



## **DIOCESAN AND PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**December 22, 2025**

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**The bulletin announcements are brought to you from proceeds of the Bishop's Annual Appeal.**

Please submit your announcements at least two weeks in advance before the event is supposed to happen. Thank you!

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### **EPISCOPAL**

**MOST REV. STEPHEN A HERO'S LETTERS/ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**MOST REV. STEPHEN A HERO'S APPOINTMENT AS THE NEW ARCHBISHOP OF EDMONTON**

Click to read the Most Rev. Stephen A Hero's letter regarding his appointment as the new archbishop of the Archdiocese of Edmonton in [English](#)/[French](#).

# Merry Christmas

May the peace and joy of Christmas always accompany  
your life, bringing happiness, love and new hope  
in the coming year. From Most Reverend Stephen A. Hero  
Archbishop-Designate of Edmonton, Administrator of  
Prince Albert and the Pastoral Centre Staff.



## **CANADIAN CONFERENCE OF CATHOLIC BISHOPS**

<https://www.cccb.ca>

### **THE HOLY SEE**

[Link to Vatican News](#)

### **LATEST IN VATICAN NEWS**

### **CATHOLIC BISHOPS OF SASKATCHEWAN**

Click to download the Saskatchewan Bishops' "*Dying with Hope: Living and Walking Together*" letter in [English](#)/[French](#).

## **DIOCESAN EVENTS**

### **BISHOP'S ANNUAL APPEAL**

The **2025 Bishop's Annual Appeal** for the RC Diocese of Prince Albert has now begun and runs until December 31, 2025.

The theme for this year's Appeal is "**Planting Seeds of Hope**". Each year, the Bishop's Annual Appeal invites the faithful to join hearts and hands in supporting the mission of the Diocese. Click [here](#) to read a special letter regarding the Bishop's Annual Appeal.

Your generosity strengthens parishes, educates future leaders, and brings hope to those in need. Thank you for considering a gift to the Diocese of Prince Albert. Your generosity enables us to serve our communities, care for those in need, and accomplish the missions entrusted to us by the Lord.

**The Diocesan goal for the 2025 Bishop's Annual Appeal is \$475,000. As of December 22, 2025 the amount pledged is \$367,024.41 with 1,010 donors.**

For more information see our website at:

<https://www.padiocese.ca/2025-bishop-annual-appeal>

or please contact:

306-922-4747 Ext. 233 or Ext. 234

[baadirector@padiocese.ca](mailto:baadirector@padiocese.ca) or [bishopsappeal@padiocese.ca](mailto:bishopsappeal@padiocese.ca)

**Thank you for your prayers and support!!**

### **CATHOLIC ESTATE PLANNING GUIDE**

<https://www.padiocese.ca/plannedgiving>

For information on Catholic Estate Planning, please follow the above link.

### **ECUMENISM**

<https://www.padiocese.ca/ecumenical-commission>

**New - Week of Prayer for Christian Unity** - January 18-25, 2026. Click the following link for documents for the week of prayer for Christian unity 2026:

<https://www.weekofprayer.ca/2026-wpcu-resources/>

### **EVANGELIZATION AND CATECHESIS (OEC)**

[catechetics@padiocese.ca](mailto:catechetics@padiocese.ca)

### **SACRED TABLE ZOOM TRAINING**

ZOOM Opportunity to take part in the Diocesan SacredTable Initiative: On Saturday, January 10, from 9:00 a.m. to noon via Zoom, a repeat of the in-person event held on November 15 will occur. The first SacredTable presentation was very well received by catechists of children, youth, and adults, as well as by clergy members who attended. The SacredTable initiative offers training for parish leadership to better accompany parents and provides resources to support parents in their role as the first catechists of their children. The focus of Saturday's event was training parish leadership.

Dr. Christine Taylor and two members of the Office of Evangelization and Catechesis Commission shared stories of the fruits they have seen in their ministries since beginning to use the skills taught during the session.

A few takeaways from those who participated:

- \* I need to build a relationship with the parents by having conversations with them about where they are in their faith journey.
- \* The importance of forming a relationship with parents and making them welcome when they do come.
- \* Without first accompaniment and a faith foundation in the family, our efforts yield poor results. Education without formation bears little fruit.
- \* Parent accompaniment is Necessary! (emphasis added by participant)

As some were unable to attend, the SacredTable workshop will be offered via Zoom on Saturday, January 10, from 9:00 a.m. to noon. If you would like to participate in this workshop, please register <https://forms.gle/q6hUFZkimNh328Rm7> here.

