



# Our Legacy

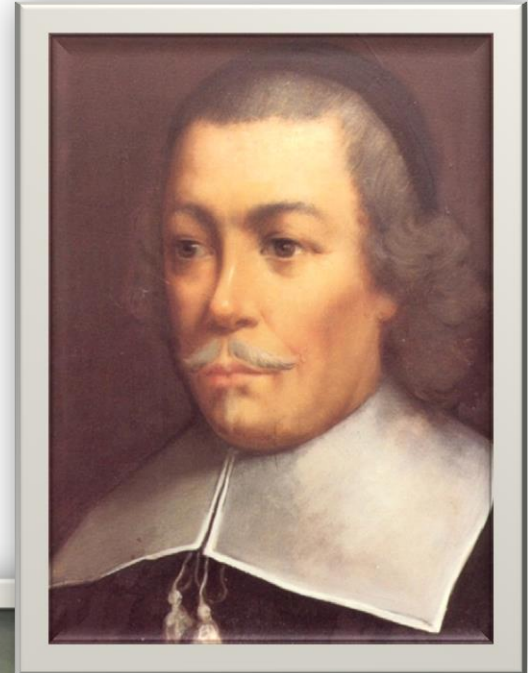
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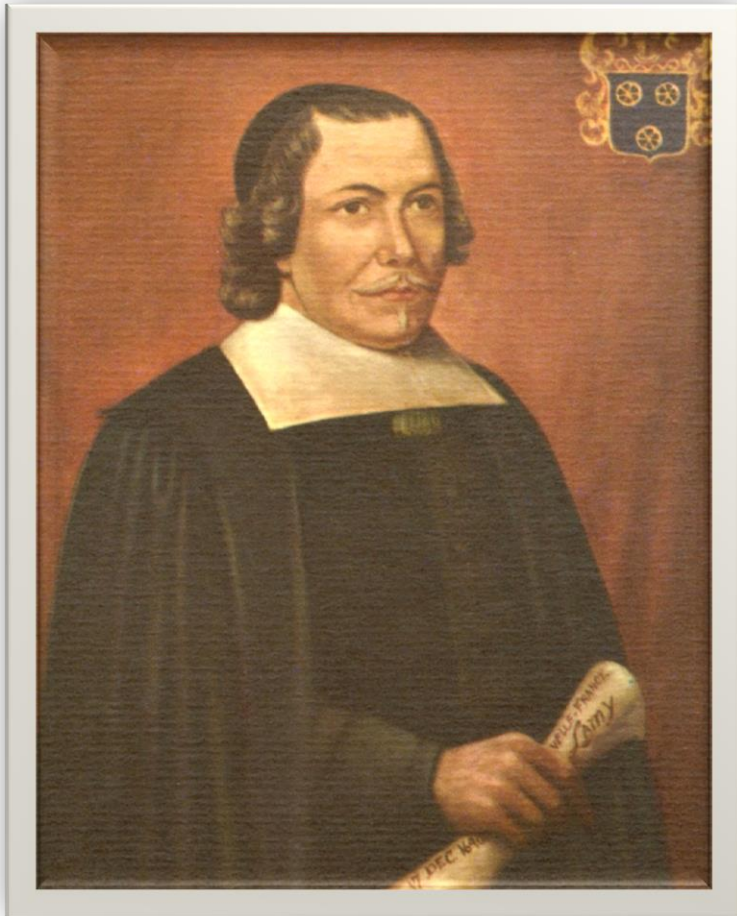
On February 2, 1630 the Venerable Jérôme Le Royer de la Dauversière, a layman, began having visions in which he was instructed to found an Order of Nursing Sisters, to open the Hospital in La Fleche to care for the poor, and to found a colony on the Island of Montreal in New France.



