

The Importance of a Chapel

As most people age, they do not require institution-based, high-tech, cure-oriented care. But several do eventually need support in the day to day activities of daily living.

The challenges of aging can be considerable. Physical, mental, social and spiritual health issues may be present. The mental and spiritual issues can be even greater than physical conditions. For those with a strong faith background, Providence Care Centre is often top of mind due to the promise of a Chapel.

Through our faith, we try to resolve issues in our lives and try to anticipate meaning. Residents will often ask “Where am I going?” We have a duty to assist the elderly connect with their lifelong relationship with God, in what also can be a time of grace for them.

For all residents, and especially for those with dementia, continued participation in familiar rituals and traditions, particularly those known from early life, where common melodies are sung, customary prayers and passages from sacred texts are recited. These remain essential for a life of quality and meaning.

We continue our strong legacy of providing pastoral and spiritual care for our residents, their family members, volunteers and staff. We currently offer Mass at Providence Care Centre on Wednesday, Thursday and Friday in the front lobby — but this space is not optimal for Mass in community. In fact, we are overflowing.

It is time to build the Chapel.



Providence Care Centre Chapel

The Sacred Centre



The Need

Prayer Chapel and Sacristy will be the “sacred centre” of the Providence Care Centre, prominently located adjacent to the front entrance of Providence Care Centre. The cost of construction and equipping the chapel is estimated at \$2.5 million.

The Providence Care Centre is owned by the Sisters of Providence and operated as a not-for-profit facility by the Father Lacombe Care Society. Its operation will continue to foster our values of:

- Excellence
- Compassion
- Sacredness of Life
- Justice
- Spirituality

Encompassing the Catholic philosophy, that a variety of life views and spirituality is a richness that adds colour to the climate of accepting and valuing each person, will result in the unique brand of care for which

the Father Lacombe Care Society is renowned.

Moving to a long term care centre can be a challenging time for residents and families. A sense of loss is common and includes many themes including leaving the family home, coping with illness, changes in independence, freedom and control.

It can also be a time of questioning changing relationships with our family and God. A multitude of feelings may compound the person and the family.

Spiritual Care is the foundation of all healing. Healing is not just the application of medical technology, but rather the integration of mind, body and soul. Spirituality is that which gives us strength to persist through life’s challenges: the ability to cope with illness, loss, fear and the transitions and cycles of life.



Proposed Design and Construction Schedule

Visioning Session	June 2017
Issue RFP for Architect	July 2017
Select Architect	August 2017
Design Visioning/Programming	October 2017
Concept Images	November 2017
Apply for Development Permit	March 2018
Launch Public Fundraising Campaign	October 2018
Apply for Building Permit	December 2018
Tender for Contractor	January 2019
Select Contactor	May 2019
Construction Begins	May 2019 [only when all funds have been secured]



The Scope

The objectives of the Providence Care Centre Chapel project are to:

- Create a space which is primarily a Roman Catholic Chapel for Providence Care Centre related use, yet is welcoming and usable for people of all faiths and denominations as a place of worship, prayer and quiet reflection.
- Construct a space which is flexible in size and layout, meeting the needs of multiple worship activities.
- Provide a space which is accessible to residents of all levels of mobility, with special consideration to the changing demographics of the Providence Care Centre.
- Connect the existing Providence Care Centre to the new Chapel through a strong physical and psychological link.
- Design a space which evokes beauty through simplicity, and gives strong consideration to the quantity

and quality of natural light.

- Deliver a finished space in continuity with the themes in Providence Care Centre which honours the Sisters of Providence and their mission.
- Accommodate the required capacity to serve the greater Providence Care Centre community. Based upon current attendance at religious services and allowing for growth and seasonal increase, the space should accommodate 100 people including residents, their families, volunteers, staff and visitors.
- Serve as a focal point for Providence Care Centre, while stylistically complementing the existing building.
- Configure the entry to the facility to be open at all times to the staff and residents of the Providence Care Centre, with controlled access at specified times for the wider community.

- Recognize individual donor contributions through a donor wall, commemorative book, or other identification device.

The structure will be designed to consist of the following:

- To be in compliance with the liturgical requirements of a Chapel in the Diocese.
- Worship Space, with elevated altar platform that is wheelchair accessible, for approximately 100 people, including consideration of mobility aids.
- Worship support spaces, including a vestment room, and a service preparation room.
- Priest’s office / confessional space.
- Storage space for Chapel related items, loose furniture etc.
- An ecumenical space.
- Wheelchair accessible washrooms.

Preliminary Estimated Total \$2.5

Soft Costs (PM, Architect, Engineers, Permits)	\$353,041	
Construction Costs	\$1,701,540	
Furniture	\$50,000	
Contingency Amount and taxes	<u>\$395,419</u>	
Preliminary Estimated Total	<u>\$2.5 Million</u>	

Celebrating, Honour and Remembering – the Women Who Have Shaped Our Lives

We are look forward to building the Chapel at the Providence Care Centre for our residents and family members.

The intentions of the Chapel are multifold:

- It will provide a welcoming, designated spiritual space for our residents and their families.
- It will provide an area for prayer, of quiet reflection and meditation.
- It will be able to provide a sacred space for Mass and worship in our community.
- It will contribute to the spiritual health of residents, their families, staff and volunteers.

We welcome you, your family and friends to join in our fund raising campaign to build the Chapel for our residents and their families. Our goal is to raise \$2.5 million. We are over half way to our goal, but all funds need to be raised before we can begin breaking ground.

We invite you to consider making a donation toward the Chapel to honour, celebrate and to remember the women who have shaped your life. This may include your:

- Mother
- Wife
- Sister, Aunt, Grandmother, Godmother
- Teacher, Mentor, Friend
- A Religious Sister from your youth, workplace or volunteer life

A special commemorative book will be placed in the Chapel narthex to individually recognize these vital women of influence, the women who have shaped our lives.

Yes, I want to help with the Chapel.

Please accept my charitable gift of ___ \$5,000 ___ \$1,000 ___ \$250 ___ \$100 ___ \$45 Other \$ _____

I would like to celebrate: _____ Relationship: _____

- Enclosed is my cheque (payable to Father Lacombe Care Foundation) **OR**
- Charge my donation to my: Visa MasterCard

Card #: _____ Expiry date: _____

Cardholder Name: _____ Signature: _____

Phone: _____ Home Cell Work Email: _____

___ Please contact me as I have further questions: Phone number if different from above _____

Donations can also be made on line at www.flccfoundation.ca/new-chapel-at-providence-care-centre

If donating by cheque or credit card please drop this form off or mail it to 270 Providence BV SE Calgary, AB T2X 0V6

All donations are gratefully received and a tax receipt will be issued promptly.

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