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**ROBBINS CHAPEL CONSECRATION DINNER**

**WEDGEWOOD ROOM, HOTEL MACDONALD, EDMONTON**

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- **Good evening, ladies and gentlemen.**
- **I am honoured to be with you to celebrate the blessing and consecration of the Robbins Chapel and to congratulate the two people who have made it possible: Bill and Mary Jo Robbins.**
- **When talking about providing quality patient care, most people only think of physical health. But really, helping someone be healthy means seeing to the whole person — the body, the mind and the spirit.**
- **Every day at Alberta Health Services, we work hard to meet our patients' physical needs. We also address their mental wellbeing and their role as a social being but spirituality and the strong spiritual element of health cannot be overlooked, and that is what the beautiful Robbins Chapel will help to address.**
- **Being a patient can be hard and it can be hard to see a loved one through illness or injury. The times when we need health-care services are often when we are at our most physically and emotionally vulnerable.**
- **That is why places like Robbins Chapel are so important. Tonight, we celebrate the blessing of a place where people,**

when they are weary and heavy laden, can pray, can find rest, reflect and be comforted. Where they can find solace in difficult times, a place for centering, and to regain the strength they need to keep going.

- This sacred space is available for staff too who are often wrenched by the challenges they face in their daily roles as carers.
- Patients and their families and friends now have a special area where they can go for deep spiritual reflection. The Robbins Chapel is indeed an important space, an important contribution to providing holistic care.
- I've had the pleasure of meeting Mary Jo and Bill a number of times now, and they are truly exceptional people. Their compassion and generosity never ceases to amaze me.
- Mary Jo and Bill. I know you are people of faith, who wish to share the joy and love of your faith with others. Your generosity of spirit is reflected in so many ways. Not only in the buildings, which are but physical manifestations, but in your caring, your thoughts, your prayers for many of us here.
- Your support means more to Albertans than I can say. The positive effects of your patronage will reach far beyond the

**beautiful space we saw today. And endure more than the sands of time.**

- **On behalf of Alberta Health Services, I'd like to thank Bill and Mary Jo Robbins. Your generosity, vision and faith are helping to enhance our health-care system and the quality of care we offer. Again, thank you for your support.**