38th St W Prince Albert, SK
Drop-date for room block:
September 19, 2026

PROGRAM DETAILS



The program also features breakout sessions—including Mary Heilman on AI and Michael MacFadden with a deeper look at palliative care—alongside an optional tour of Mont St. Joseph's Home.

Early Bird Deadline is October 4, 2026 at Noon

MEET OUR

SPEAKERS:



Archbishop Susai Jesu, O.M.I.
Archbishop of Keewatin-Le Pas



Dr. James MacMillan
Physician Lead for the SHA
Palliative Care Provincial Clinical
Network



Ryan Straschnitzki
Former Humbolt Broncos Hockey
Player



Carrie Dornstauder, RN
Executive Director at St. Paul's
Hospital and Hospice at Glengarda

Lecina Hicke, BA, CFRE
CEO of the St. Paul's Hospital
Foundation



Dr. Brian Chartier, PhD
Clinical Psychologist, Specializing
in Grief and Bereavement



Dr. Christine Taylor
Director of Evangelization and
Catechesis with Oversight of the
Diocesan Pastoral Care Ministries

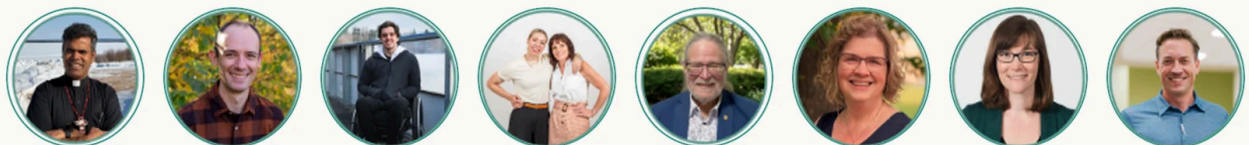
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The title of the CHAS Convention this year is, *Shared Vision, Sacred Work: Growing Healing Communities*. At the heart of this title is a beautiful calling - the healing ministry of Jesus Christ. It is the mission of Catholic Health Care; it is our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

- [Archbishop Susai Jesu, OMI](#)
- [Dr. James MacMillan](#)
- [Ryan Straschnitzki](#)
- [Carrie Dornstauder, RN and Lecina Hicke, BA, CFRE](#)
- [Dr. Brian Chartier, PhD](#)
- [Dr. Christine G. Taylor, D. Min.](#)
- [Dr. Mary Heilman, PhD](#)
- [Michael MacFadden, MN-NP\(PHC\) CHPCN© CHE](#)

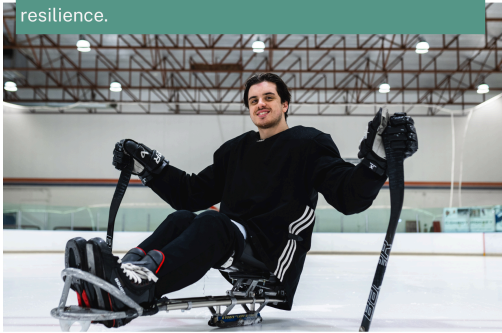
Plus, there will be an opportunity to visit [Mont St. Joseph Home](#) as one of the breakout sessions.





Mindset: What Resilience Actually Takes *with Ryan Straschnitzki*

Ryan is a survivor of the tragic Humboldt Broncos bus crash. As a keynote speaker, Ryan shares his powerful story of recovery, personal growth and resilience.



No Registration Required | Suggested Free Will Offering (\$20) Appreciated
Presented as part of the 2026 CHAS Convention, this featured program welcomes all public attendees

Thursday, October 29, 2026
Doors: 6:30 pm | Keynote: 7:00 PM
St. Joseph's Parish - 260 25 St E, Prince Albert, SK

Mindset: What Resilience Actually Takes *with Ryan Straschnitzki*

Ryan's speech is open to the public! See poster below for details.

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Thursday, October 29, 2026

Time	Session/Activity
11:30 am - 12:45 pm	Registration
1:00 pm	Opening Gathering
1:30 pm	Keynote: Archbishop Susai Jessu, O.M.I. <i>Living the Ministry of Wholeness: From Cross-Cultural Roots to Committed Action</i>
2:45 pm	Break
3:00 pm	Keynote: Dr. James MacMillan <i>Living Well and Dying Well - Palliative Care Stories and Opportunities</i>
4:15 pm	Eucharist & Blessing of the CHAS Board
5:15 pm	Banquet and Awards
6:45 pm	Transition
7:00 pm	Keynote: Ryan Straschnitzki <i>A survivor of the tragic Humboldt Broncos bus crash. As a keynote speaker, Ryan shares his powerful story of recovery, personal growth and resilience.</i>
8:30 pm	Social

Friday, October 30, 2026

8:00 am	Breakfast provided by the Knights of Columbus
8:45 am	Keynote: Carrie Dornstauder, R.N. and Leticia Hicke, BA, CFRE <i>Called to See and Respond: Social Medicine - a current approach to the Healing Ministry</i>
10:00 am	Health Break
10:15 am	Options Breakout A • Tour of Mount St. Joseph Care Home (the full 90 minutes) Transition • Dr. Mary Helmer - Presentation on AI Breakout B • Michael MacFadden - What makes a Good Next Step? (palliative care)
11:45 am	Lunch
12:30 pm	Keynote: Dr. Brian Chartier <i>Pathways to Presence: Supporting Those Who Grieve</i>
1:45 pm	Health Break
2:00 pm	Keynote: Dr. Christine Taylor <i>Moved with Compassion: Taking the Convention Home</i>
2:45 pm	Thank you & Farewell! See you next year!

2026 Convention Schedule

The full convention schedule is available on our website!

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Moola-Freer and Mission Awards

DEADLINE FOR SUBMISSIONS
EXTENDED TO AUGUST 31, 2026

2026 CHAS CONVENTION

We are accepting nominations for the CHAS Moola Freer and Mission Awards.

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Convention Hotel Accommodations

ACCOMODATIONS



PREMIER

BEST WESTERN.

RESERVATIONS MUST BE COMPLETED BY SEPTEMBER 29, 2026.

We have secured a dedicated block of rooms at the Best Western Premier Prince Albert. 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 is now open and can be found on our website (below). **The cut-off date for the reserved block of rooms is September 29, 2026.**

Best Western Premier
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Booking Information

Have you registered yet?

Early bird deadline is October 4, 2026 at 12:00 pm!

Register Now

Convention Venue



Our convention will be hosted at St. Joseph's Parish: 260 – 25th Street East, Prince Albert, SK

2026 CHAS AGM Date

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Here for
More Info

There is a **change of process** for the Annual General Meeting this year!

Our 2026 AGM will be held **virtually** on Tuesday, September 29, 2026 from 9:30-11:00 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.

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, Assiniboine, Sioux, Dene, Chipewyan and Dakota. We also acknowledge this land as the homeland of the Metis Nation.

Motto:

The Compassion of Christ Compels
Us

Patroness:

Our Lady of Good Counsel

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