### **CATHERINE OF SIENA CALLED AND GIFTED DISCERNMENT PROCESS BROCHURE**

Click [here](#) to download a printable brochure for the Called and Gifted Discernment Process from the Catherine of Siena Institute.

### **INDIGENOUS PEOPLES**

<https://www.padiocese.ca/indigenous-relations>

Please find a press release from the Indigenous Reconciliation Fund (IRF), highlighting a new promotional video, *Sacred Fire Stories*, which captures inspiring stories of hope from IRF-funded projects, and showcases the real and meaningful impact the IRF is having within Indigenous communities.

[English/French](#)

For your information and possible distribution in your diocese/eparchy, please find below the links to the video below:

English: [Indigenous Reconciliation Fund – A Catholic Commitment to Healing and Reconciliation](#)

French: [Fonds de réconciliation avec les autochtones - Un engagement catholique en faveur de la guérison et de la réconciliation](#)

### **JUBILEE 2025**

#### **CLOSING JUBILEE MASS BULLETIN ANNOUNCEMENT -**

The Roman Catholic Diocese of Prince Albert will celebrate the closing of the 2025 Jubilee: Pilgrims of Hope at **Sacred Heart Cathedral on Sunday, December 28, 2025, at 11:00 a.m.** All are Welcome.

The celebration will be live-streamed:

<https://youtube.com/live/WpZ3QV1vd-Y?feature=share>

The recording will be available later on the Diocesan web and Facebook pages.

For those who wish to come and join the Diocesan Choir, we will meet at 10:30am (immediately before the celebration) to go through the songs.

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For more information about the 2025 Jubilee, please go to <https://www.padiocese.ca/2025-jubilee-pilgrims-of-hope>

The poster for the Special Pilgrimage Sites for the Jubilee can be found

at: <https://www.padiocese.ca/2025-jubilee-pilgrims-of-hope>

2025 Jubilee: Pilgrims of Hope Diocesan Jubilee Cross-Anchor Information Sheet

Let us share and inspire each other with the joy we have in being Pilgrims of Hope

Take time now to click here to join the [RC Diocese of Prince Albert Jubilee 2025: Pilgrims of Hope](#) group and see the pics that have already been posted.

## **LITURGY**

[liturgy@padiocese.ca](mailto:liturgy@padiocese.ca)

**Please save the Date: January 9, 2026 -**

**You are invited to attend a Farewell Celebration for Archbishop-Designate Stephen A. Hero.**

**There will be a Celebration of the Eucharist at 6pm at Sacred Heart Cathedral in Prince Albert followed by refreshments.**

Please contact Frances at the Diocesan Office reception with numbers of clergy and parishioners who wish to attend for food purposes.

## **MENTAL HEALTH MINISTRY**

Dignity Doesn't Expire.

MAiD is being offered to people who are lonely, disabled, or struggling, even if they have not asked for it or are not dying. **This is putting patients' lives at risk.**

In March 2027, a federal law will come into effect, making MAiD available to patients with mental illnesses.

**Write to the Saskatchewan Minister of Health** to call for stronger patient & provider safeguards around MAiD in Saskatchewan.

Visit <https://www.nooptionsnochoice.com/english/take-action>

## **ONLINE MASS TIMES**

**Our Lady of Peace Parish, Meadow Lake** – Fr. Uche Gabriel Umechikelu, MSP – Mass is live-streamed Sunday at 10:00 a.m. <https://www.facebook.com/Catholic-Church-Meadow-Lake-100614168252431/>

**St. Theresa Parish, Wakaw** – Fr. Janusz Bizewski – Mass will be live-streamed December 14, 21 & 28 @ 11:00 a.m.

[https://www.youtube.com/results?search\\_query=st.+theresa+parish+wakaw](https://www.youtube.com/results?search_query=st.+theresa+parish+wakaw)

<https://www.sttheresaparishwakaw.com/home>

## **PASTORAL CARE**

The Diocesan webpage for PASTORAL CARE has been updated! <https://www.padiocese.ca/pastoral-care>

## **PERMANENT DIACONATE PROGRAM**

[permanentdiaconate@padiocese.ca](mailto:permanentdiaconate@padiocese.ca)

Click [here](#) to read the 'Diaconal Joy' article.

