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religieux et  
religieuses  
du Canada

Canadian  
Religious  
Stewardship

## NINTH ANNUAL REPORT 2019-2020

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**This, Canadian Religious Stewardship Ninth Annual Report to the Holy See is dedicated to the memory of our friend and colleague, Father Francis Morrissey.**

**May He Rest in Peace.**

# BACKGROUND



History &  
Values

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# HISTORY

Canadian Religious Stewardship (CRS) was founded by Religious Institutes across Canada to assist Religious to reach their goals and needs.

CRS is a collaborative ministry and was granted the status of Public Juridic Person of Pontifical right by the Holy See on December 8, 2010. The associated civil corporation, Canadian Catholic Congregational Management, was established by the issuance of supplementary letters patent by the Minister of Industry of the Government of Canada on December 15, 2008. Canadian Catholic Congregational Management later had its name changed to Canadian Religious Stewardship by Industry Canada on June 9, 2015. This new name, the same as the PJP, was approved by the Canada Revenue Agency on March 7, 2016.

“IN THE END, EVERYTHING HAS BEEN ENTRUSTED TO OUR PROTECTION, AND ALL OF US ARE RESPONSIBLE FOR IT. BE PROTECTORS OF GOD’S GIFTS!” POPE FRANCIS – INAUGURAL MASS

## OUR VALUES

**Collaboration** with Religious Institutes and partners. Our success is built on trust, respect and commitment.

**Reverence** for the wisdom of the Religious we serve.

**Service** in response to the needs of Religious as determined by them.

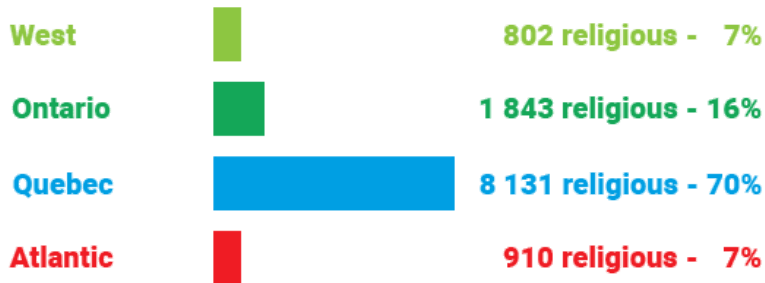
**Stewardship** of the resources entrusted to us.

# CANADIAN RELIGIOUS CONFERENCE STATISTICS

\*2020 Canadian Religious Conference from  
240 Canadian Religious Congregations



11 686 religious in Canada (2020)



# PARTICIPATING ENTITIES

On February 24, 2006 Brother Michael Maher, FSC, Director of Canadian Religious Administrative Services (CRASI Inc.), brought together a small group of representatives from Canadian Religious institutes to Toronto, Ontario. The group explored ways to assist diminishing Religious institutes in the management of their finances, investments, properties, ministries, as well as leadership of their congregations and care of their members. The idea of an “umbrella” corporation emerged.

The meeting resulted in the commitment of leaders from ten congregations from across Canada, representing men and women, east and west, English and French, education and health care. For several months the group worked on developing statutes, by-laws, and on obtaining the support of the respective Bishops in order to petition CICLSAL and the Canadian government.

While the Federal government quickly approved the new CRS corporation (then named Canadian Catholic Congregational Management), the approval from CICLSAL required a three-year complex process. This was due in large part by the fact that Canadian Religious Stewardship was the first Public Juridic Person of its kind in the world!

The CRASI Board of Directors served as the Board of CRS. On September 27, 2012 the CRS Board was established. CRASI also provided important seed money for CRS as well as a loan, that CRS plans to honor in the next few years.

CRS now has eleven participating entities. They include:

- Sisters of Providence of St. Vincent de Paul, Kingston, Ontario
- Missionnaires Oblats de Marie immaculée, Montréal, Québec
- Sisters of the Holy Names of Jesus and Mary, Longueuil, Québec
- Congregation of the Sisters of St. Joseph in Canada, London, Ontario
- Capuchin Order of Friars Minor, Province of Mary, Mother of the Good Shepherd, Toronto, Ontario
- St John of God Brothers, Hamilton, Ontario
- Sisters of Charity (Grey Nuns), Montreal, Québec
- Missionaries Oblats de St Boniface, Winnipeg, Manitoba
- Ursulines of St Angela's Convent, Saskatoon, Saskatchewan
- Order of St Benedict, Muenster, Saskatchewan
- Our Lady's Missionaries, Toronto, Ontario



