



DIOCESAN AND PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS

July 6, 2026

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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!

DIOCESAN ADMINISTRATOR ANNOUNCEMENTS

Click to read Msgr. Maurice's letter regarding the 2026-2027 Clergy appointments in [English/French](#).

Click to read the Letter Announcing the Ordination and Installation Date of Bishop-Elect Ken Thorson, O.M.I. in [English/French](#).

A message from Bishop-Elect Rev. Fr. Ken Thorson, OMI to the faithful of the Diocese and his family and formation history can be found on the Diocese website at: <https://www.padiocese.ca/bishop-elect>

CANADIAN CONFERENCE OF CATHOLIC BISHOPS

<https://www.cccb.ca>

[Link to Vatican News](#)

CCCB MEDIA RELEASE ON POPE LEO'S CALL FOR PEACE

Click to read the CCCB Media Release on Pope Leo's Call for Peace in [English/French](#).

LATEST IN VATICAN NEWS

Magnifica Humanitas: On Safeguarding the Human Person in the Time of Artificial Intelligence

Encyclical letter by Pope Leo XIV, May 25, 2026

The dignity of the human being as the criterion to orient technical progress. Pope Leo XIV, in presenting to the world and to all the people of God, his first Encyclical Letter, focused on the care for the human person in the time of Artificial Intelligence, said "I invite all members of the Church and of the human family: let us learn to listen to one another, face the present challenges with courage, and cooperate in building a more human and fraternal society. [...] Please take with you a commitment to stay awake and, as 'artisans of hope', to keep on building the worksite of our time. May the Spirit of the Risen Lord Jesus sustain our work together."

- **Full text in English:** <https://www.humandevlopment.va/en/magnifica-humanitas/l-enciclica.html>
- **Infographics:** <https://www.humandevlopment.va/en/magnifica-humanitas/risorse/infografiche.html>
- **Pastoral kit:** contains a simplified summary of *Magnifica Humanitas* that proposes for each chapter: a brief synthesis, some citations from the Document, questions for personal and community reflection, suggestions for a practical and experiential approach, relevant biblical texts, some review questions, and a closing prayer. In the kit are also present: a proposal for activities for young people and children. See <https://www.humandevlopment.va/en/magnifica-humanitas/risorse/kit-pastorale.html>
- **Songs for Magnifica Humanitas.** Pope Leo XIV uses myriad scripture references to support his call for a moral and ethical framework to safeguard human dignity in the age of AI. GIA Sacred Music provides a list of hymns inspired by those verses. <https://giasacredmusic.substack.com/p/songs-for-magnifica-humanitas>

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

Click [here](#) to read a letter regarding the Completed 2025 Bishop's Annual Appeal which includes the final total.

For more information see our website at:

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

or please contact:

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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>

EVANGELIZATION AND CATECHESIS (OEC)

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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](#)

LITURGY

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2026 YEAR OF ST. FRANCIS RESOURCES

Here is a snippet of information concerning the current year of St. Francis that Pope Leo has named for 2026:

"While the fruits of grace of the Ordinary Jubilee of the Year 2025, which has just ended, in which we have all been urged to become pilgrims of that hope that does not disappoint (cf. Rm 5:5), are still present and effective, a new occasion for jubilation and sanctification is added to it as an ideal continuation: the eighth centenary of the happy passing of Saint Francis of Assisi from earthly life to his heavenly homeland (3 October 1226).

In recent years, other important Jubilees have concerned the person and the words of the Saint of Assisi: the eighth centenary of the creation of the first Nativity Scene in Greccio, the composition of the Canticle of the Creatures, hymn to the holy beauty of creation, and the impression of the Holy Stigmata, which took place on Mount Verna, almost a new Calvary, two years before his death. The year 2026 will mark the culmination and fulfilment of all the preceding celebrations: indeed, it will be the Year of Saint Francis and we are all called to become saints in the contemporary world, following the example of the *Seraphic Patriarch*."

For more information please click the following

link: <https://press.vatican.va/content/salastampa/en/bollettino/pubblico/2026/01/16/260116c.html>

Feel free to check out other resources as well that could be encouraged or promoted in your parishes which highlight this special year.

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 July 12, 19 & 26 @ 11:00 a.m.

https://www.youtube.com/results?search_query=st.+theresa+parish+wakaw

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

PASTORAL CARE

<https://www.padiocese.ca/pastoral-care>

PERMANENT DIACONATE PROGRAM

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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

RESOURCE CENTRE - Library & Gift Shop

The **resource center will be Closed July 1st, 2026, to July 17th, 2026.**

We will reopen and I will look forward to serving you again July 20th, 2026.

SOCIAL JUSTICE

Development and Peace — Caritas Canada has begun a collection for quake-affected people in Venezuela.

Our partner Caritas Venezuela has already begun providing food, water, clothing, medicines, hygiene kits, emergency supplies, psychosocial support and pastoral care, according priority to the most vulnerable people, including children, the elderly, pregnant women and persons with disabilities and chronic ailments. Thankful as they are for our initial contribution of \$50,000, they have stressed that they will need a lot more support.

