Catholic Health Care in Canada

Maintaining Catholic Identity in an Evolving Context

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What is Identity?

- Sameness of essential characteristics
  - Merrimam-Webster.com
Catholic Identity Defined in the Code?

- **Can. 19** If a custom or *an express prescript of universal or particular law is lacking in a certain matter*, a case, unless it is penal, must be resolved in light of
  - laws issued in similar matters,
  - general principles of law applied with canonical equity,
  - the jurisprudence and practice of the Roman Curia, and
  - the *common and constant opinion of learned persons*. 
Laws Issued in Similar Matters

• **Can. 216** Since they participate in the mission of the Church, all the Christian faithful have the right to promote or sustain apostolic action even by their own undertakings, according to their own state and condition. Nevertheless, **no undertaking is to claim the name Catholic without the consent of competent ecclesiastical authority**.

• **Can. 222 §1.** The **Christian faithful are obliged to assist** with the needs of the Church so that the Church has what is necessary for divine worship, for the **works of the apostolate and of charity**, and for the decent support of ministers.
Laws Issued in Similar Matters

- **Can. 300** No association is to assume the name Catholic without the consent of competent ecclesiastical authority according to the norm of can. 312.

- **Can. 803 §3.** Even if it is in fact Catholic, no school is to bear the name Catholic school without the consent of competent ecclesiastical authority.
Constant Opinion of Learned Persons

- Cannot be legislated (Morrisey 2011)
- “Self-engaging-in-context (Fitzgerald, 1993)
- ... It might be wise to speak of Catholic identities in the plural (Steinfels, 2003)
- Catholic Identity or Identities? (Arbuckle)
  - No longer can we view a culture as a unifying, unchanging, and homogenizing force ... [hence] individuals have a multiplicity of potential identities because the context in which they are living, working and recreating is continually changing (Arbuckle, 2013, loc. 394)
Can Catholic Identity be Defined?

- Not in concrete
- Flexible – yet rooted
- Solid Foundation
- Responding to the real world – Our Context
Contextual Lenses
Changing Canada: Changing Health Care

- **1639**
  - L'Hôtel-Dieu de Québec (Augustinian Sisters)

- **1947**
  - Saskatchewan - First Universal Hospital Care

- **1957 ...**
  - Federal/Provincial Funding for health care
Pre-Vatican II
Post Vatican II

- Identity
  - Rooted in Baptism
  - Shared by all
    - Holy People of God share also in Christ’s prophetic witness (LG, no. 12)
Fulfilling the Church’s Mission

• As you go, preach this message: ‘The kingdom of heaven is near.’ Heal the sick, raise the dead, cleanse the lepers, drive out demons. Freely you have received; freely give. (Matt. 10: 7-8)
Catholic Faith in the World Context

- Catholic Population Shift
  - Europe & N America
  - Africa, Asia, & Latin America
- Aging Population in 1\textsuperscript{st} and 2\textsuperscript{nd} World countries
- Laity ministry in response to fewer religious/clergy
- Scientific Advances which strain the Church’s moral teaching
Place of Religion in our Lives
Canada’s Religious Composition, 1971-2011

http://www.pewforum.org/2013/06/27/canadas-changing-religious-landscape/

Sources: 1971-2001 Canada census; 2011 National Household Survey
*Data for the "Other Religion" category in 1971 are not shown because the figure is not comparable with the figures for 1981-2011. Percentages may not add to 100 due to rounding.

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Growth of the Religiously Unaffiliated in Canada & the USA

% of population that identifies as religiously unaffiliated

Sources: U.S. General Social Survey 1972-2012; 1971-2001 Canada census; 2011 National Household Survey. Figures for the U.S. are for adults only (ages 18 years and older); figures for Canada include adults and children.

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Trends in Canadian Disaffiliation, by Generation

% of each age cohort that is religiously unaffiliated

- Born 1946 or earlier
- Born 1947-1966
- Born 1967-1986
- Born 1987-1995

1971: 4
1981: 9
1991: 21%
2001: 20%
2011: 29%

Sources: 1971-2001 Canada census; 2011 National Household Survey
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Trends in Canadian Disaffiliation, by Region

% of each region’s population that is religiously unaffiliated

Sources: 1971-2001 Canada census; 2011 National Household Survey

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Religious Composition of Immigrants in Canada
By Decade of Arrival

% of immigrant population that identifies as ...

- Unaffiliated
- Other Religion
- Catholic
- Protestant

Source: 2011 National Household Survey
Percentages are calculated from unrounded numbers and may not add to 100 due to rounding.

