



## **Catholic Healthcare in Ontario: Collaborative Leaders and Humble Partners**

Catholic health care delivers a unique blend of care and caring centered on the whole person – body, mind, and spirit. We are dedicated to enriching the care experience for all those we serve, as we live out the values of compassion, dignity, and respect, inspired by the healing ministry of Jesus. Drawing on the strength of our culture and our dedication to being a voice for our communities, inclusive of all those in need, we remain committed to building vibrant collaborative partnerships in the advancement of innovation, quality, and effective health care across the full continuum of care.

Across Ontario, local Catholic health care leaders play important roles in the formation of Ontario Health Teams, as well as advising Ontario Health through regional tables. We are grateful for these opportunities to bring important perspectives, often focused on serving the most marginalized and vulnerable.

### **Our Role as Humble Partners**

As responsible stewards of the health care system, Catholic institutions collaborate with other organizations, and serve as humble partners to enable and enhance the delivery of care across the continuum and ensure unmet needs are being addressed in the communities we serve.

### **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, the fundamental link between spirituality and healing, and their diverse cultural and spiritual needs. We serve body, mind, and spirit.

### **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 of others, and opportunities to build profound relationships and lasting impact on people's lives. We create and nurture mutually beneficial partnerships among the organizations, stakeholders, staff and the clients and families we serve.



## **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 everyone's voice is 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 strive to create culturally safe environments of health and healing.

As Catholic health care providers, we acknowledge that we serve on traditional territories of the Indigenous Peoples who have stewarded these lands since time immemorial. We honour and acknowledge their spiritual and practical relationships to the land that create a rich heritage for our learning, our life as a community, and to inform our health care approach.

In our care and our decisions as health care providers, we are committed to providing a safe place where we can connect as people, listen deeply, and learn from each other with respect and vulnerability. There is a call for social justice across Canada and a common drive to create a world where all can thrive and everyone finds belonging, dignity and worth.

## **Our Leadership Role**

Catholic health care makes the Ontario and 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.

As an important provider of healthcare services across the continuum of care, our members have a significant impact on health care delivery in Ontario

## **Catholic Health Care (as of August 2021)**

- 30 organizations across 35 sites
- Annual revenue of \$3.8 Billion
- 7% of Ontario's total health care spending
- 14% of Ontario's total LHIN spending
- Employs +35,000 FTEs and supported by 7,000+ volunteers
- +8,500 Inpatient and Long-term care beds



Catholic Health Association of Ontario

Association Catholique de la Santé de l'Ontario

- +3 million ambulatory visits

### **Mental Health & Addictions**

- +1,000 Inpatient mental health and addictions beds
- +56,000 individuals served
- +550,000 Ambulatory community visits