

Catholic Health Association of the United States

A Passionate Voice for Compassionate Care®





*We Will Empower
Bold Change to Elevate
Human Flourishing.SM*

WELCOME

to the Catholic Health Association of the United States

A Passionate Voice + A Valuable Resource + A Vibrant Community



Dear Colleague,

CHA is honored to serve as the national membership association of the Catholic health ministry and to support the work of Catholic hospitals, long-term health care facilities, clinics and community outreach in all 50 states and the District of Columbia.

From the founding of the first Catholic hospital in the U.S. by French Ursuline sisters in 1734 to today, the Catholic health ministry has provided compassionate, high-quality care to persons of all ages, races, faiths and ethnic backgrounds, with particular attention to those who are poor and vulnerable.

All of us at the Catholic Health Association are eager to support your important work in carrying out the health ministry of the Catholic Church. We look forward to seeing you at our many programs, formation experiences, webinars, and online learning opportunities throughout the year.

Be sure to join us at the biennial Catholic Health Assembly, where we come together as a vibrant biennial health community, united in a shared mission to learn, celebrate and draw inspiration from the exceptional contributions you and your organizations are making to create and sustain a just health system in our country.

We invite you to experience the wealth of education, formation programs, publications, resources, and networking opportunities available through your organization's CHA membership.

Thank you for your essential contributions to the ministry and the healing mission of Jesus.

We look forward to serving you.

Sr. Mary Haddad, RSM
President and Chief Executive Officer

Member Benefits at a Glance

- + Expertise and resources for advocacy and health policy at the national and state levels
- + Connections and collaboration with the Holy See and bishops in carrying out the health ministry of the Catholic Church
- + Thought leadership and consulting for challenging issues in health care
- + Networking and sharing best practices with members of Catholic health care across the U.S.
- + Timely education and formation opportunities for leadership and professional development
- + Complimentary webinars and access to member-only resources on chausa.org and chausa.org/store
- + Prayers and videos for personal reflection and sharing

The mission of the Catholic Health Association is to advance the Catholic health ministry of the United States in caring for people and communities.

CATHOLIC HEALTH CARE IN THE U.S.

Across the United States and beyond, Catholic hospitals, long-term care and other continuum of care facilities bring compassionate care and healing to people of all ages, races, religious beliefs and backgrounds, with special attention to persons who are poor and vulnerable.

Together, these organizations are the largest group of nonprofit health providers in the nation, with more than 659 hospitals, 1,520 continuing care facilities and additional community outreach across the United States and the District of Columbia. Every day, one in seven hospitalized patients in America is cared for in a Catholic hospital.

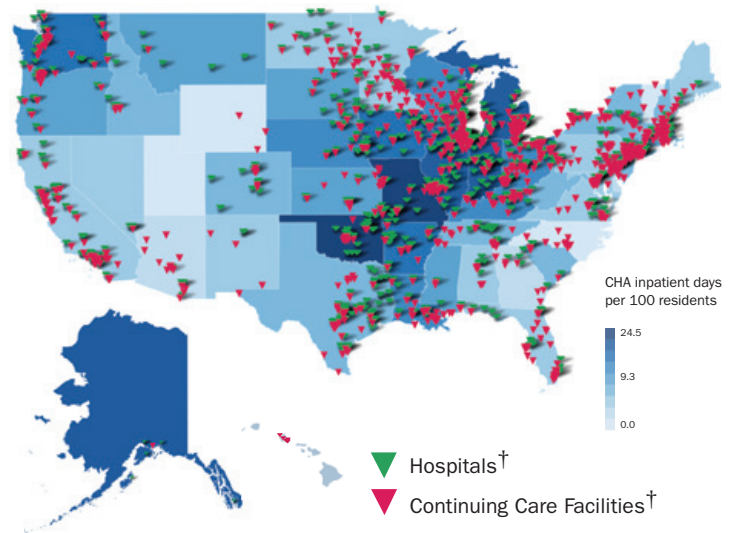
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Inspired by faith in the healing mission of Jesus, these Catholic health organizations are part of the health ministry of the Catholic Church in the United States. The ministry embraces a holistic vision of healing that goes beyond providing high-quality medical care to caring for people in mind, body and spirit and promoting the well-being of communities.

*2023 AMERICAN HOSPITAL ASSOCIATION ANNUAL SURVEY
†THE CATHOLIC HEALTH ASSOCIATION OF THE UNITED STATES

COAST TO COAST: HOSPITALS AND CONTINUING CARE FACILITIES†



Motivated by their commitment to build a just health system that works for everyone, Catholic health providers also address problems of chronic illness, poverty, disparities, environmental dangers and other social determinants of health which impact the lives of people and communities nationwide.