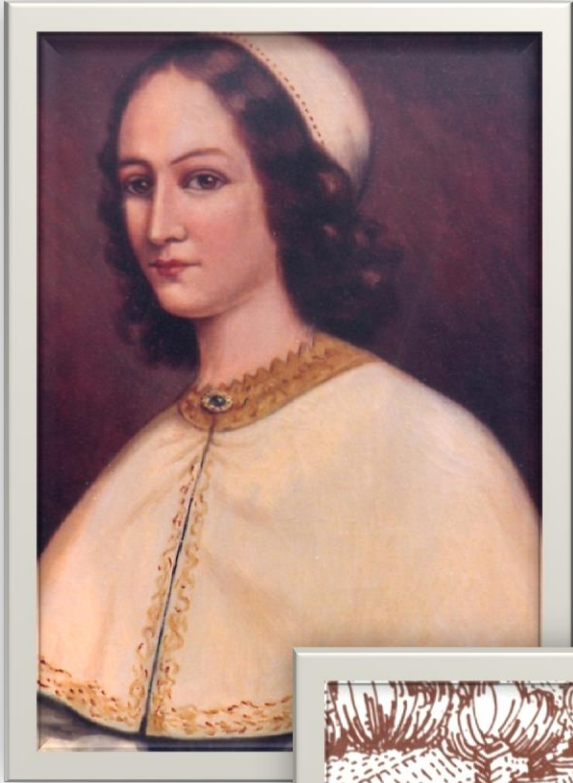
The Religious  
Hospitallers of St.  
Joseph were founded  
in 1636 in La Fleche,  
France by Jérôme Le  
Royer with the  
Venerable Mother  
Marie De La Ferre



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Jérôme Le Royer acquired the deed to the Island of Montreal in 1640. He raised the necessary funds and enlisted the first colonists. The colonists left for New France at the end of 1641, establishing the Colony of Ville-Marie on May 17, 1642



Among the first colonists was Jeanne Mance, a laywoman, who was called by God in collaboration with Jermone Le Royer to serve in New France.



She opened the first Hotel Dieu Hospital in 1645.

It wasn't until 1659 that the RHSJs were able to send members of their order to assist Jeanne Mance in Ville Marie (the future Montreal).



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Under the care of the Sisters, the Hotel Dieu and the RHSJ Community of Montreal expanded greatly.



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In 1945, three Sisters  
from Kingston founded  
a foundation in  
St. Catharines, Ontario.



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After facing numerous roadblocks, the RHSJs opened a Maternity Hospital in the Woodruff Mansion on October 3, 1948.



Sister St. Catherine Brennan & Nurse Mary Sweeny  
(1948) in the Nursery.

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Sister Verna Windle with a Newborn and its mother  
(1950).

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On September 10<sup>th</sup>, 1953, Hotel Dieu Hospital,  
opened as an Acute Care, Roman Catholic Hospital.



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The Hotel Dieu Hospital was so successful that an additional 125 bed wing was added, opening in 1962.



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As well as expanding its facilities, the Hotel Dieu Hospital expanded its services:



- Laboratory Technologists Training Program
- Pastoral Care Services
- Regional Ambulance Services
- Intensive & Coronary Care Unit
- Dialysis Unit
- Eye Clinic
- Detoxification Centre for males and females
- Oncology Unit
- Children's Developmental Assessment Service
- Palliative Care
- Transitional house for woman
- Regional Diabetes

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On August 8, 2005 as a result of a local solution to hospital restructuring in St. Catharines, the Hotel Dieu Health Sciences Hospital, assumed governance and management of the Shaver Hospital and Niagara Rehab Centre.