Donations can be made by going to https://devp.org/en/make-a-donation/?tfa_1953 or by calling 1-888-234-8533 toll-free.

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>

DIOCESE OF PRINCE ALBERT VOCATIONS COMMISSION SAINT FRANCIS VOCATIONS WALK

Wednesday July 15, 2026 12kms Duck Lake to St. Laurent Shrine

We will shuttle you from the Shrine to Duck Lake starting at 11:30am, the last shuttles leaves at 11:50am from the log church Vocation walk starts at 12:15pm at Blessed Sacrament Church, Duck Lake

Prayer along the way 4:00 adoration 5:00 supper 8:30 Mass 9:45 candle light procession Phone Father Travis for more information 306.763.2319

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

PARISH, SCHOOL, AND GROUP EVENTS

2026 OUR LADY OF LOURDES SHRINE PILGRIMAGE EVENTS

The dates for this year's pilgrimages are as follows:

Novena - July 6 - 14, July 15, July 16, August 15, September 8

The schedule and posters for each event can be viewed/downloaded at <https://www.padiocese.ca/st-laurent-shrine>

OTHER EVENTS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

JESUS YOUTH SASKATCHEWAN - New!

ACTS ALIVE is a one-day Jesus Youth Saskatchewan conference that brings together young people and families for a powerful experience of faith, fellowship, and mission. Through inspiring talks, vibrant worship, meaningful community, and joyful celebration, you are invited to deepen your relationship with Christ. Rooted in the lifestyle of Jesus Youth, the event seeks to rekindle faith, strengthen friendships, and empower believers to live as witnesses of God's love. Come and be renewed, inspired, and sent forth to be Christ's light in the world.

Please register using this link: <https://jycanada.breezechms.com/form/skconference>

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

PAC27 FORUM

The Holy Family will come alive in a new and experiential way with the September 2027 launch of The Holy Family Pilgrimage Experience. The pilgrimage launches at the Pan American Confraternity Forum ([PAC27](#)), a once-in-a-millennium intercontinental forum that kicks off the Road to the 2033 World Forum in Rome.

The Holy Family Pilgrimage Experience (HFPE) offers a six-day behind-the-scenes look at Canada's rich Catholic legacy. Included are pilgrimages to basilicas devoted to the Blessed Mother in Ottawa and Quebec City, and the internationally renowned shrines of Sainte-Anne-de-Beaupré near Quebec City, Our Lady of the Cape in Trois-Rivières, and St. Joseph's Oratory in Montreal. All of these historic churches are strewn along the famous St. Lawrence River and Rideau Canal waterways.

For more information on the Road to Jubilee33, visit jubilee33.org.

SAINT PHILOMENA WALKING PILGRIMAGE

The 8th annual St Philomena Walking Pilgrimage will start at Yorkton on August 11 and will finish at Our Lady of Lourdes shrine at Rama on Aug 14. This is a supported pilgrimage with arranged overnight stops, meals, and rest stops through the day. Transportation to the next rest stop is provided for those don't wish to walk the whole distance. Pilgrims can walk every day or just one day if they wish. Friday August 14 is our shortest day and the day we arrive in Rama. www.stphilomena.ca

PILGRIMAGE TO THE SHRINE OF FRANCE

September 29 – October 9, 2026. Let your spirit wander and your faith awaken as you embark on a sacred pilgrimage through France, guided by Monsignor Maurice Fiolleau and Collette Vacations. Over eleven grace-filled days, you'll journey through the heart of Catholic heritage – Paris, Lisieux, Chartres, Nevers, Paray-le-Monial, Lyon, Ars, La Salette, Avignon, Carcassonne and Lourdes, flying home from Toulouse. Each place offering its own story of miracles, devotion and timeless beauty.

This pilgrimage is more than travel; it is an invitation to renewal, reflection and a deeper encounter with the Divine, woven into the landscapes of France.

To learn more and feel the spirit of the journey, contact Kritika Jain at the CAA Office in Prince Albert. 1-306-764-6858 or Kritika.jain@caask.ca

It's the perfect to discover what awaits you on this unforgettable path of faith.

PRINCE ALBERT CATHOLIC SCHOOLS - DID YOU KNOW?

Click [here](#) to read the May/June Did You Know?

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://saskkofc.foundation/>

SASK K OF C CHARITABLE FOUNDATION CHARITY GALA 2026

Friday, September 18th, 2026

Proceeds in Support of Youth Attending Summer Camps & Catholic Ministry Programs - For more info, go to <https://saskkofc.foundation/sask-k-of-c-charitable-foundation-charity-gala-2026/>

SASK K OF C CHARITABLE FOUNDATION REPORTS RECORD FINANCIAL YEAR AND BOARD LEADERSHIP UPDATES

For more information about the Foundation or its programs, visit www.saskkofc.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

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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-judgemental 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

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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