



Sponsor Formation Program for Catholic Health Care

2017 – 2019

“Which of these three, in your opinion, was neighbor to the robbers’ victim?”

He [a scholar of the law] answered, “The one who treated him with mercy.” Jesus said to him, “Go and do likewise.”

LUKE 10:36-37

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.

“We can actually talk about Jesus, the Gospels and the tradition within Catholic health care in a way that is honest, inclusive, forthright and facilitates deep personal reflection so that conversations and sharing are at a different level.”

“I am very confident that this program will help me grow along with a lot of prayers and study. It was the most powerful program I have ever attended in my 32 years of healthcare.”

The highlight of the program was “recognizing and appreciating the strong and dynamic community of people involved in Catholic health care being built through this long-term series of dedicated formation weekends.”

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 weekend sessions in the fall and spring. Each session begins on Friday evening and ends on Sunday 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.

EXPENSES

The registration fee for the 2017-2019 program is \$4,000 per participant. The fee includes all program-related costs, hotel accommodations and meals associated with the sessions. Transportation is not included.

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

OCTOBER 27 – 29, 2017

THEME: THE CALL TO SERVE

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

Session Two

MARCH 23 – 25, 2018

THEME: TO SERVE WITHIN
THE CHURCH

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

Session Three

OCTOBER 19 – 21, 2018

THEME: LIVING OUR TRADITION

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

Session Four

MARCH 22 – 24, 2019

THEME: SPONSORSHIP TODAY

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

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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 |
| | + Act in Communion with
the Church |



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