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Share of Canadians Belonging to Other Religions By Region

% of population in each region that identifies with faiths other than Protestantism and Catholicism

Sources: 1971-2001 Canada census; 2011 National Household Survey

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SO WHERE DO WE START?
CATHOLIC IDENTITY

Our Schools: Engaging fully with human potential inspired by the Catholic Story.

LEADERSHIP

INSPIRED BELIEVERS

JUST & FAITHFUL STEWARDS

STEWARDSHIP OF RESOURCES

ONE IN CHRIST JESUS

PASTORAL WELLBEING

HOPE FILLED COMMUNITIES

LEARNING & TEACHING

ENHANCING PERFORMANCE, SHAPING CULTURE.

LIBERATED LEARNERS
Internal Criteria:
Beyond Leadership & Management

- Preserving unique Catholic ID in larger secular culture – Requires Formation
  - Passing on the faith to the next generation
  - Evangelizing a modern and sceptical culture
  - Inspiring individuals to serve
Defining Formation Needs

Head knowledge without heart knowledge is worse than useless; but when head and heart join forces, it changes our lives forever.

David Jeremiah
"Come, follow me," Jesus said, "and I will make you fishers of men."
At once they left their nets and followed him.
Matt 4:19-20
Sponsored Apostolates
PEARL OF GREAT PRICE
Tools to Quantify Catholic Identity (Morrisey 2011)

• Juridic criteria
  • Mission Focus
  • Administration
  • Reserved Powers
• Institutional Commitment Criteria
• Criteria based on established & agreed-to-values
Catholic Identity: Mission Focus

- **Can. 114 §2.** The purposes [of juridic persons] are understood as those which pertain to works of piety, of the apostolate, or of charity, whether spiritual or temporal.

- **§3.** The competent authority of the Church is not to confer juridic personality except on those ... which pursue a truly useful purpose and, all things considered, possess the means which are foreseen to be sufficient to achieve their designated purpose.
Catholic Identity: Administration

- **Can. 1282** All clerics or lay persons who take part in the administration of ecclesiastical goods by a legitimate title are **bound to fulfill their functions in the name of the Church according to the norm of law.**
Catholic Identity: Understanding Reserved Power
(Hite, Holland, Morrisey, 2012)

- Approval of the ministry’s philosophy and mission as well as any changes to these.
- Changes in the canonical statutes and bylaws governing the ministry.
- Vigilance over fidelity to the teaching and laws of the Catholic Church.
- Approval of acquisitions by whatever means of new works for the public juridic persons.
- Approval of alienation and debts over the canonical threshold. ($5,473,686 CDN. - Mar 23, 2018)
- Approval of the admission of new participating entities in the public juridic person.
- Petitioning for the suppression or dissolution of the public juridic person.
Catholic Identity: Reserved Powers (Morrisey, 2011)

Reserved Powers

- Paper
- Personnel
- Property
Catholic Identity: Reserved Powers (Morrisey, 2011)

Paper

Mission & Philosophy

Bylaws

Mergers Dissolutions
Catholic Identity: Reserved Powers (Morrisey, 2011)
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- Property
  - Temporal Goods
    - Audits
    - Sale (Alienation)
    - Lease ...

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Catholic Identity: Institutional Commitment

- Ongoing formation (Can. 774)
Understanding is much deeper than knowledge. There are many who know you, but very few who understand you.
Catholic Identity:
Measuring Against Agreed-upon Values

- Is a form of “Catholicity” permeating the establishment?
Agreed-upon Values

- Beyond Leadership & Management Skills
  - Nature & structure of the Church
  - Authority for mission
  - Role of Diocesan Bishop
  - Catholic social teaching: Foundation for ministry

- Cultivating fertile soil: formation for canonical governance
- Application of *Health Ethics Guide*
Internal Criteria: Authority for Mission

Go and Do Likewise
Luke 10:25-37
Internal Criteria
Role of Diocesan Bishop

- Can. 394 §1. A bishop is to foster various forms of the apostolate in the diocese and is to take care that in the entire diocese or in its particular districts, all the works of the apostolate are coordinated under his direction, with due regard for the proper character of each.
Internal Criteria: Diocesan Bishop

- All apostolic activity in a particular diocese must be carried out “in communion with the diocesan bishop of the place with the ministry is exercised.” See F. MORRISEY and S. HOLLAND, “Ministerial Juridic Persons and Their Communion with Diocesan Bishops,” in *Health Progress*, vol. 97, no. 6 (2016), 68

- Ensure:
  - Ongoing Communication
  - Invitation to Sponsor-forums & Educational events
Internal Criteria: Catholic Social Teaching

