CATHOLIC HEALTH ASSOCIATION OF MANITOBA ASSOCIATION
CATHOLIQUE MANITOBAINE DE LA SANTÉ
МАНІТОБСЬКА КАТОЛИЦЬКА АСОЦІАЦІЯ ЗДОРОВ'Я

ANNUAL REPORT 2026



MESSAGE FROM CHAM LEADERSHIP

We are grateful for another year of bringing people together in service of the healing ministry of Jesus. At the heart of CHAM's work is a simple belief: that Catholic health care is not only about the services we provide, but also about how we care for one another, especially those who are most vulnerable.

This year, we saw that commitment come to life in many ways. Through ***Bridging Generations,*** young people and older adults came together to share stories, laughter, and meaningful connections. Our Ministry of Care training continued to equip parish volunteers to accompany those experiencing illness, loneliness, and isolation. We also celebrated our inaugural Health Care Workers' Mass, bringing together health care workers, community members, and Church leaders in prayer and fellowship.

Beyond these initiatives, CHAM continued to strengthen relationships among our members, support formation and education, and contribute to important conversations about spiritual health, Catholic identity, and the future of health care in Manitoba.

As the needs of our communities evolve, so too must the ways we live out our mission. We remain committed to strengthening our Catholic identity, deepening connections between parishes and care communities, and ensuring that the values of compassion, dignity, and solidarity remain central to health care.

We extend our sincere appreciation to our Board of Directors, whose wisdom, dedication, and thoughtful guidance continue to shape CHAM's direction. Their willingness to share their time, experience, and leadership is invaluable to CHAM and the communities we serve.

We are equally grateful to our members, Manitoba's bishops, volunteers, students, and community partners. The work highlighted in this report is possible because of their generosity, collaboration, and shared commitment to caring for others. As we look ahead, we do so with gratitude for what we have accomplished together and hope for what is still possible.

Gladys Hrabi
Chief Executive Officer

Katarina Lee-Ameduri
Board Chair

2025-2026 AT A GLANCE

BRIDGING GENERATIONS / SOCIAL BRIDGES

590	430	1,157	6	3
older adults reached	volunteers engaged	program attendances	participating care sites	program languages

MINISTRY OF CARE / PARISH VOLUNTEER FORMATION

51	participants, May 2025 training
30	new volunteers, October 2025
45	advanced training participants
25	volunteers, February 2026 session

HEALTH CARE WORKERS' MASS FEBRUARY 11, 2026

~200	people in attendance
5	bishops in attendance
4	Manitoba diocesan jurisdictions represented

FORMATION, EDUCATION & GOVERNANCE

42	45	60+	35
CEOs and board members, governance workshop	attendees, IHCAM Spiritual Health Matters	participants, Spiritual Health in Community Care	CEOs and board members, inclusive governance workshop



OUR MISSION AND STRATEGIC DIRECTIONS

Inspired by the Gospel and grounded in shared beliefs and values, CHAM is a forum for Manitoban Catholic health and social service organizations to exchange ideas and develop shared strategic initiatives that strengthen the healing ministry of Jesus, including service to those experiencing illness, grief, stigma, poverty, and loneliness.

WITNESS	**Deepen commitment to the healing ministry**
PROCLAIM	Promote the identity and value of Catholic health
SERVE	Engage members and communities
ADVOCATE	Advance mission-centred system change



WITNESS: LIVING THE HEALING MINISTRY

PARISH FORMATION AND MINISTRY OF CARE

CHAM worked with diocesan partners to equip parish volunteers for practical spiritual accompaniment. In May 2025, a Ministry of Care training offered with the Archdiocese of Saint Boniface brought together 51 participants from across Manitoba. The formation addressed compassionate presence, active listening, cultural and generational sensitivity, boundaries, self-care, and protocols for bringing Holy Communion.

An October 2025 session at Mary Mother of the Church welcomed 30 new volunteers. Advanced formation later drew 45 participants. Strong interest from parishes led CHAM to begin planning a community of practice for ongoing peer support, learning, and shared problem-solving.







PROCLAIM: MAKING CATHOLIC HEALTH CARE VISIBLE

INAUGURAL HEALTH CARE WORKERS' MASS



On February 11, 2026, CHAM held the inaugural Health Care Workers' Mass at St. Gianna Beretta Molla Parish in Winnipeg, bringing together approximately 200 health-care professionals, workers, and community members. The celebration was attended by five bishops representing Manitoba's four archdioceses and dioceses, with Archbishop Murray Chatlain presiding and Bishop André delivering the homily. The Mass also marked the launch of Finding Solace, a pastoral letter on palliative and end-of-life care. A fellowship gathering followed, offering attendees an opportunity to connect, celebrate their shared vocation, and strengthen the bonds of Manitoba's Catholic health-care community.

EDUCATION, COMMUNICATIONS AND NATIONAL CONNECTIONS

CHAM launched a public webinar series in April 2025 on topics connecting faith and health, expanded newsletter and social media communications, and worked with media partners to highlight programs and mission. CHAM also circulated resources for National Catholic Health Care Week 2026 to member organizations, sponsors, and Catholic schools.