The Catholic Health Association is the national membership association of Catholic health care in the United States

YOU BELONG!

You play an important role in the Church's health ministry through your work in a Catholic health care organization. We invite you to experience the wealth of education programs, publications, resources and networking opportunities available to you through your organization's membership in CHA.



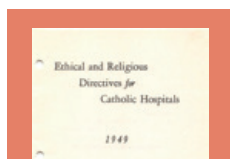
A PASSIONATE VOICE SINCE 1915

Since its founding in 1915, CHA has advanced the work of Catholic health care, raising *A Passionate Voice For Compassionate Care*® for all persons from conception to natural death.



1915

First Catholic Hospital Association Convention in Milwaukee



1949

CHA's Ethical and Religious Directives for Catholic Hospitals is published.



1987

Pope John Paul II addresses a special CHA membership assembly in Phoenix.



1989

CHA published the first guide for community benefit, then called the social accountability budget



2001

CHA publishes the Shared Statement of Identity for the Catholic Health Ministry.



2019

Sr. Mary Haddad, RSM and Sr. Carol Keehan, DC greet Pope Francis

A PASSIONATE VOICE

ADVOCACY

CHA raises the collective voice of Catholic health care, working tirelessly with Congress, the Administration, federal agencies and influential policy organizations to advocate for legislation ensuring access to high-quality, affordable health care for all across the continuum of health care delivery.

Motivated by the Gospel and the moral teachings of the Church, CHA and its members are committed to advancing human dignity, the common good and the belief that health care is a fundamental human right.

Current advocacy priorities focus on:

- ✦ Ensuring access and health coverage for all
- ✦ Maintaining a strong safety net, including Medicaid and Medicare
- ✦ Strengthening aging and chronic care services, including palliative and compassionate end-of-life care
- ✦ Protecting life and ensuring conscience protection
- ✦ Improving the health and well-being of communities and eliminating disparities

RAISE YOUR VOICE

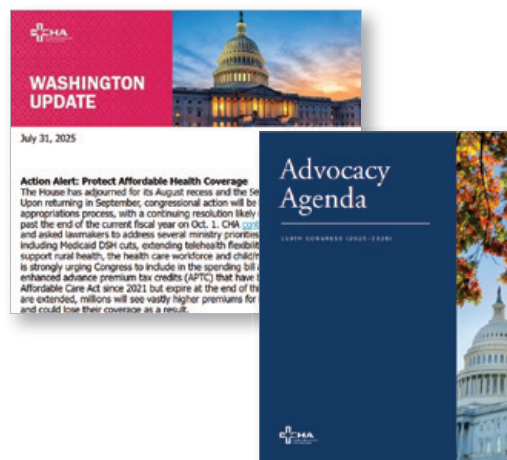
Through CHA, you have many opportunities to participate in advocacy initiatives for a just and compassionate health system in our country.

With CHA's web-based **E-advocacy**, you can take action on critical issues and communicate directly with policy makers and legislators through customizable action letters, talking points and other advocacy tools.

Monthly **advocacy calls** and weekly editions of the **Washington Update** newsletter keep you plugged into breaking developments at the state and national levels.

ADVOCACY DAYS

CHA hosts annual Advocacy Days in Washington, DC, for ministry advocates from across the country to hear about the latest developments in health policy from key government officials and visit their congressional representatives to advocate CHA's top priorities.



A MINISTRY OF THE CHURCH

As a ministry of the Church, CHA brings the voice of the U.S. health ministry to the Catholic church both at home and in Rome.

CHA collaborates with the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops (USCCB), Catholic Charities, Catholic Relief Services and other organizations that share our values in areas such as immigration reform, the elimination of disparities, human trafficking, environmental responsibility, global health and other vital issues of social justice.



A VALUABLE RESOURCE

WE'RE HERE TO HELP

Whether you're new to Catholic health care or a seasoned executive, you'll find programs, resources, webinars, meetings and networking opportunities tailored to your needs and interests. Offerings range from foundational to advanced programming in critical areas of:

- ✦ Advocacy
- ✦ Beginning and end-of-life care
- ✦ Catholic identity
- ✦ Clinical engagement
- ✦ Community benefit
- ✦ Diversity and disparities
- ✦ Eldercare and long-term care
- ✦ Environmental stewardship and responsibility
- ✦ Ethics and the *Ethical and Religious Directives for Catholic Health Care Services* (ERDs)
- ✦ Global Health
- ✦ Ministry Formation
- ✦ Ministry Identity Assessment
- ✦ Mission
- ✦ Population health
- ✦ Prayers and reflections
- ✦ Spiritual and Pastoral Care
- ✦ Sponsorship
- ✦ And more!



