

# National Association of Catholic Nurses-Canada

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Annual General Meeting held at Newman Centre, Toronto, after Mass, on November 11, 2019



Left to Right: Emilia Gilmour, finance committee; Dr. Jody Macdonald, Recording Secretary; Jody Harper; Dr. Freida Chavez, President; Fr. Peter Turrone, Chaplain; Dr. Louela Manankil-Rankin, Member-at-Large; Rachel Mathie, Treasurer; Helen McGee, President-Elect; Absent: Yvonne Parent, Corresponding Secretary.

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A hardy group of nurses, students, and supporters attended this year's AGM despite the first snowstorm of the season. Terry McDermott, RN, Parish Nurse, gave an engaging presentation on clinical practice as a Catholic nurse in hospital and home care settings. She recommended ways to sustain the spiritual life to address the moral challenges that face nurses and nursing students.

During the AGM, board members thanked donors Ann Marie Sweeney and Emilia Gilmour for their generous donations to NACN-Canada. Their gifts facilitated our connection to the Newman Centre where we join its events and hold meetings, and our association with Marianna Osko, who is developing our new website. Sadly, we learned after our AGM that Ann Marie died on November 11, 2019. Please pray for the repose of her soul.

Members were strongly encouraged to attend the **Newman Centre Retreat on December 14, 2019, where NACN-Canada members will meet for lunch in the library of the Newman Centre.** See page 3 of this newsletter for registration details. In addition, please note that nurses are welcome as associate members at the **Toronto Catholic Doctors' Guild annual dinner with Cardinal Collins – NB: the registration deadline is midnight on November 18, 2019.**

NACN-Canada Toronto students and recent graduates who attended the Canadian Federation of Catholic Physicians and Societies' conference in June, 2019 expressed the wish to get together on a regular basis. A small group attended Mass at 5:30 pm at St. Michael's Cathedral Basilica on October 29, 2019. The same invitation is open for all members on the first Tuesday of each month beginning in 2020; the December 14, 2019 members' event is the Newman Centre retreat.

# ST. JOSEPH MOSCATI TORONTO CATHOLIC DOCTORS' GUILD ANNUAL MASS AND DINNER WITH CARDINAL COLLINS

Saturday, 23 November 2019 from 4:30 PM to 8:30 PM (EST)

**Charbonnel Lounge, Elmsley Hall,  
University of St. Michael's College,  
81 St. Mary Street  
Toronto ON Canada**

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**Registration ends at midnight, Monday November 18th, 2019.**

**Vespers and Holy Mass will be held at:**

Chapel at Loretto College of the USMC 70 St. Mary St., Toronto

**The meeting and dinner will be held at:**

Charbonnel Lounge, Elmsley Hall 81 St. Mary Street, Toronto

**The event schedule is as follows:**

- 4:30 pm - Vespers
- 5:00 pm - Mass presided by His Eminence, Thomas Cardinal Collins
- 6:00 pm - AGM in Charbonnel Lounge, in Elmsley Hall
- 6:30 pm - Dinner
- 7:30 pm - Cardinal's presentation

Event tickets include annual membership fees. The activities of the TCDG are aimed at fostering a profound life of prayer that is coherently intertwined with our respective roles as Catholic physicians, residents and students. The goal of our activities is to support and equip today's Catholic physicians for the numerous challenges that stem from the current medical, political and cultural contexts.

The Toronto Catholic Doctors' Guild Membership fees facilitate the organization of conferences, spiritual retreats, networking, social activities, and professional development seminars on medical ethics with a particular emphasis on the support and formation of Catholic medical trainees. A portion of your annual fee secures membership in the Canadian Federation of Catholic Physicians Societies (CFCPS).

CFCPS portion is as follows: \$50 Physicians and Residents; \$30 Associates. Through the CFCPS, we connect with other Catholic Physicians on the national and international levels. The CFCPS also promotes the formation of students and lobbies on behalf of Catholic medical professionals on key issues such as Conscience Rights.

## **Newman Centre Advent Retreat with Mother Olga of the Sacred Heart**



**Sat, 14 December 2019**

**9:00 AM – 3:00 PM EST**

NACN-Canada members will meet for lunch in the Newman Centre library during the retreat. Register through this link:

<https://www.eventbrite.ca/e/advent-retreat-with-mother-olga-of-the-eucharist-tickets-65962330105>

Mother Olga of the Sacred Heart is the founder and mother servant of Daughters of Mary of Nazareth. She lived through four wars in Middle East. In 1993, as a young lay woman, she started a lay movement called Love Your Neighbor. She invited young men and women from Christian and Muslim communities to be part of this community to serve the needs of the poor in a war-torn area. In 1995 she established the order of Marth Maryam Sisters- Missionaries of the Virgin Mary, the first order for Religious Sisters in the Assyrian Church of the East in 700 years. In her homeland Mother Olga was involved in pastoral ministry for the college students and youth in the parishes. She also served the prisoners, homeless, elderly, and handicapped of war for many years. The Minister of Public Health gave her the Humanitarian Award for her service to the poorest of the poor there. She has a BS in Biology and Hematology and a MA in Philosophy and Theology from a college that is affiliated with the Pontifical Urbaniana University in Rome. She also has a certificate in Theology of The Body. Video: From Baghdad to Boston - <https://vimeo.com/32172237>

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## **Sisters of Life retreat January 31-February 2, 2020**

The Sisters of Life and the Toronto Catholic Doctors' Guild welcome Catholic nurses to a weekend of prayer and fellowship for medical students, residents & physicians. This retreat includes time and space to encounter the Lord, Mass on Saturday and Sunday, opportunities for Sacramental Confession, and Eucharistic adoration. Conferences will be given throughout on various topics and opportunities for fellowship with others in the medical field.

The cost of this retreat is \$125 per participant.

\*Exceptions: We do not want a "cost" to keep anyone from coming on retreat! If you feel unable to pay the full amount, please call us at (416) 463-2722, and we'd be very happy to speak with you!

If you are interested in sponsoring another participant, please contact us as well.

To register, please visit:

<https://sistersoflife.org/events/toronto-physician-retreat/>.

Location: St. Francis Retreat Centre 208501 #, ON-9, Caledon, ON L7K 0A8.

Date: Jan. 31- Feb. 2, 2020.

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Catholic nurses and members of other health disciplines are encouraged to join NACN-Canada. Membership fees are due in January of each year. Our new website will make it easier for members to join our association, pay the annual fee, and find resources. Details to follow.

We encourage Catholic nurses who get together in their local area to send photos and descriptions of their events for publication on the website and in this newsletter to NACN-Canada's corresponding secretary at [nacncanada.boardcontact@gmail.com](mailto:nacncanada.boardcontact@gmail.com)