



Sr. Mary Haddad, RSM

President and Chief Executive Officer
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Sr. Mary Haddad, RSM, a member of the Sisters of Mercy of the Americas, is the 10th president and chief executive officer of the Catholic Health Association of the United States (CHA). She assumed the position in July 2019, succeeding Sr. Carol Keehan, DC.

Sr. Mary leads CHA's mission to support and advance the health ministry of the Catholic Church in the United States with its network of hospitals, long-term care facilities, and community health centers representing the largest group of nonprofit health providers in the nation. She oversees CHA operations at the association's Washington, D.C., and St. Louis offices.

In conjunction with CHA's Board of Trustees, Sr. Mary leads the association's strategic planning and develops initiatives to support CHA member organizations in providing high-quality, accessible health care to people of all ages, races, faith traditions, and ethnic groups from conception to natural death.

She also directs CHA's national advocacy initiatives to protect life, promote the well-being of communities, address social determinants and disparities, develop new models of health delivery, protect Medicaid, Medicare, and other vital safety net programs, and create a just health system that works for everyone, including impoverished and vulnerable persons. She has overall responsibility for administration and program development in advocacy, mission, sponsorship, ethics, community benefit, leadership development, ministry formation, international outreach, and relationships with bishops and other leaders of the Catholic Church.



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Before her selection as president and CEO, Sr. Mary served as CHA's vice president of sponsorship and mission services since 2016.

In that capacity, she directed critical areas of sponsorship, mission, ethics, leadership development, and ministry formation, including developing numerous educational programs, resources, and collaborations with member health systems, universities, social service agencies, and community groups. From 2009 to 2016, she served as senior director of sponsor services. She initiated CHA's *Sponsor Formation Program for Catholic Health Care* to prepare members of ministerial juridic persons to carry out their canonical responsibility as stewards of the Catholic Church's health ministry.

Her previous experience includes serving on the regional leadership team of the Sisters of Mercy, St. Louis, and working in health care, social service, and education, including service in Belize, Central America, and Trinidad and Tobago in the West Indies.

Sr. Mary received her master's degree in business administration in health care from the University of St. Thomas in St. Paul, Minn., and a master's degree in social work from Saint Louis University. She has a bachelor's degree in education from Southern Illinois University in Carbondale, Ill. She is a member of Alpha Sigma Nu, the honor society of Jesuit Institutions of Higher Education.

Sr. Mary has served on numerous governing boards and committees. Currently, she is an observer of the Committee on Domestic Justice and Human Development of the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops (USCCB) and a board member of the Coalition to Strengthen America's Healthcare. She also serves on the advisory board for the Center for Theology and Ethics in Catholic Health.