CHA IS

A PASSIONATE VOICE
for Jesus’ mission of love and healing

A VALUABLE RESOURCE
for information, services and programs

A VIBRANT COMMUNITY
of members joined in a shared mission
We are honored to be the national membership association of Catholic health care in the U.S. and to support the work of Catholic hospitals, long-term care facilities, clinics and community outreach in all 50 states and the District of Columbia.

From the founding of the first Catholic hospital in America in New Orleans by French Ursuline sisters in 1734 to today, Catholic health care has provided compassionate, high-quality care to persons of all ages, races, faiths and ethnic backgrounds with special attention to the poor and vulnerable.

Each day, the work you do as a member of a Catholic health organization carries on this rich tradition of service in caring for all persons from conception to natural death.

We invite you to experience the wealth of education, formation programs, publications, resources, and networking opportunities that are available to you through your organization’s membership in CHA!

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, webinars, online learning opportunities and formation experiences throughout the year.

And, be sure to join us at our annual Catholic Health Assembly, where we come together as a community to learn, celebrate and draw inspiration from the exceptional contributions you and your organization are making to a just health system in our country.

Thank you for your important contributions to the ministry and to the healing mission of Jesus. We look forward to serving you.

Sr. Mary Haddad, RSM
President and Chief Executive Officer
Catholic Health Association of the United States

The mission of the Catholic Health Association is to advance the Catholic health ministry of the United States in caring for people and communities.
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 660 hospitals, 1,644 continuing care facilities and additional community outreach in all 50 states and the District of Columbia. Every day, one in seven hospitalized patients in America is cared for in a Catholic hospital.

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.

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.
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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.

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

1915
First Catholic Hospital Association Convention in Milwaukee

1984
CHA board members and ministry leaders meet with President Ronald Reagan at the White House

2015
Sr. Carol Keehan, DC welcomes President Barack Obama to CHA’s centennial celebration in Washington, D.C.

2015
Members celebrate the 100th anniversary of CHA at the Basilica of the Immaculate Conception in Washington, D.C.

2017
Cardinal Peter Turkson, Prefect of the Dicastery for Promoting Integral Human Development at the Holy See, addresses the 2017 Catholic Health Assembly.
A PASSIONATE VOICE

ADVOCACY

For decades, CHA has worked tirelessly with Congress, the Administration, federal agencies and influential policy organizations to advocate for legislation and policies that provide quality, affordable health care 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 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

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.

In addition, as a ministry of the Catholic Church, CHA collaborates with the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops (USCCB), Catholic Charities, and Catholic Relief Services on immigration reform, elimination of disparities and human trafficking, environmental responsibility, global health and vital issues of social justice.
RAISE YOUR VOICE

In 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.

In addition, a wealth of resources, publications and webinars for community benefit, the environment, elder care and nursing are just a click away on CHA’s website at www.chausa.org.

Advocacy leaders and ministry executives convene at the annual Legislative Advocacy Conference in Washington, D.C. to hear from top policy experts in the Administration and Congress and visit with senators, representatives and legislative staffs on Capitol Hill.

CHA advocates for compassionate, high-quality health care for everyone from conception to natural death.
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 programs to advanced programming in critical areas of:

+ Advocacy
+ Beginning and end-of-life care
+ Catholic identity
+ Clinical care and nursing
+ Community benefit
+ Diversity and disparities
+ Elder care and long-term care
+ Environmental stewardship and responsibility
+ Ethics and the Ethical and Religious Directives for Catholic Health Care Services (ERDs)
+ International outreach
+ Leadership formation
+ Mission
+ Pastoral and spiritual care
+ Physician engagement
+ Population health
+ Prayers and reflections
+ Sponsorship
+ And more!

View offerings and order resources at chausa.org/store
**NAVIGATE CHALLENGING ISSUES**

In today’s complex environment with rapid shifts in health delivery, financing, partnership models and population health, challenging issues arise that have significant impact for mission, ethics, Catholic identity and leadership formation.

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.
BE IN THE KNOW
WITH AWARD-WINNING
PUBLICATIONS AND WEBSITE

CHAUSA.ORG

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.

Ordering CHA products, DVDs, publications and other resources is easy through the Online Store.

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.

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 quarterly online publication features insight and analysis from ethicists across the ministry about timely issues in clinical and organizational ethics.
To work for something beyond ourselves teaches us about the human spirit. It's easy to feel hopeful about people after an experience where progress is made. But when we serve others, we gain more than hope. We gain energy—energy pours into our bodies through our open hearts and generous spirits.
At the heart of CHA is a community of people joined in a shared mission. You’re an integral member of this community and we invite you to be actively involved in the life of CHA.

At CHA meetings and events, you can join with colleagues from across the ministry to learn, network, exchange ideas and share best practices that will advance your work and the mission of Catholic health care across the country.

LEADERSHIP FORMATION AND SPIRITUAL RENEWAL

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.

CHA’s Ecclesiology and Spiritual Renewal Program for Health Care Leaders is a popular and deeply enriching learning experience in Rome for senior executives, boards and sponsors of Catholic health care. In addition to meeting with Vatican officials, participants experience a spiritual retreat in Assisi and attend an audience with the Pope.
The 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.

If you’re new to Catholic health care or interested in furthering your professional development, there are several ways to participate in CHA’s Foundations of Catholic Health Care Leadership program. You can participate as an individual or with colleagues from your organization through in-person or online sessions to learn about key theological principles of Catholic health care, Catholic social tradition, ethics, the Ethical and Religious Directives for Catholic Health Care Services, mission and ministry leadership.
CHA’s annual 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 of young and old and communities across the country.

Each year, keynote presentations feature world-class innovators in research, medicine and public policy along with best-selling authors, media celebrities and prominent leaders in business and government. Throughout the two-and-one-half-day event, 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.