

News Release & Media Advisory

St. Paul's Hospital Celebrates 100th Anniversary of the Opening of its School of Nursing

Vancouver, May 24, 2007 – More than 500 graduates of the St. Paul's Hospital (SPH) School of Nursing are expected to gather at the St. Paul's Conference Centre on Sunday, May 27, to mark both the 100th year anniversary and the half-century milestone of the class that graduated in 1957.

Led by the Sisters of Providence, the school's rich history mirrored the sweeping social changes that transformed Canada in the 20th century. Although the School closed more than 30 years ago, there is a strong bond among former students and a close affiliation with the hospital.

"We mark this milestone because the School played such a vital role in making this hospital a strong, vibrant contributor to the health care system of Vancouver and British Columbia," said Dianne Doyle, PHC's President & CEO, who will address the group.

By the time the last class graduated in 1974, the school had left an important legacy, training nearly 4,000 nurses.

Providence Health Care is the largest faith-based health care organization in Canada, operating seven facilities in Vancouver, BC.

Event: 100th Anniversary of the St. Paul's School of Nursing
Time: 10:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.
Date: Sunday, May 27, 2007
Place: St. Paul's Hospital Conference Centre

Members of the media are invited to drop in anytime. If you are attending this event, please check in at the registration desk.

A DVD of archival photos is available upon request.

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