# ABOUT US



Our Services

# OUR SERVICES

At Canadian Religious Stewardship our success is built on our collaborative relationships founded in trust, respect and commitment. We know that the time for completion is coming. While Religious share many things in common like fewer members, an aging population and a diminishing number of leaders, CRS recognizes the uniqueness of each Institute and strives to ensure that tailor-made and practical solutions are available to all who request them. CRS offers a wide range of service and stewardship options so that Religious can fully live their new realities in peace and tranquility. The following are highlights of services provided by CRS to Religious Institutes in 2019-2020:

## HEALTH CARE

Provided resources for all levels of health care support for Religious including Health Care Navigators, and Health Care Companions.

## FINANCE

Provided expertise in all areas of finance including budgets, accounting, audits, and trends analysis.

## LEGAL SERVICES

Worked with a variety of civil and canon lawyers with extensive experience and expertise in religious life.



## STRATEGIC PLANNING

Created and implemented realistic strategic, operational and legacy plans.

## GOVERNANCE

Provided a variety of evidence-based, best practice governance services.

## HUMAN RESOURCES MANAGEMENT

CRS's Certified Human Resource Professionals and Certified Executive Coaches provided a wide range of human resource services including: assessing requirements, developing job descriptions, recruitment, selection, compensation, evaluation, professional coaching and mentoring, policies and procedures, management, training and development.



# OUR SERVICES CONTINUED

## CONSULTING

Assisted with the sale of property, change management, operational reviews, and the transfer of property to archives.

## ECCLESIASTICAL TEMPORAL GOODS

Ensured the management and safeguarding of ecclesiastical temporal goods and the administration in accordance with canon and civil law.

## OPERATIONS & ADMINISTRATION

Assisted congregations in the management and oversight of their day to day operations. Our flexible and collaborative approach allowed for custom made solutions.

## COMMUNICATIONS

Provided a full range of bilingual communications services including: group facilitation, discernment and reflection, web development and special events.



# STEWARDSHIP & SPONSORED ENTITIES

Presentation  
Manor for  
Seniors

Sisters of St  
Elizabeth of the  
Third Order  
Regular of St  
Francis of Assisi

Our Lady's  
Missionaries

Foundation of  
Canadian  
Catholic  
Congregations

# STEWARDSHIP & SPONSORED ENTITIES



Canadian Religious Stewardship works with Religious Institutes who require one or more of the many services it has available. In response to the growing demand, and for the next phase of congregations coming to completion, CRS stewards Catholic apostolates through canonical sponsorship in agreement with diocesan and pontifical authorities.



# STEWARDSHIP & SPONSORED ENTITIES

In addition to working with Religious Institutes who request services, CRS is also the sole Member of four sponsored entities:

## Presentation Manor for Seniors

Presentation Manor for Seniors is a not-for-profit corporation and CRS is its sole member and sponsor. The Presentation Manor Board of Directors is made up of four Religious and one lay person, including Sister Christine Gebel OLM who also serves on the CRS Board.



## Sisters of Saint Elizabeth of the Third Order Regular of Saint Francis of Assisi

The congregation of the Sisters of Saint Elizabeth of the Third Order Regular of Saint Francis of Assisi is a Public Juridic Person of Pontifical right. Upon request by the Sisters of Saint Elizabeth, followed by approval, CRS committed to sponsor the congregation. CRS has taken on the responsibility for the governance and care of the Sisters who now live in Trinity Manor and Samaritan Place, in Saskatoon, Saskatchewan. The most Reverend Donald Bolen, Archbishop of Regina and to whom the Holy See delegated the responsibility for appropriate decisions for this Religious Institute that would ordinarily be reserved to CICLSAL, has been kept apprised of the developments of the congregation by CRS. Only seven members remain as of May 31, 2020.



# STEWARDSHIP & SPONSORED ENTITIES

## Our Lady's Missionaries

Our Lady's Missionaries is a Religious congregation of women who devoted their lives to service by sharing with the poor and least privileged. The congregation was founded in Alexandria, Ontario in 1949. The first mission was opened in 1956 in Japan, followed the next year with a mission in Nigeria, and then to various countries including: Mexico, Philippines, Brazil, Guyana and many others. As at May 31, 2020 the remaining 21 Sisters live together in community with other Religious and lay persons at Presentation Manor for Seniors and at Providence Health Care in Toronto, Ontario.