NAVIGATE CHALLENGING ISSUES

CHA's specialists in mission, ethics, sponsorship, community benefit and health policy can provide you and your organization with individualized consulting and guidance on many of these diverse and sometimes difficult issues.

LEADER IN COMMUNITY BENEFIT

CHA is the leading source of information on community benefit planning and reporting. CHA and its members worked directly with congressional leaders and the IRS to develop guidelines for community benefit planning and reporting that have been adopted by tax-exempt organizations across the country.

MINISTRY FORMATION

Ministry formation is always invitational and inclusive, meeting each person where they are in their life journey. If you're new to Catholic health care or interested in furthering your personal and professional development, CHA's **Foundations of Catholic Health Care Leadership** program is available live or on-demand. Participate as an individual or with colleagues from your organization through live or on-demand sessions to learn about key theological principles of Catholic health care, Catholic social tradition, ethics, mission, ministry leadership and more.

SPONSORSHIP

CHA's **Sponsor Formation Program for Catholic Health Care** prepares persons for sponsorship roles in the Catholic health ministry. Participants gather during four weekend sessions over an 18-month period. Each session provides a blend of prayer and ritual, speaker presentation, small and large group interactions, and personal reflection and integration.

A VIBRANT COMMUNITY

As a community united in a shared mission, CHA members exchange ideas and best practices, come together at meetings and events, and participate in a variety of ministry-wide initiatives. These experiences inspire and renew a vibrant spirit of fellowship to accomplish together what member organizations cannot do on their own.

The association benefits from the insights and experiences of people across Catholic health care who serve on advisory committees and special task forces. They represent a breadth of roles critical to the identity and effectiveness of the health ministry: mission leaders, sponsors, advocacy leaders, ethicists and theologians, as well as governance and management leaders. Leaders from member organizations serve the association on its Board of Trustees, providing faithful governance and stewardship of the Catholic Health Association.

In addition to programs and information that advance your professional skills, CHA offers you unique opportunities to learn about the theological foundation of Catholic health care and experience a deep personal connection to the spiritual mission of the health ministry.



NETWORKING CALLS

- Advocacy
- Community Benefit
- Deans of Catholic Colleges of Nursing
- Diversity and Disparities
- Faith Community Nursing
- Global Health
- Mission Leaders in Long-Term Care
- Small System Ethics
- United Against Human Trafficking

AFFINITY GROUPS (by invitation)

- CEO
- Clinical Quality Leadership Group
- Cybersecurity
- Environmental Responsibility Network
- Environmental Sustainability
- Innovation
- MJP Collaborative
- System Communicators
- System General Counsel

ADVISORY COUNCILS (appointed)

- Community Benefit
- Eldercare
- Global Health
- Health Policy and Reimbursement
- Health Progress
- Ministry Formation
- Mission Leaders
- Palliative Care
- Provider
- Spiritual Care
- Sponsor/Canon Law
- Theology and Ethics



BE IN THE KNOW

WITH AWARD-WINNING
PUBLICATIONS AND WEBSITE



PUBLICATIONS

CHA's **Health Progress** journal and **Catholic Health World** newspaper connect you with the people and work of the ministry across the country, including best practices, strategic developments and latest health trends. The **Health Care Ethics USA** online publication features insight and analysis from ethicists across the ministry about timely issues in clinical and organizational ethics.

CHAUSA.ORG

Ordering CHA products, publications and other inspirational and educational resources is easy through the **Online Store**.

Chausa.org is your go-to destination for news, resources, online learning, upcoming events and more!

The **Online Learning** section is a one-stop-shop for e-learning modules, webinar recordings, educational videos and other resources to support your work in the ministry.

You'll also find quick ways to connect with other members and ministry organizations through **Directories** and the **Job Board**. Be sure to check out CHA's popular collection of **Prayers and Video Reflections** for meetings, retreats, feast days, and national observances.



CONNECT & CELEBRATE AT ASSEMBLY

CHA's biennial Catholic Health Assembly is the premier gathering of Catholic health leaders in the United States.



It's THE place to connect, learn and celebrate the achievements of the people of Catholic health care and their exceptional contributions to the health of millions across the country.

Each year, keynote presentations feature national thought leaders in research, medicine and public policy along with best-selling authors, media celebrities and innovators in business and government. Throughout the Assembly, you'll have many opportunities to see good friends — and make new ones, too!





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

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

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.



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