



Sponsor Formation Program for Catholic Health Care

When the time for Pentecost was fulfilled, they were all in one place together. And suddenly there came from the sky a noise like a strong driving wind, and it filled the entire house in which they were. Then there appeared to them tongues as of fire, which parted and came to rest on each one of them. And they were all filled with the holy Spirit and began to speak in different tongues, as the Spirit enabled them to proclaim.

ACTS 2:1-4

New American Bible, Revised Edition

SPONSOR FORMATION PROGRAM
FOR CATHOLIC HEALTH CARE

CHA's Sponsor Formation Program for Catholic Health Care prepares individuals for service as members of Juridic Persons to carry out the health ministry of the Catholic Church.

In addition to a rich grounding in the theological and canonical principles that apply to all sponsorship models, CHA's formation program offers participants opportunities for spiritual development personally and as members of a community who share a deep commitment to advance Jesus' healing mission in the world today.



EAGLEWOOD RESORT AND SPA

in the Chicago area is a peaceful retreat in a beautiful natural setting.

Comments from Recent Participants:

I always learn something through the group interaction. I am grateful for the table conversation, the total group engagement and the informal conversations during breaks.

Truly appreciated the update and refreshment these sessions afforded me even though I have been serving as a religious congregation sponsor for many years – moving to sponsorship in a PJP will be different and this prep is perfect.

I realized how much we, the assembly that gathered, had bonded over these 18 months. This particular session was helpful in summarizing and bringing us to closure, while encouraging us to continue ongoing formation.

This was a very important session both in terms of content and discussion. As a group, we are at a new place. Everyone contributed in discussions. Kudos to the CHA team for helping us to come to this point. I sensed some deep ownership and understanding of mission in participants' respective roles.

Overview

OBJECTIVE

To provide a formation program for current and prospective sponsors of Catholic health care.

LOCATION

The program takes place at the Eaglewood Resort & Spa in the Chicago area, conveniently located near the Chicago O'Hare Airport.

FORMAT

The program consists of a series of four sessions in the fall and spring. Each session begins on Thursday evening and ends on Saturday morning.

Gatherings focus on developing and enhancing critical competencies for sponsorship through a combination of reflection, participant involvement, group interaction and presentations by nationally recognized ministry leaders and speakers. In addition, preparatory and follow up materials allow for additional learning integration.

CRITERIA FOR PARTICIPATION

Participants in CHA's *Sponsor Formation Program for Catholic Health Care* are selected by a sponsoring organization that is a member of the Catholic Health Association. Enrollment is limited to foster meaningful opportunities for reflection, interaction, networking and learning integration. Current sponsors and persons deemed to have demonstrated potential for possible service as a sponsor receive priority consideration. Other leaders of Catholic health ministries who interface with sponsors will also be considered for the program.

Curriculum & Timeframe

The curriculum weaves biblical, theological and spiritual aspects of the sponsorship ministry in a model that incorporates adult learning methods within a framework of ministry formation.

Session One

THEME: THE CALL TO SERVE

- + Called to serve in the Church and Catholic health care
- + Exploring spirituality
- + Sponsorship history, theology, and development

Session Three

THEME: LIVING OUR TRADITION

- + Catholic Social Tradition
- + *Ethical and Religious Directives for Catholic Health Care Services*
- + Prophetic voice and discernment

Session Two

THEME: TO SERVE WITHIN THE CHURCH

- + Mission and social tradition of the Church
- + Spirituality and community
- + Canon law, sponsorship and health care

Session Four

THEME: SPONSORSHIP TODAY

- + A sign of hope
- + Emerging issues in Catholic health care
- + Sponsorship and health care transformation

The next cohort begins spring 2024

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THE SHARED STATEMENT OF IDENTITY FOR THE CATHOLIC HEALTH MINISTRY

We are the people of Catholic health care, a ministry of the Church, continuing Jesus' mission of love and healing today. As provider, employer, advocate, citizen – bringing together people of diverse faiths and backgrounds – our ministry is an enduring sign of health care rooted in our belief that every person is a treasure, every life a sacred gift, every human being a unity of body, mind and spirit.

We work to bring alive the Gospel vision of justice and peace. We answer God's call to foster healing, act with compassion and promote wellness for all persons and communities, with special attention to our neighbors who are poor, underserved and most vulnerable. By our service, we strive to transform hurt into hope.

AS THE CHURCH'S MINISTRY OF HEALTH CARE, WE COMMIT TO:

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| ✦ Promote and Defend Human Dignity | ✦ Promote the Common Good |
| ✦ Attend to the Whole Person | ✦ Act on Behalf of Justice |
| ✦ Care for Poor and Vulnerable Persons | ✦ Steward Resources |
| | ✦ Serve as a Ministry of the Church |



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