# STEWARDSHIP & SPONSORED ENTITIES

## Foundation of Canadian Catholic Congregations

In 2014, in response to requests from congregations, Canadian Religious Stewardship established the Foundation of Canadian Catholic Congregations (FCCC), a not for profit, charitable corporation under the Canada Not-for-Profit Corporations Act. The purpose FCCC is to advance, promote and manifest the doctrines, observances and practices of the Roman Catholic faith.

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Frequently Asked Questions.](#)



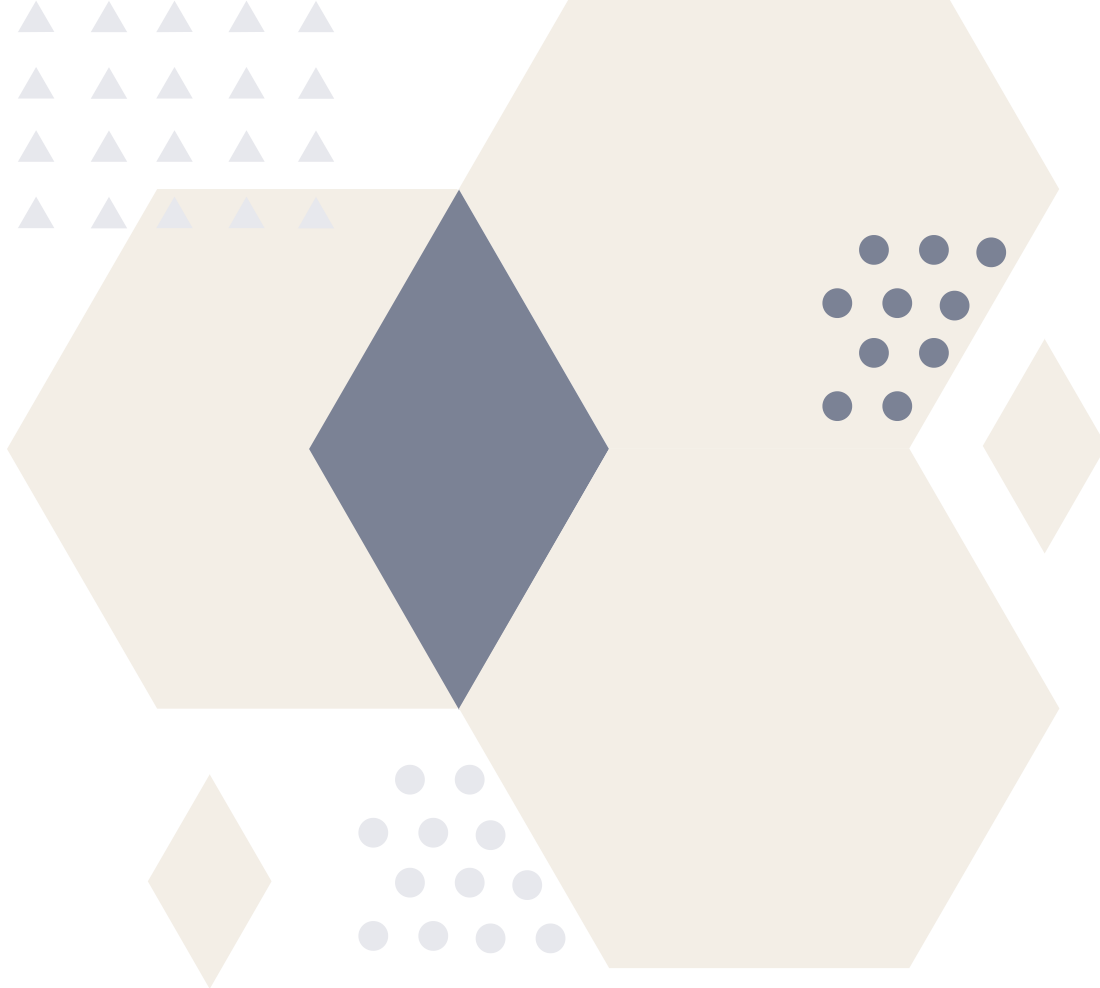
# GOVERNANCE & LEADERSHIP

Board of  
Directors

Investment  
Committee of  
the Board

Annual General  
Meeting

Board of  
Directors and  
Investment  
Committee  
Meetings



# BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Sr. Anne Lewans, OSU (Chair)

Fr. Chris Pulchny, OMI (Secretary/Treasurer)

