



DIOCESAN AND PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS

January 12, 2025

** If you would like to receive the weekly Diocesan and Parish Announcements by email, please call Nicole at 306-922-4747, ext. 228, or email her at ecassistant@padiocese.ca to subscribe.

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!

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](#).

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. This is an update and not the final total, the amount pledged is \$450,319.41 with 1,257 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 or 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>

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

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

liturgy@padiocese.ca

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/>

January 18, 25 @ 11:00 a.m.

St. Theresa Parish, Wakaw – Fr. Janusz Bizewski – Mass will be live-streamed

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>

WHOLEHEARTED: A WORKSHOP FOR HEALING LIFE'S PAINFUL EXPERIENCES

WholeHearted is a parish-based resource focused on the impact of life's painful experiences on our mental health and spiritual well-being. All workshops will run from 1:15 to 4:30 p.m. Upcoming workshop dates:

- January 17, Deanery One at Sacred Heart Cathedral in Prince Albert
 - Registration link <https://forms.gle/fMQ5hzc2fdM38Nx4A>
- January 17, Deanery Five at St. Vital in Battleford
 - Registration link <https://forms.gle/3vBrvQhayfZu141A8>
- February 7, Deanery Six at Assumptions of the Blessed Virgin Mary in St. Walburg
 - Registration link <https://forms.gle/MXBzPoD9qmyLtbCx5>
- February 14, Deanery Three at St. Odilon Parish in Rosthern
 - Registration link <https://forms.gle/Rc6fVmRtoKSZHsXx7>

The workshop includes brief content, private reflection, suggested practices, discussion, and spiritual reflection. It is not clinical or professional therapy. The Bishop's Annual Appeal sponsors the Diocesan Mental Health Ministry, which is offering the WholeHearted Workshop. For more information, contact Nicole at ecassistant@padiocese.ca. To register, please click the link for the workshop you wish to attend, or call Nicole at 306-922-4747 ext. 228. Coffee and a small snack will be provided. Please bring a reusable travel coffee mug or water bottle.

PERMANENT DIACONATE PROGRAM

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

RESOURCE CENTRE - Library & Gift Shop

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

Email: 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 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.

SOCIAL JUSTICE

As many of you know, the Salvation Army building burnt to the ground on Christmas Day. They have recently been doing extensive renovations at the Centre, bringing in new kitchen equipment etc. The Salvation Army building was used as a soup kitchen for lunch six days a week and recently opened the warming Centre. Many homeless people and others were served at this Centre. We as a Catholic community were invited to provide lunch on every 5th or 6th Saturday. With the Bishop's support, Prince Albert parishes and the parish in Albertville have been involved for the past 12-13 years. The whole community was very saddened to see what happened to the Centre as we made many good memories there and helped many needy persons through the years."

The best way to help the Salvation Army is by financially supporting the lunch program. Funds that are donated can be used to purchase food items as the volunteers build the weekly menus. We can all continue to support this very important ministry by donations and volunteering when possible. The folks at the Salvation Army are setting up at the Union Centre in Prince Albert for now. They are starting out with nothing as kitchen appliances, utensils, dinnerware were all lost in the fire.

Please help if you are able. You can send donations to : <https://tinyurl.com/3k8w38fw> or phone 1 800 725-2769. Thank you.

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

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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

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

ST. PAUL'S FEAST DAY MASS & FUNDRAISING DINNER - New!

Missionary Society of St. Paul cordially invites you to join in the celebration!

Saturday, January 31, 2026

Mass - 10:30AM Dinner - 12:00PM

Presentation by the priests of the Missionary Society of St. Paul

TOPIC: Crisis in Nigeria

St. Joseph Calasanctius 1942 - 98th North Battleford, SK

Tickets: \$35 Adult (13 & Over) \$15 - Children (Age 6-12) No charge - 5 & Under

Contact: Fr. Peter Paase, MSP 306-441-9985

Germaine Vany - AMSP Chairperson 306-398-7601

24 HOURS OF ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT - New!

Come Let Us Adore Him for He is Our God

DATE & TIME: Friday March 6, 3.00 pm - Saturday 7, 3.00, 2026.

VENUE: Our Lady of Sorrows Parish, Paradise Hill, SK.

You are free to spend your night, resting with the Lord in the Church

Free-will donation for meals will be appreciated

Registration is Free.

Contact: 1-306-344-7897

Email: kpsalz1@littleloon.ca

Or Patty Fenrich: Ph. 1-306-480-5647

Email: dap3fen@gmail.com

Or Parish Office: Ph. 1-344-2033

Fr Frederick Akah, MSP is available for the Sacrament of Reconciliation And Confession

Time Table:

FRIDAY, March 6, 2026:

3.00pm - Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament And Divine Mercy Chaplet in song.

4.00pm - Personal Adoration, Prayers, Reconciliation / Confessions

5.00 - Divine Office & Spiritual Readings

5.30 - Supper Break

6.30 - The Way of the Cross

7.00 - Holy Mass

8.00 - Personal Prayer and Reconciliation

8.30 - Scriptural Rosary

9.30 - Holy Hour & Prayer of Intercession

10.00 - Break

MIDNIGHT: ALL NIGHT VIGIL WITH THE LORD

SATURDAY, March 7, 2026:

7.00am - Breakfast

9:30am - Holy Rosary

10.00am - Holy Mass

10.45am - Personal Prayer and Reconciliation

11.15am - Praise and worship Songs

11.45am - Lunch break

1.00pm - Divine Mercy Chaplet in song

2.00pm - HEALING SERVICE AND ANOINTING

2.45pm - BENEDICTION

3.00pm - Departure

OTHER EVENTS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

SHRINES OF FRANCE - New!

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, join us for a **special travel presentation on Wednesday January 28th at 7:00 p.m. at St. Michael parish in Prince Albert**. It's the perfect to discover what awaits you on this unforgettable path of faith.

PRINCE ALBERT CATHOLIC SCHOOL DIVISION

Click [here](#) to read the "Did You Know?" newsletter for November and December 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-danimation-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/>

KofC MEN'S SPIRITUAL ENRICHMENT WEEKEND - New!

Location: St. Vital Parish, Battleford, SK

Date: March 6 & 7, 2026, Friday & Saturday

We kindly ask for your support in promoting this event within your parish. You can help by:

- Including the announcement in your parish bulletin
- Sharing it on your Facebook page and website
- Printing a few copies and posting them on your parish bulletin boards

Your assistance will help us reach more men who can benefit from this enriching.

If you have any questions or need promotional materials, please feel free to contact me.

Thank you for your continued support and for helping us foster spiritual growth among the men of our diocese.

Registration

link: https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSfW77FoYzlw7_ox9sJSjo41jK1ZfvNZazwm_j6qaX3OM92oZQ/viewform

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-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

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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