- Key Themes:
  - Life & Dignity of Human Person
  - Call to Family, Community & Participation
  - Protection of Right & Responsibilities of all
  - Preferential Option for the Poor & Vulnerable
  - Dignity of Work and the Rights of Workers
  - Solidarity: We are One Human Family
  - Care for Creation
Internal Criteria: Health Ethics Guides

- Ethical & Religious Directives
- Used by Catholic health care in Canada since 1948
- Developed & approved by episcopal conferences in
  - Canada
  - USA
  - Australia
    - Framework for health care ministry
Internal Criteria: Health Ethics Guide

• Table of Contents
  • Social Nature of Care
  • Dignity of the Human Person
  • Care at the Beginning of Life
  • Care at the End of Life
  • Organ Donation
  • Research Involving Humans
  • Governance & Administration
  • Making Moral Judgements
Speaking the Gospel

- Passing on the faith
- Evangelizing
- Inspiring
Beyond Professional Development: Formation Tools

- Our capacity to sustain Catholic health care as a ministry of the Church depends on our realization that all our activities must flow from the core of who we are, that is, from our spirituality ... as ministry, we must provide witness as well as service because the call to be mission in the world is also the call to build up the kingdom of God within. (J. DeBlois, “The Mission Imperative: Our Foundation and Market Advantage,” in *Health Progress*, vol. 78, no. 2 (1997), 24-27.)

- Serving as agents of Jesus’ healing ministry

- Differentiate Proselytizing and Mission/Values driven ministry
Formation

One size does NOT fit all.
Catholic Identity: Formation Essentials

• Human
• Spiritual
• Theological
• Practical pastoral abilities called for in our ministries
Internal Catholic Identity: Faith Under Pressure

Ongoing Faith Formation

Business Acumen
External Pressures
External Pressures to Maintaining Catholic ID

- Tensions between faith & political agendas
  - Whoever pays the piper
    - From Charity to “Right”
    - Affordability
    - Government funding/control
    - Partnerships
      - Chosen or Imposed
External Pressures for Maintaining Catholic ID

- Mission Margin Tensions
  - Responding with Grace to Scarcity of Access & Funding
  - Public Dialogue
    - Truthful
    - Humble
    - Grateful
  - Canonical Principles
External Pressures for Maintaining Catholic ID

- Government Funding, Public Demand & Catholic Values
  - Reproductive Services
  - Nutrition & Hydration
  - End-of-life Care
Artificial Nutrition & Hydration

• Determining when technologies cease being beneficial and become harmful is a major ethical dilemma.
• Available interventions may not always be morally nor ethically appropriate as part of end-of-life care.
• Health Ethics Guide
  • “Since some pathological conditions experienced by those who are dying prevent normal food ingestion, a decision to forgo or stop medically assisted nutrition and hydration can allow the pathology to run its course without prolonging the dying process. Such a decision is not the same as ‘hastening death’.” See CHAC, Health Ethics Guide, no. 85, 65.
End of Life Care

• Physician Assisted Suicide

• a “decision to forgo life-sustaining treatment must not mean abandonment of the person receiving care. Palliative care ... should always be provided and, the dignity of the person always respected.” *Health Ethics Guide*, no. 78, 62.

• Treatment decisions can never include actions or omissions that intentionally cause the death of another (euthanasia), or the death of one’s self(suicide), as both actions are morally wrong. *Health Ethics Guide*, nos. 87-89, 66.
Leadership for Catholic Identity
Catholic Identity: Leadership Essentials

- **Commitment** to Ongoing Learning/Formation
  - Living our Faith in Context
  - Formation
  - Faith in Culture
  - Prophet
  - Bearers of Hope
New Ways of Embracing Culture

• Hire for mission
• Shift from ambivalence about Catholic ministries to a clearer vision of the mission and significance
• Struggle to define “value added”
  • Articulate
  • Measure
  • Communicate
Prophets

CARRIERS OF THE MESSAGE
Bearers of Hope
(Bruggemann, W., 2007.)

- Practicing Hope:
  - Commitment to faith and action
    - Open to newness that will be given by God to us as a gift
  - Interpreting signs of the times
To Heal as Jesus Healed
Leading by Example
Catholic Identity: Mercy in Action

"Today we ask the Lord ... for the whole Church, a conversion towards Jesus, a conversion to Jesus, a conversion to the mercy of Jesus," Francis ended his homily. "And so the law will be fully fulfilled, because the law is to love God and neighbor, as ourselves." (Homily, Pope Francis, Mar 17, 2015)
We live in hope ... as we continue to serve to bring about the Kingdom of God
Questions/Comments
Thank You