

SISTER CAROL KEEHAN, DC, RN, MS PRESIDENT AND CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER

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Sister Carol Keehan, DC, is the ninth president and chief executive officer of the Catholic Health Association of the United States (CHA). She assumed her duties as of October 2005. She is responsible for all association operations and leads CHA's staff at offices in Washington, DC, where she is based, and in St. Louis.



Sister Carol has worked in administrative and governance positions at hospitals sponsored by the Daughters of Charity for more than 35 years. Most recently, she was the board chair of Ascension Health's Sacred Heart Health System, Pensacola, FL. Previously, she served for 15 years as president and chief executive officer of Providence Hospital, which includes Carroll Manor Nursing and Rehabilitation Center, in Washington, DC. In the early 1980s, she served as Providence Hospital's vice president for nursing, ambulatory care, and education and training. In addition, she has served in leadership positions at Sacred Heart Hospital, Cumberland, MD, and Sacred Heart Children's Hospital and Regional Perinatal Intensive Care Center, Pensacola, FL.

Sister Carol has held influential roles in the governance of a variety of health care, insurance, and educational organizations. She is a representative to the International Federation of Catholic Health Care Associations (AISAC) of the Pontifical Council for Pastoral Health Care. She serves on the boards of Catholic Relief Services, Baltimore, MD, and Holy Family Hospital of Bethlehem Foundation, Washington, DC. She has served on the boards of the Catholic Health Association of the United States, of which she is a past chairperson; Catholic Healthcare Partners, Cincinnati, OH; St. Agnes Hospital, Baltimore, MD; Mercy Health System, Miami, FL; Catholic Healthcare Audit Network, Clayton, MO; and SOAR! (Support Our Aging Religious), Silver Spring, MD. In addition, she has been a member of several health, labor, and domestic policy committees of the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops, Washington, DC, and serves on the finance committee of the Archdiocese of Washington.

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Currently Sister Carol serves on the boards of St. John's University, Queens, NY, and the University of St. Thomas, St. Paul, MN. She has served on the boards of the District of Columbia Hospital Association, of which she is a past chair; Care First/Blue Cross of Maryland and the National Capital Area, Owings Mills, MD, and its affiliate, Group Hospitalization and Medical Services, Inc. In addition, she has previously served on the nominating committee of the American Hospital Association; the finance committee of the Maryland Hospital Association; and is a past chair of the Florida State Human Rights Advocacy Commission.

Her numerous awards and honors include the American Hospital Association's Trustee Award; the *Pro Ecclesia et Pontifice* (Cross for the Church and Pontiff), bestowed by Pope Benedict XVI; the American Cardinals' Encouragement Award; the Medal of Honor and the Monsignor George C. Higgins Labor Advocacy Award from the Archdiocese of Washington; the Elizabeth Ann Seton Award, given by SOAR! (Support Our Aging Religious), Silver Spring, MD; and the Friend of Children Award from Children's National Medical Center, Washington, DC.

Sister Carol received an honorary doctor of laws degree from Niagara University, NY; an honorary doctorate in public service from the College of the Holy Cross, Worcester, MA; an honorary doctorate from St. John's University, Queens, NY, and an honorary doctor of science degree from The Catholic University of America, Washington, DC. She earned a bachelor of science degree in nursing from St. Joseph's College, Emmitsburg, MD, where she graduated magna cum laude, and a master of science degree in business administration from the University of South Carolina, Columbia, SC, from which she received the School of Business Distinguished Alumna Award in 2000.