

Sr Christiane Chua IJS honoured for her Health Care service

Sr Christiane Chua, a Clinical Pastoral Care Counsellor at Mt Alvernia Hospital, has received the Healthcare Humanity Award 2016 in May in recognition of her life-long service and dedication to patient care.

The Award is given to deserving healthcare workers with traits exemplifying Courage, Extraordinary Dedication, Selflessness, Steadfastness in Ethics, Compassion and Humanity.

Sr Christiane was selected for the award by The Courage Fund. The fund was set up in 2003 in the wake of the Severe Acute Respiratory Syndrome (SARS) outbreak to aid victims and healthcare workers.

We salute her and send her our heartiest congratulations.

In the words of Dr Tony Tan, President of Singapore to the 101 healthcare recipients: "The Healthcare Humanity Award is an acknowledgement of the important roles that our healthcare professionals play not only in caring for the sick and infirmed among us but also in protecting and improving public health. I send my congratulations to the recipients of the 2016 Healthcare Humanity Awards. You have demonstrated courage, compassion and humanity in the course of your work and are an inspiration for many. Thank you for your selfless service in this noble profession."

The citation in the Healthcare Humanity Award 2016 booklet for Sr Christine reads:

"Sister Christine started the healthcare journey when she looked after the abandoned babies in the orphanage at CHIJ and nursed them back to health. Since 1 September 1955, when Sister made her first profession of faith to be a religious Sister, she has dedicated all her days to serve all with love. She cares daily for a wide spectrum of people especially the sick and the elderly. She took up a course in Clinical Pastoral Care and has been using that training coupled with her compassion to serve patients by providing psychological, emotional and spiritual support, touching countless lives."

Sister Christine's response: "We work as a team with doctors and nurses to treat each patient as a person, not an illness. I just keep on working because it is important to care for people. Clinical pastoral care is compassionate healthcare. We must love and be joyful especially when we see the patients and their family. A listening ear, respect and time - these are the little things we can offer. I did not expect to win any award but I am happy that recognition is given to healthcare workers".

According to the hospital, clinical pastoral care involves supporting patients by journeying with them, providing a listening ear and even praying with them.

In 1989, together with Sr Bernadette Mary Yeo, a Franciscan Missionary of the Divine Motherhood, Sr helped to pioneer the clinical pastoral care service at Mount Alvernia Hospital. Sr has since then provided compassionate healthcare to patients at the hospital.

Sr celebrated her diamond jubilee as an IJ Sister in 2015.



Sr with Dr Amy Khor



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