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Catholic health care in Canada has been blessed with a legacy of dedicated and often prophetic leaders whose commitment throughout their careers has built up the ministry and ultimately brought care and healing to many persons and communities.

The Lifetime Achievement Award recognizes annually one such leader. This award honours a person who has inspired and mentored numerous others in Catholic health care and whose accomplishments, over the course of a career, have strengthened the ministry. Her or his leadership extends beyond a single Catholic health organization to influence and impact the local community and beyond.

Ladies and gentlemen, on behalf of the Catholic Health Alliance of Canada, I have the pleasure and honour to present this year's recipient of the 2012 Lifetime Achievement Award. Please join me in giving a warm welcome to Brother Tom Maddix.

For more than 22 years Brother Tom has provided exceptional leadership in championing Catholic health care at the provincial and national levels. Throughout his career Tom has maintained an uncompromising and dedicated focus on mission integration, ethical reflection and leadership development within Catholic health organizations.

While having authored and co-authored several books and numerous articles, Tom's greatest and most inspiring contribution remains his personal presence. Known for challenging people to make

the mission of Catholic health care real, Tom has never tired of asking his colleagues, "are we being the organization we say we are? Are we truly living our mission?"

He is a passionate advocate for holistic, person-centred care, and of the role of spirituality in healing. Last week, in Vancouver, he hosted the 4th Spirituality and Healing Conference sponsored by Providence Health Care.

Notably, Tom has created and delivered a variety of leadership programs and workshops, including the Foundations in Leadership Program that is offered in eastern and western Canada. In this way he has mentored many of today's seasoned and emerging leaders. He has also supported many who now hold positions with Sponsor organizations or on Boards of Directors.

In the book entitled Journey to Wholeness, which he co-authored, Tom wrote: "People come in many shapes and colours, but all possess a courageous warrior ready to struggle for what they believe is right and good." As stated by one of the nominators, "this passage serves to define Tom's legacy in Catholic health care. Whether we agreed with him or not on each and every issue, we were always compelled to concede that he was indeed sincerely passionate and willing to struggle for what he believed to be right and good."

Tom, for your personal commitment to leadership development and education in the mission of Catholic health care, and for the outstanding outcomes you have achieved in inspiring personal spiritual growth and organizational development, the Catholic Health Alliance of Canada is pleased to acknowledge you as the first recipient of the Lifetime Achievement Award.

