



Catholic Health Association of the United States
A Passionate Voice for Compassionate Care





The Catholic health ministry in the United States is an integral part of this nation's health care system. Comprised of more than 600 hospitals and 1,400 long-term care and other health facilities in all 50 states, the Catholic health ministry is the largest group of nonprofit health care providers in the nation. Catholic hospitals, clinics, long-term care and other facilities are caring for people of all ages, from conception to natural death, providing advanced, quality medicine and a broad range of programs and services that are restoring and sustaining health and life. Every day, one in six hospitalized patients in America is cared for in a Catholic hospital.

These Catholic health care organizations are motivated by faith in the healing mission begun by Jesus. This mission reveals a vision of healing that goes beyond medical care to meet the holistic needs of people, families and communities, always respecting the dignity of each human person. And so, Catholic health care providers are working to address problems of chronic illness, poverty, homelessness, environmental degradation, inner city decay, and much more.

At the national level, these organizations raise their collective voice by joining together in the Catholic Health Association of the United States. A voluntary membership association, CHA advances the Catholic health ministry of the United States in caring for people and communities. CHA is a passionate voice for compassionate care.

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A PASSIONATE VOICE FOR JESUS' MISSION OF LOVE AND HEALING

CHA advocates with Congress, the Administration, federal agencies and policy organizations to ensure quality, affordable care is accessible to everyone across the health care continuum.

CURRENT ADVOCACY PRIORITIES FOCUS ON:

- ✦ Ensuring access and coverage for all
- ✦ Enhancing Medicaid, Medicare and ensuring a strong safety net
- ✦ Strengthening aging and chronic care services
- ✦ Ensuring conscience protections
- ✦ Improving the health and well-being of communities



As a ministry of the Catholic Church, CHA collaborates with the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops, Catholic Charities USA, Catholic Relief Services and other church ministries on conscience protections, safeguarding the sanctity of life from conception to natural death, immigration reform, eliminating disparities and advancing the healing mission of Jesus worldwide through international outreach.



A VALUABLE RESOURCE FOR INFORMATION, SERVICES AND PROGRAMS



CHA offers educational programs, resources, publications and consultation services to support CEOs, board

members, sponsors, ethicists, mission leaders and other executives in member organizations to navigate the ever-changing health care environment and carry out the mission of Catholic health care.

AMONG CHA'S MANY FORMATION AND EDUCATION PROGRAMS ARE:



Sponsor Formation Program for Catholic Health Care, preparing individuals for service as members of juridic persons carrying out the health ministry of the Catholic Church

Ecclesiology and Spiritual Renewal Program for Health Care Leaders, CHA's popular week-long retreat for executives and trustees in Rome

Navigating the Landscape of Catholic Health Care Ethics, a program exclusively for mission leaders delivered through in-person and online learning sessions

Community Benefit 101: The Nuts and Bolts of Planning and Reporting Community Benefit, a program of basics from CHA, the leader in the community benefit field for more than 20 years



Members also find access to continuing education and professional development in a range of topics through webinars and online learning in CHA's online Knowledge Center (chausa.org/knowledge-center).

A VIBRANT COMMUNITY OF MEMBERS JOINED IN A SHARED MISSION



The annual Catholic Health Assembly is the premier gathering of leaders of Catholic health care in the United States and beyond.

Keynote speakers feature prominent voices from health care, academia, media and public policy. In addition to learning and networking, the Assembly is an inspirational forum for worship and spiritual renewal in the mission and values of the health ministry.

CHA's award-winning publications, the newspaper *Catholic Health World* and the journal *Health Progress*, provide news and analysis of developments and trends. Online newsletters *Washington Update* and *Health Care Ethics USA* keep members abreast of federal policy developments, advocacy initiatives and issues in clinical and organizational ethics.



The association's award-winning website, www.chausa.org, is a primary source of news, information and resources for CHA members and the public. In addition, members have exclusive access to premium content for education and research.





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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
- † Act in Communion with 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.