

How You Can Become a Member of *CHABC*

If you would like to be a member of the *Catholic Health Association of British Columbia*, please complete the form at the bottom of this page and mail it to us. This is our address:

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Our membership fees are reviewed on an annual basis and are currently as follows:

Personal Membership \$45
Family Membership \$65
Associate Membership \$160

(open to organizations that support the Catholic health care mission)

Principal Membership fees vary
(open to health care facilities that support the Catholic health care mission)

If you don't wish to be a member, but you still wish to support our work, your donation is gratefully accepted. We are a registered charitable organization and will issue you a receipt for income tax purposes.

Please make your cheque payable to the *Catholic Health Association of BC*.

Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ PC: _____

Phone: _____ Fax: _____

Email: _____

Our Mission

The *Catholic Health Association of BC* is a provincial Catholic organization whose Mission is to witness to the healing ministry and abiding presence of Jesus. Inspired by the Gospel, this Association strives to have a universal concern for health as a condition for full human development.

Our Purpose

- ◆ *CHABC* believes that “health” is more than just physical well-being. Social, spiritual and emotional aspects of an individual are integral components of good health. We support and encourage programs that respond to the changing needs of the sick, elderly, homebound and bereaved in our parish communities. We are active proponents of the Parish Nurse initiative.
- ◆ *CHABC* works with the *Denominational Health Association* to ensure that the mission and values of the founders of our facilities are safeguarded through the changes brought about by health care reform and restructuring. We are committed to building collaborative relationships with health authorities and all levels of government.
- ◆ *CHABC* works to ensure that the laws are never changed in Canada to legalize euthanasia and physician assisted suicide.
- ◆ *CHABC* provides current information on health issues that touch on our faith to our members, staff in our facilities and our volunteers, as well as to the broader community.
- ◆ The *CHABC* Ethics Committee and Pastoral Care Committee support individuals who work in our facilities and volunteer in our parishes to carry out the Mission of Catholic health care.



“The Charity of Christ Compels Us”

Catholic Health Association

of

British Columbia

“Living the Mission”

More than 65 Years of Leadership

Since 1940, the *Catholic Health Association of British Columbia* has provided leadership, partnership, networking, consultations and education through newsletters, workshops, professional updating and the promotion, advocacy and integration of values and quality in health care.

Our membership is made up of Catholic health care organizations, a number of associated organizations and many families and individuals who are concerned about Catholic health care in BC and support its values as being a health care imperative.

Our *Association's* principal and associate membership currently represents eleven Catholic health care facilities in the province. They are:

- ◆ In Burnaby, *Saint Michael's Centre*
- ◆ In Comox, *Saint Joseph's General Hospital*
- ◆ In Vancouver, *Columbus Residence, Kopernik Lodge* and the facilities that are part of *Providence Health Care: Holy Family Hospital, Marion Hospice, Mount Saint Joseph Hospital, Saint Paul's Hospital, Saint Vincent's Langara, Brock Farhni, and Youville Residence.*
- ◆ In Victoria, *Mount Saint Mary Hospital*

Some of our other associate members are Catholic Women's Leagues, Knights of Columbus Councils, religious congregations, Bishops, Pastors, hospital auxiliaries, foundations and various associations.

We also count many families and individuals as members of *CHABC*.

Our Activities and Our Success

- ◆ We provide leadership and administrative support to the *Denominational Health Association* which represents Catholic facilities and more than 30 others in BC that are owned and operated by twelve faith groups.
- ◆ Our member facilities recognize the value of pastoral care in health care. We continue to speak out about the vital need for pastoral care services to be retained and supported in secular health care facilities in BC.
- ◆ We work with the *BC Transplant Society* to encourage organ donations. Before he was Pope Benedict XVI, Cardinal Joseph Ratzinger revealed to news media that he is a registered organ donor. The Church fully supports organ and tissue donation.
- ◆ We work with other Church groups to provide education to seniors about BC's Adult Guardian Legislation and representation agreements for those who cannot speak for themselves when a health care decision must be made.
- ◆ We sponsor speakers on health care issues to present at Priests' Study Days in the various dioceses in BC.
- ◆ We invite Catholic physicians and lawyers to join our members at educational sessions that address issues relevant to their work.
- ◆ Our annual conference features interesting and informative speakers for the educational benefit of our members and others. This year's theme is Advance Decision-Making for health care in keeping with Church teaching.

The Benefits of Membership in the *Catholic Health Association of BC*

- ◆ Members automatically receive our newsletter and our regular mailouts of health care information.
- ◆ Members have access to the *CHABC* library of books, tapes and videos related to Catholic health care issues.
- ◆ Members are kept up to date on current health care issues – we send them copies of any pamphlets or other material that we receive from the *Catholic Health Association of Canada* and various other health organizations. This is just one way in which our members benefit from *CHABC's* active membership in the *Catholic Health Association of Canada* and our association with other organizations.
- ◆ Members are notified of any workshops, speakers, seminars or retreats related to Catholic health care.
- ◆ Membership supports the protection of Catholic health care in British Columbia. To continue this Mission, we depend on your personal and professional contribution.
- ◆ Membership in *CHABC* gives individuals the opportunity to communicate and share thoughts, ideas and strategies with others in BC who believe in the mission of our Association.
- ◆ Your membership enables us to communicate, share and work with other health care groups in BC and Canada.