



SISTER CAROL KEEHAN, DC, RN, MS

PRESIDENT AND CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER

Sr. Carol Keehan, DC, is the ninth president and chief executive officer of the Catholic Health Association of the United States (CHA). She assumed her duties as of October 2005. She is responsible for all association operations and leads CHA's staff at offices in Washington, D.C., where she is based, and in St. Louis.

Sr. Carol worked in administrative and governance positions at hospitals sponsored by the Daughters of Charity for more than 35 years. Prior to joining CHA, she was the board chair of Ascension Health's Sacred Heart Health System, Pensacola, Fla. Previously, she served for 15 years as president and chief executive officer of Providence Hospital, which includes Carroll Manor Nursing and Rehabilitation Center, in Washington, D.C. In the early 1980s, she served as Providence Hospital's vice president for nursing, ambulatory care, and education and training. In addition, she has served in leadership positions at Sacred Heart Hospital, Cumberland, Md., and Sacred Heart Children's Hospital and Regional Perinatal Intensive Care Center, Pensacola, Fla.

Sr. Carol has held influential roles in the governance of a variety of health care, insurance and educational organizations. In 2014, she was elected to the National Academy of Medicine (formerly the Institute of Medicine). She is a representative to the International Federation of Catholic Health Care Associations of the Pontifical Council for Pastoral Health Care. She has served on the boards of Catholic Relief Services, Baltimore, Md.; the Catholic Health Association of the United States; Catholic Healthcare Partners (now Mercy Health), Cincinnati; St. Agnes Hospital, Baltimore; Mercy Health System, Miami; Catholic Healthcare Audit Network, Clayton, Mo.; and SOAR! (Support Our Aging Religious), Silver Spring, Md. In addition, she has been a member of several health, labor and domestic policy committees of the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops, and serves on the finance committee of the Archdiocese of Washington, D.C.

Currently Sr. Carol serves on the board of Georgetown University, Washington, D.C. Previously, she served as a board member for St. John's University, Queens, N.Y. She has served on the boards of the District of Columbia Hospital Association, of which she is a past chair; Care First/Blue Cross of Maryland and the National Capital Area, Owings Mills, Md., and its affiliate, Group Hospitalization and Medical Services, Inc. In addition, she has served on the nominating committee of the American Hospital Association; the finance committee of the Maryland Hospital Association; and is a past chair of the Florida State Human Rights Advocacy Commission.

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Her numerous awards and honors include the Pro Ecclesia et Pontifice (Cross for the Church and Pontiff), bestowed by Pope Benedict XVI; the American Cardinals' Encouragement Award; the Medal of Honor and the Monsignor George C. Higgins Labor Advocacy Award from the Archdiocese of Washington; the Seton Legacy of Charity Medal awarded by The Daughters of Charity Emmitsburg Province; LCWR 2011 Outstanding Leadership Award, Leadership Conference of Women Religious, Silver Spring, Md.; the Elizabeth Ann Seton Award, given by SOAR!, Silver Spring, Md.; the Cardinal Joseph Bernardin Award from Catholic Common Ground Initiative, New York; the 2009 Vision Award from Catholic Charities USA; the Robert M. Holstein Faith Doing Justice Award given by the Ignatian Solidarity Network; and the Mercy Honors Award for the Year of the Woman, presented by Mercy Health Services, Inc., Baltimore.

Sr. Carol was a finalist for the prestigious Opus Prize in 2013. She has been honored with the American Hospital Association's Trustee Award and the Friend of Children Award from Children's National Medical Center, Washington, D.C. In 2010, she was named one of *TIME* magazine's "100 Most Influential People in the World" and "Person of the Year" by the *National Catholic Reporter*, and she has been on *Modern Healthcare's* list of "100 Most Influential People in Healthcare" several years, having topped the list as number one in 2007.

Sr. Carol received honorary doctorates from Niagara University, NY.; the College of the Holy Cross, Worcester, Mass.; St. John's University, Queens, N.Y.; The Catholic University of America, Washington, D.C.; Marymount University, Arlington, Va; the University of St. Thomas, St. Paul, Minn.; and DePaul University, Chicago. She earned a bachelor of science degree in nursing from St. Joseph's College, Emmitsburg, Md., where she graduated magna cum laude, and a master of science degree in business administration from the University of South Carolina, Columbia, S.C., from which she received the School of Business Distinguished Alumna Award in 2000 and was honored in 2009 as "an outstanding alumna who has served others in a manner that goes beyond what is required by the individual's job or profession."