Mr. Aurele Foidart

Sr. Rita Larivee, SSA

Fr. Alain Rodrigue, CMM

Sr. Christine Gebel, OLM

Sr. Marlene Roy, CSJ

Ms. Lauri Cabral

# INVESTMENT COMMITTEE OF THE BOARD

CRS continued to benefit from the expertise and commitment of the Investment Committee Members who include:

Jocelyne Marquis, CIM, ASC, Marquis Expertise Inc.  
(Chair)

Denis Beaulieu, MBA, Phase Consulting

Marwan El Turk- Redemptorists, St John Foundation

William Breckles, Executive Director, CRASI

Fr. Timothy M. Scott, CSB

Desmond Wilson, CPA, CA, Director of Finance, The  
Daly Foundation and Sisters of Service



# MEETINGS



## BOARD OF DIRECTOR MEETINGS

June 27, 2019, Ottawa, Ontario  
September 19, 2019, Ottawa, Ontario  
November 28, 2019, Toronto, Ontario  
February 6, 2020, Toronto, Ontario  
March 18, 2020, Virtual

## INVESTMENT COMMITTEE OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS

June 26, 2019  
September 25, 2019  
November 18, 2019  
March 10, 2020

## ANNUAL BOARD RETREAT JUNE 27, 2019

Father Francis Morrissey welcomed and introduced guest Dr. Anne Asselin Board Director, Catholic Health Sponsors Ontario who presented on the evolution and future Apostolate of the laity, sponsorship and the CHSO experience. Dr. Asselin referred to Vatican II and the rights and responsibilities of Laity beyond the walls of the church; Pope Francis and the concept of subsidiarity; encouraged the Board to think outside the box and take calculated risks; addressed the 3Ps - People, Property and Paper; spoke of sponsorship as a ministry; referred to the gift of dissent; and to finding our charism inspired by whom we work for. CRS Board Chair, Sr. Anne Lewans emphasized the importance of the Board of Directors commitment to formation.



# FORMATION



Our  
Commitment

# FORMATION

## Canadian Religious Stewardship Commitment

The Canonical Statutes stipulate that Members of CRS shall satisfactorily complete initial formation and participate in a continuing formation program. In November 2011, the legal mandate of CRS for formation was delegated from the Participating Entities to its Board of Directors, at which time the Board committed to ensuring that ongoing formation would be at the heart of their Mission. The Board and the Executive Director were active in their formation.




# FINANCIAL INVESTMENTS



Fiera CRS  
Ethical  
Investment Fund

# FIERA CRS ETHICAL INVESTMENT FUND



In direct response to requests from a number of Religious Institutes from across Canada, and for the need to give increased attention to ethical considerations Canadian Religious Stewardship established the Fiera CRS Ethical Fund.

**Fiera Capital Corporation** is an independent asset management firm, recognized for its work with Religious, and one of Canada's leading investment managers. Fiera offers the services of reputable investment managers to over one hundred religious groups. Its management fees are competitive and, in many cases, are less than the fees currently incurred by Religious Institutes.

Each participating Religious Institute holds its own proportionate share of the pooled fund and receives quarterly reports describing the status of their holdings including the results and the performance of their investment.

Fifteen Religious Institutes from across Canada have transferred the total, or a part of their investment portfolio to the Fiera CRS Ethical Fund.

[Click Here For More Frequently Asked Questions.](#)

# FUTURE

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Future





The demand for CRS services continues to increase steadily. The COVID pandemic has brought many congregations to a time of more serious reflection and action, in planning for their futures. CRS continues to expand its models of service provision to ensure each Religious Institute gets the tailor-made services they require.

CRS looks for opportunities to collaborate with like-minded organizations to ensure efficiency and effectiveness, and to eliminate any duplication of effort. In addition, CRS is aligned with individuals and organizations that share our Catholic based values of collaboration, reverence, service and stewardship, in many areas including: Canon law, civil law, insurance, benefits, audits, and investments.

CRS is committed to assisting Religious across Canada to live their new realities in peace and tranquility.



# FUTURE