Through the Catholic Health Alliance of Canada and national bishops' conversations, CHAM engaged in discussion about Catholic health identity, spiritual care, palliative care, and the changing policy environment.



SERVE: CONNECTING GENERATIONS AND COMMUNITIES

SOCIAL BRIDGES: BRIDGING GENERATIONS

Supported by $22,267 in New Horizons for Seniors Program funding, the Social Bridges initiative developed intergenerational connections between schools, parish youth ministries, and older adults. A youth-and-senior advisory circle helped shape the program, followed by collaboration across six care and community sites: Holy Family Home, Misericordia Terrace, St. Amant, Résidence Despins, Lindenwood Retirement Living, and The Convalescent Home of Winnipeg.

The first program activities included Jazz Connections in December 2025, reaching approximately 250 residents and 90 middle-school students, and intergenerational trivia in January 2026, with approximately 260 residents and 120 students and youth volunteers engaged at the time of reporting. Care sites and schools reported positive engagement, enjoyment, and meaningful relationship-building.

Schools and youth partners included St. Mary's Academy, Immaculate Heart of Mary School, Our Lady of Victory School, St. Alphonsus School, and parish-based youth ministries. CHAM also used interviews and community outreach to raise awareness of the initiative.



SPIRITUAL HEALTH AND WHOLE-PERSON CARE

CHAM supported spiritual health education through collaboration with IHCAM and the Manitoba Multifaith Council. IHCAM's October 2025 Spiritual Health Matters gathering welcomed 45 participants from 65 registrants. CHAM leadership also continued to chair the Manitoba Multifaith Council Spiritual Health Committee, supporting dialogue and formation across health and community settings.



ADVOCATE: MISSION-CENTRED SYSTEM CHANGE

LONG-TERM CARE AND GOVERNMENT RELATIONS

Working alongside MARCHE and sector partners, CHAM participated in discussions on personal care home funding reform, sustainable staffing, and the needs of older adults. CHAM leadership contributed to the WRHA funding model working group and the development of a sector white paper, and participated in meetings with government officials and stakeholders about faith-based service agreements and long-term care sustainability.

Through MARCHE, CHAM also supported a submission of sector-wide cost-saving strategies emphasizing efficiency without compromising care quality. These efforts are reported as collaborative advocacy rather than outcomes attributable to CHAM alone.

PALLIATIVE CARE, MAID AND CATHOLIC HEALTH IDENTITY

CHAM engaged with Catholic health leaders and partners on palliative care and the implications of MAiD-related legal and policy developments for faith-based organizations. Work included coordination of shared communications, engagement with the Concordia Hospital Board, and renewed participation in palliative-care networks. The emphasis remained on protecting Catholic identity while supporting compassionate, dignified care for people facing serious illness.

SHARED LEADERSHIP AND GOVERNANCE

CHAM collaborated with IHCAM and MARCHE on board governance learning, including a workshop attended by 42 CEOs and board members. Its partnership with IHCAM and other organizations supported broader sector discussion of spiritual health and organizational mission.

Financial Highlights

CHAM continued to steward its resources through membership and diocesan support, shared-service arrangements and investments.

DESCRIPTION	2025	2026	CHANGE
Total revenue	$186,549	$210,586	+12.9%
Total expenses	$189,462	$188,167	-0.7%
Annual surplus / (deficit)	($2,913)	**$22,419**	
Total assets	$215,317	$241,919	+12.4%
Net assets	$189,899	$212,318	+11.8%

A positive year-end result

CHAM recorded $210,586 in revenue and $188,167 in expenses, resulting in a $22,419 surplus for the year ended March 31, 2026. Net assets increased to $212,318.

Investing in long-term sustainability

At year-end, CHAM held $119,383 in short- and long-term investments. The separately held CHAM Fund had a market value of $278,570; this fund is not included in CHAM's statement of financial position.

Source: Independently reviewed CHAM financial statements, March 31, 2026.

CONTACT US

Contact Details

Phone
+204 202 7544

Email
admin@cham.mb.ca

Website
www.cham.mb.ca

Address
151 De La Cathedrale Avenue
Winnipeg, Manitoba R2H 2H6

CHAM Members

Réseau Compassion Network

Sponsor organization

Actionmarguerite

Centre de Sante St. Boniface
Sara Riel Inc.
St. Boniface General Hospital
St. Amant Centre
Ste. Rose Health Centre

Winnipegosis and District Health Centre

Misericordia Hospital Corporation

Sponsor organization

Misericordia Health Centre
Misericordia Place
Misericordia Terrace

Sisters Servants of Mary Immaculate

Sponsor organization

Holy Family Home

Archdiocesan representation from the Roman Catholic Archdiocese of St. Boniface, the Roman Catholic Archdiocese of Winnipeg, the Ukrainian Catholic Archeparchy of Winnipeg, and the Roman Catholic Archdiocese of Keewatin-Le Pas