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FORMATION PROGRAM FOR LEADERS MAKES THE MOVE FROM CATHOLIC HEALTH AUSTRALIA TO AUSTRALIAN CATHOLIC UNIVERSITY

The successful formation program for executive leaders, the Ministry Leadership Program, has officially transferred from Catholic Health Australia to the Australian Catholic University as part of the next chapter in its development in Australia.

CHA licensed the program from the US and launched it here in Australia in 2017 and 120 participants will have graduated through it.

From next month the MLP will be delivered by the ACU under the direction of Executive Education and guided by the stewardship of the program's original director, Susan Sullivan. Ms Sullivan launched the MLP whilst at CHA where she was Director of Mission Strategy.

Her ongoing relationship with the program will ensure continuity is maintained and valuable experience passed onto the ACU.

CHA Chief Executive Pat Garcia said it was the next exciting chapter in the highly successful formation program and paid tribute to Ms Sullivan.

"As part of our wider Catholic family the ACU is uniquely placed to continue the MLP's tradition of enabling our leaders to better understand, integrate and live out the distinctive mission, identity and ethos of Catholic health, aged care and social services.

"I am delighted to report that the program's director, Susan Sullivan, will continue to oversee the program when it moves to the ACU. I am confident that under her steady hand and with the resources and academic excellence of the ACU behind her the MLP will continue to thrive and grow," Mr Garcia said.

CHA Chair Hon John Watkins AM paid particular tribute to Ms Sullivan and thanked her for her work at CHA.

"Susan's time at CHA saw her efforts go well beyond her commitment to the MLP. During her tenure at CHA it maintained its status as a sophisticated and responsive Catholic membership organisation. Susan's achievements were many, including the outstanding work that emerged from the Pathways Taskforce which resulted in the development of a suite of significant print and audio visual resources, among them the online ethics course Decoding the Code.

"Susan also advocated for high quality formation in mission and identity for leaders in health and aged care," Mr Watkins said.



He added: "In late May the CHA Board resolved to pass a vote of thanks and recognition for Susan's many years of faith-filled and faithful service. I thank Susan for her commitment and hard work and wish her all the best for the future."

Under ACU the MLP will continue its tradition of responding to the needs of CHA and Catholic Social Services Australia members and feedback from program participants to strengthen its impact and outcomes.

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