



We hope that this newsletter finds you safe and well. Here are new developments at NACN-C:

- <https://Catholicnurses.ca> is our new website, thanks to the generosity of the late Anne Marie Sweeney, and the talents of Marianna Osko of the Osko group. Please see our President's Easter message on the Home page of the Website.
- NACN-Canada's letter to Justice Minister David Lametti objecting to the extension of eligibility criteria for medically induced death can be found on our website
- Yvonne Parent of Victoria, BC and Rachel Mathie, second from right in photo, withdrew from the board of directors; we thank them for their commitment and support
- We welcomed Emilia Gilmour as Treasurer, at the left in photo, and Louela Manankil-Rankin as President-Elect, third from right in photo
- We offered monthly get-togethers in Toronto, meeting for Mass and supper
- We met seven nurses who share our interests at the Sisters of Life Retreat at the Franciscan retreat centre near Orangeville, Ontario on the 1<sup>st</sup> weekend of February 2020

### **Changes to the Board of Directors**

Generally, executive positions on the board are open every two years; in even-numbered years, these are the President-Elect and Corresponding Secretary positions. We thank Yvonne Parent of Victoria, BC for her commitment to NACN-Canada as Corresponding Secretary for the first two years of our new organization. At this time, she has decided not to continue in this role. Similarly, nurses who served as Treasurer in the past two years were not able to continue in

that role. Because there were no nominations in response to our call in January, 2020, it was apparent early this spring that we would not be able to meet the election deadlines set out in our statutes. We consulted the president of NACN-USA, who wisely advised us to be flexible in following our statutes during the first five years in order to establish and sustain our new organization. Louela Manankil-Rankin and Emilia Gilmour have stepped into the President-Elect and Treasurer positions respectively; the board has confirmed them as board members. Helen McGee will take on the role of President and Freida Chavez, Past President, on June 1, 2020 according to our statutes. The position of Corresponding Secretary remains open. Please contact us at [nacncanada.boardcontact@gmail.com](mailto:nacncanada.boardcontact@gmail.com) if you want to consider taking on the role.

### **Nurses at the Sisters of Life Retreat, January 31 to Feb. 2, 2020**



The Sisters of Life welcomed physicians, medical students, nurses, nursing students, and other health professionals to this retreat. The Franciscans and their staff were as welcoming as the sisters, preparing accommodations and food and orienting us to the beautiful hiking areas that surround the buildings. The friars celebrated Mass on Saturday; the retreat included talks, periods of adoration, and the sacrament of reconciliation. Fr. Kevin Belgrave of St. Augustine's Seminary anointed us with oil from St. Joseph's Oratory in Montreal and celebrated Sunday

Mass. An important aspect of this retreat was the opportunity to meet and support other health professionals. We thank the Sisters of Life for extending this invitation to our members.

### **Employment opportunity for RPNs in the Kitchener/Waterloo area**

Sister Michael Daniel Dumais of The Sisters of Our Lady Immaculate in Cambridge Ontario has written to NACN-Canada seeking RPNs who share their vision and love for the elderly to work as part-time, casual, or on-call employees in their Marian Residence Retirement Home. This is a Catholic home with daily Mass and Rosary. Approximately 50 residents share the home with the sisters. The sisters follow the traditional teachings of the Catholic Church and will never allow euthanasia or medically induced death to take place in their home. Shifts run from 7:00 am to 3:00 pm and from 3:00 pm to 11:00 pm. If interested, please forward your resume to [marianresidence@bellnet.ca](mailto:marianresidence@bellnet.ca)

### **Why join NACN-Canada?**

- to integrate your prayer life and participation in the sacraments with your moral life and professional practice
- to mentor or be mentored by Catholic colleagues in the health professions
- to access resources related to ethical issues in health care
- to endorse submissions that contribute to public discourse on health care issues
- to participate in research regarding issues of interest to the association
- to learn about volunteer service opportunities

After our written position statements and letters are published, NACN-Canada board members receive requests to participate in discussions of issues facing Catholic nurses in health care. The strength of our position is based partly on the number of nurses that we represent. Please consider joining our organization as we continue in our commitment to contribute to public discourse.

We have tried to simplify the process for joining NACN-Canada via our website. Unfortunately, our website's Paypal link is not connected to our NACN-Canada bank account at this time. We are working on it, but in the meantime, please join us by mailing the membership form on the next page with your cheque to the PO Box shown on the form. If you received a Paypal receipt for your membership fee, please contact us at [nacncanada.boardcontact@gmail](mailto:nacncanada.boardcontact@gmail.com) for a refund.

## Membership fees:

### General Members:

Catholic nurses licensed to practice in Canada, including Emeritus nurses, who consider their professional practice as a vocation grounded in the teachings of the Catholic Church, pledge to support the mission of the association, and pay the required annual dues. General Members have a vote and are eligible to serve as Board officers or on committees.

\$50.00 / year

### Associate Members:

Non-Catholic nurses, Emeritus nurses, and non-nursing healthcare professionals who accept Roman Catholic values and moral principles, pledge to support the mission of the Association, and pay the required annual dues. Associate members have a voice, but are non-voting members. They may serve as committee members, but not as Board Officers or committee chairs.

\$30.00 / year

### Student Members:

Catholic pre-licensure nursing students and students of other health disciplines with proof of student status, who wish to align their practice with Catholic moral teaching and the Association's mission, and attend an accredited health professional program in Canada.

\$15.00 / year

## To join NACN-Canada:

Mail a cheque with the appropriate membership fee and this form to:

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**PO Box 19525, Manulife PO**

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