



Declaration for New Directors Serving on Boards Sponsored by CHSO

Whereas all **Catholic Health Sponsors of Ontario's** (CHSO) health and social ministries and their engagement in the world are guided by the three-fold foundation of Scripture, Tradition and Church Teaching, the interpretation of which deepens and develops over time through lived experience, service, critical and ethical reflection and formation of conscience.

This dynamic foundation creates an inspirational Catholic world view which encompasses respect for all God's creation through which the invisible God is encountered in the visible world. This world view consistently celebrates the world redeemed by Jesus Christ. It reverences the dignity and uniqueness of individual persons made in God's image whose meaning and purpose in life is a response to God's call of love.

CHSO sponsored works are a response to create diverse communities of people that, through grace and goodwill, bring about the reality of Jesus in the world through concrete actions for the common good.

CHSO sponsored organizations do this through health and social services, stewardship for creation, labour for social justice, fundraising and foundation work, and works of reconciliation, all characterized by a deep commitment to equity and service with one another, society, and the Church. CHSO ministries honour the Church's sacramental life and the importance of spirituality in all peoples and cultures.

This Catholic world view is built upon the compatibility of faith and reason as integral to the pursuit of truth and excellence in service. This world view requires and engages in critical reflection about ethics, as evidenced in the Health Ethics Guide, as amended from time to time. It also respects life from conception to natural death.

Inspired by the founding Sisters, CHSO sponsored organizations endeavor to work in solidarity with all persons in a humble spirit of hospitality and with special care and deep concern for equity for those in society who are experiencing poverty, inequity, vulnerability, and marginalization.

DECLARATION

As a Board director, I will fulfill my responsibilities in accordance with the mission, vision, values, and by-laws of _____ (name of sponsored organization), being a sponsored organization of **Catholic Health Sponsors of Ontario**.

Signature

Date