

Sir William Osler Award

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## Trenton doctor feels humbled by award

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Care, concern and compassion are often bywords thought to be part and parcel of affixing the initials MD after one's name.

But, for physicians such as Dr. Donato Gugliotta, of Trenton, the credo is a Christian commitment and one that he carries as surely as he does his doctor's black bag.

Saturday, about 200 attendees to the eight interdenominational conference of the Christian Medical Foundation of Canada applauded as the Trenton family practitioner received the CMF's Sir William Osler Award for 1997.

The honor, presented to the medical practitioner who exemplifies the Christian spirit of caring that the CMF stands for, was presented by former Osler Award winner and current CMF Canada president, Belleville internist Dr. Douglas MacIntosh.

Gugliotta, in an interview Saturday at the weekend conference at Maranatha Christian Reformed Church, said he was "humbled" by the recognition.

At 37, he said, he believes such an honor "shouldn't come to someone like me for at least another 10 or 15 years, if ever."

Gugliotta, who has worked at Toronto East General Hospital, Hospital for Sick Children and in Kapuskasing before coming to Trenton in 1991, noted he is "in excellent company" in joining MacIntosh and respected Belleville physicians Dr. Bruce Cronk and Dr. Edith Peterkin, among others, on the honor roll for the Osler Award.

"I had always been a committed Christian," said Gugliotta, "but, only since becoming active in the CMF have I increasingly applied the tenets of my faith to the practice of medicine. The CMF has increased my awareness in that aspect of our profession.

"But, I've found there has been a real sense of spiritual renewal, of late, in the medical profession and elsewhere. It's growing."

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