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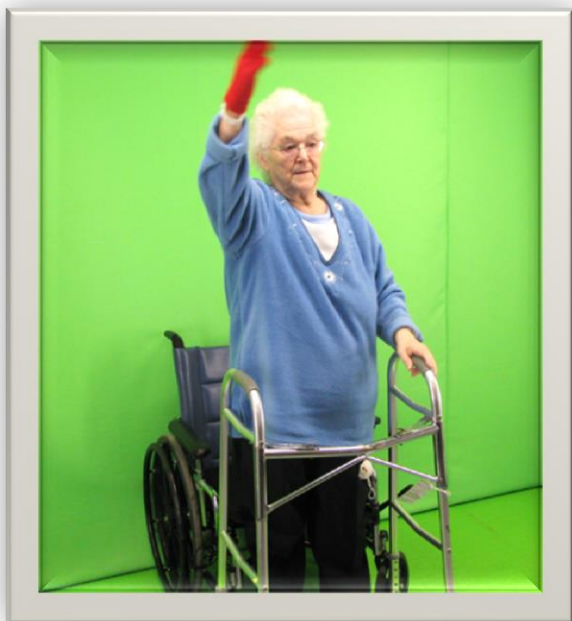
The Missioning Ceremony included the blessing of the Sisters, **Hotel Dieu Shaver Health and Rehabilitation Centre** was ready to begin its new role in healthcare.



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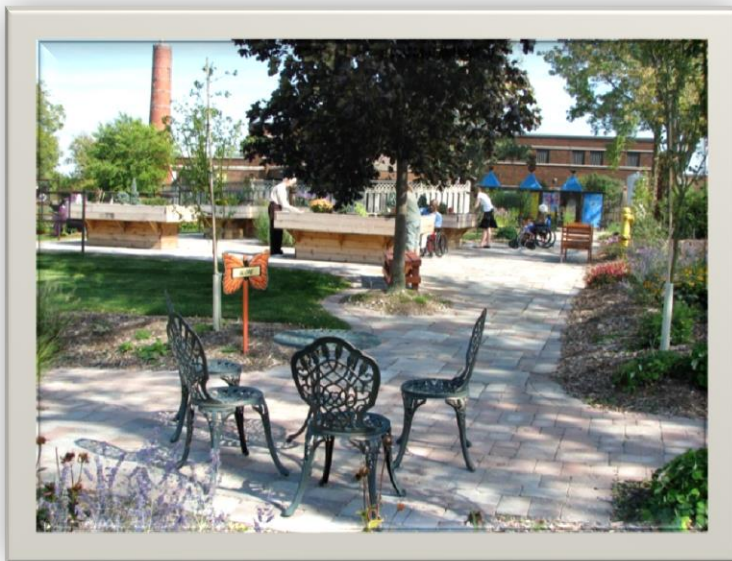


In 2006, Hotel Dieu Shaver created a Virtual Reality Room for rehabilitation therapy.



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A Healing Garden was established in 2007 with the assistance of Elizabeth Hilton and local gardeners.



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In 2008 and 2009, the Gift Shop and Coffee Shop were renovated to reflect a more updated look to better serve patients.

