

# The message

At the heart of Catholic health care is a deep respect for the intrinsic value and dignity of every human being and an unwavering commitment to serving all people, from all backgrounds and faiths – especially society’s most vulnerable.

## **We are purpose driven.**

Our footprint on the Canadian health system is vast and our impact is great. Millions of Canadians seek care and services at our facilities each year, and we respond with compassion, innovation, and patient-centeredness. Our contributions make the Canadian health care system, and Canadian society, stronger.

Drawing on a legacy of faith and trust in Providence, we are courageous, resourceful, and confident in taking risks to meet needs. We are inspired by the example of our Founding Sisters – visionary women who for generations advocated and cared for the most destitute people in their communities.

## **Their ministry has become our mission.**

### **Our Calling to Serve**

Rooted in the healing ministry of Jesus Christ, Catholic health care begins with a spiritual purpose. We have a deep and profound calling to serve and provide care to all people, especially those most vulnerable. We take a holistic and compassionate approach, recognizing the whole person in community, the fundamental link between spirituality and healing, and the diverse cultural and spiritual needs of those we serve.

### **Our Culture of Encounter**

Catholic health care fosters a culture of encounter, where those involved in the healing journey are people first, and health care providers participate with those they serve with compassion and humanity. This culture creates awareness, both of self and others, and opportunities to build profound relationships and lasting impact on people’s lives.

### **Our Commitment to Social Justice**

Catholic health care is committed to collaborating with our partners to create the conditions for a just and caring society, where people’s voices are heard, and every person has the ability to thrive in community. With a focus on dignity, respect, and compassion, we advocate for service to individuals at times of their greatest vulnerability, and to create culturally safe environments of health and healing.

### **Our Leadership Role**

Catholic health care makes the Canadian health care system stronger, more responsive, and more sustainable. Guided by our values and inspired by our Founding Sisters, we are pioneers, leaders, and innovators. We are resourceful and effective partners within the health system, responding to the communities we serve with compassion, ethical integrity and the highest quality care and services.