For more information, contact Deacon Rick Lucas, Director of the Permanent Diaconate at 1-306-922-4747 ext. 254 or [permanentdiaconate@padiocese.ca](mailto:permanentdiaconate@padiocese.ca)

## **RESOURCE CENTRE - Library & Gift Shop**

Website: <https://www.padiocese.ca/resource-centre>

Email: [resources@padiocese.ca](mailto:resources@padiocese.ca)

**The Resource Centre Library and Gift shop**

**Come and see our selection of Sacramental gifts.**

The Resource Centre is open Monday to Thursday from 9:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Please call 306-922-4747 ext. 229 or email at [resources@padiocese.ca](mailto:resources@padiocese.ca) and I can assist you in finding resources from the Library and I can be your personal shopper in the Gift Shop. On the Diocesan website <https://www.padiocese.ca/resource-centre> you can see some of the beautiful gifts we have to offer.



## **VOCATIONS**

### **THE VOCATIONS COMMISSION**

The Vocations Commission would like parishes to promote vocations by putting a Vocation Corner in your weekly bulletin. These can be found at the following link:

<https://www.padiocese.ca/vocations-commission>

Click [here](#) to read the November 2025 Vocations newsletter.

## **YOUTH AND YOUNG ADULT MINISTRY**

### **PRINCE ALBERT DIOCESE, YOUTH AND YOUNG ADULT MINISTRY**

#### **WORLD YOUTH DAY 2027 - SEOUL, SOUTH KOREA**

We are preparing to form a Young Adult Pilgrim Group for World Youth Day 2027, which will take place in Seoul, South Korea.

WYD is an international gathering of young people from around the world and offers a unique opportunity to experience a new culture, meet others from many countries, and take part in a large global celebration. Our group will begin meeting and preparing together starting January 2026.

Young adults who are interested in learning more or would like to be part of the initial information list are invited to contact the Youth and Young Adult Office.

For more information or to express interest:

Email: [youth@padiocese.ca](mailto:youth@padiocese.ca)

Phone: 306-922-4747 ext. 232

All young adults are welcome to reach out, whether you are simply curious or thinking seriously about attending WYD 2027.

Click [here](#) to download/print the poster.

## **PARISH, SCHOOL, AND GROUP EVENTS**

## **OTHER EVENTS & ANNOUNCEMENTS**

### **PRINCE ALBERT CATHOLIC SCHOOL DIVISION**

Click [here](#) to read the "Did You Know?" newsletter for September and October from the Prince Albert Catholic School Division.

### **CPFIS**

<https://www.padiocese.ca/cpfis>

#### **CPFIS PROVINCIAL ANIMATION DAY -**

La journée d'animation provinciale du CPFIS (*Conseil Pastoral Francophone Interdiocésain de la Saskatchewan*)

Article from Catholic Saskatoon News: <https://news.rcdos.ca/2025/12/05/la-journee-animation-provinciale-du-cpfis/>

### **KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS**

<https://www.padiocese.ca/knights-of-columbus>

The following link is for the Saskatchewan Knights of Columbus Charitable Foundation

- <https://saskko.fc.foundation/>

### **PRO - LIFE COUNCIL**

#### **DIOCESE OF PRINCE ALBERT YEAR C SUGGESTED DIGNITY OF LIFE PRAYER INTENTIONS**

Click to read the Suggested Dignity of Life Prayer Intentions for Year C from the Roman Catholic Diocese of Prince Albert Life Council in [English](#)/[French](#).

## **RACHEL'S VINEYARD**

[r.vineyardsk@sasktel.net](mailto:r.vineyardsk@sasktel.net)

Are you hurting because of an abortion? Rachel's Vineyard is a safe place to renew, rebuild and redeem hearts broken by abortion. Weekend retreats offer you a supportive, confidential and non-judgmental environment where women and men can express, release and reconcile painful post-abortive emotions to begin the process of restoration, renewal and healing. To speak to someone confidentially, please contact Elaine at (306) 480 - 8911 or email: [r.vineyardsk@sasktel.net](mailto:r.vineyardsk@sasktel.net)

## **COMMUNICATIONS**

### **DIOCESAN FACEBOOK PAGE AND TWITTER ACCOUNTS**

Besides the web page <https://www.padiocese.ca/>, the Diocese has both a Facebook Page <https://www.facebook.com/padiocese/> and Twitter account <https://twitter.com/padiocese>.

In these accounts, we publish pictures, articles, and upcoming events.

To view Upcoming Diocesan Events follow the link, <https://www.padiocese.ca/events-calendar>.

Thank you so much for sharing these events with your parishioners, teachers and students to help set their hearts on fire. God bless.

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