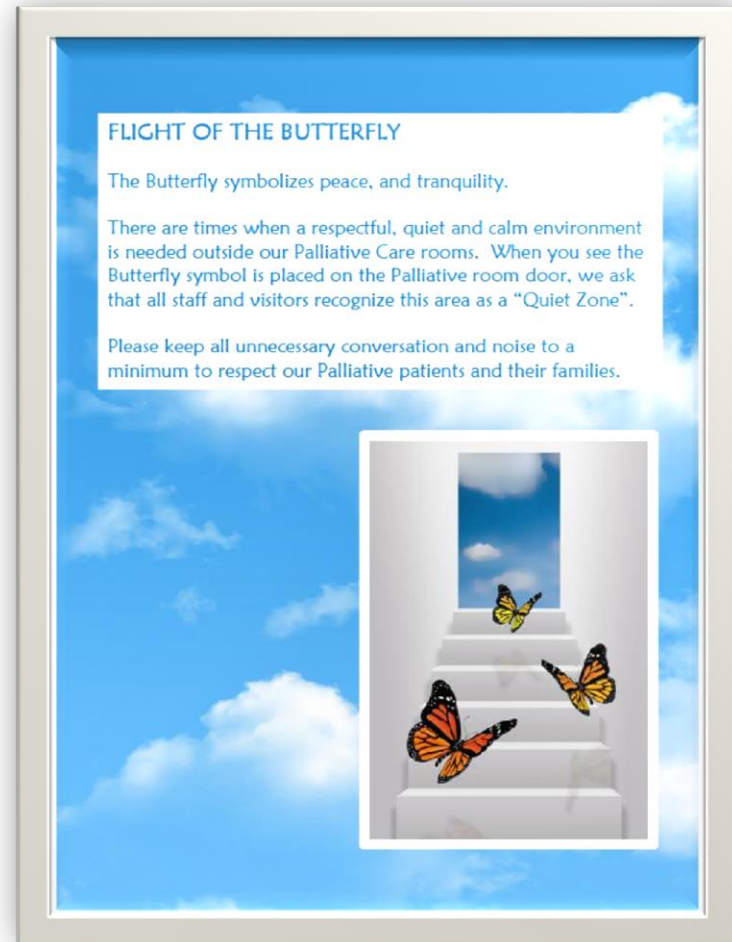


From 2009 through 2012, numerous upgrades were made to enhance patient services and create a better work environment for staff. Among these included upgrades to nurses stations (2E, 2W & 1W).

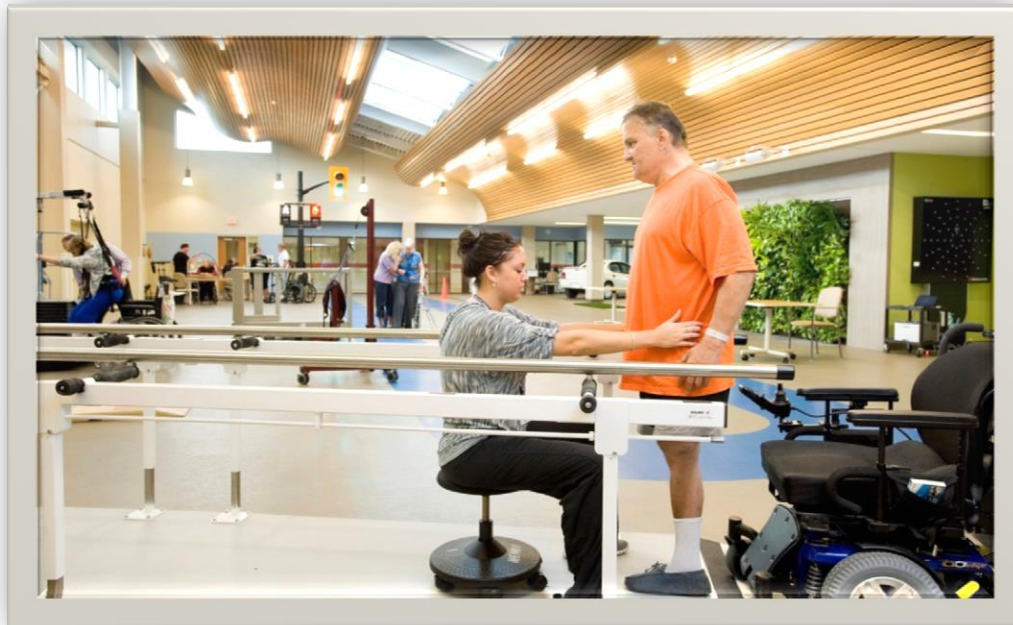


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2012 saw the creation of 5 Palliative Care Rooms to give patients a respectful, quiet, and calm environment.



In 2012, Hotel Dieu Shaver Health and Rehabilitation Centre proudly announced the opening of the Centre's new 5,700 square foot rehabilitation area, affectionately known as the 'Courtyard'.



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A decision was made in 2014 to change Hotel Dieu Shaver's food delivery system to enhance the comfort of patients.



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An official blessing and re-opening of the newly renovated Chapel occurred in September 2014.



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The Sisters' mission of 'Caring for the sick, the poor and most needy' continues today.



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