



DIOCESAN AND PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS

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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!

EPISCOPAL ORDINATION - New!

Most Rev. Ken Thorson's Ordination

On the Memorial of the Queenship of the Blessed Virgin Mary, Saturday, August 22, 2026, at 11:00 a.m.

Due to the limited amount of seating available, you are being invited to virtually attend Most Rev. Fr. Ken Thorson's Ordination. The celebration will be live-streamed at <https://www.youtube.com/live/TIMtVTC7xhI>

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>

STATEMENT BY THE PERMANENT COUNCIL OF THE CANADIAN CONFERENCE OF CATHOLIC BISHOPS

In Support of Bill C-218:

"An Act to amend the Criminal Code (Medical Assistance in Dying)"

The statements can be found in English and French at the following

link: <https://www.padiocese.ca/new-articles>

The statements can also be found on the CCCB website:

In English: <https://www.cccb.ca/media-release/cccb-statement-on-bill-c-218-no-maid-for-mental-illness/>

In French: <https://www.cecc.ca/communiqu  -de-presse/declaration-de-la-cecc-concernant-le-projet-de-loi-c-218-rejet-de-l-aide-medicale-a-mourir-pour-les-troubles-mentaux/>

THE HOLY SEE

[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

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:

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>

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

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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.

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 August 23 & 30 @ 9:00 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

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's new summer hours for 2026 are as follows:

Tuesdays, Wednesdays, and Thursdays from 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. and closed from 12:00 - 1:00 p.m.

Regular hours will resume after Labor Day on September 8, 2026.

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>

PARISH, SCHOOL, AND GROUP EVENTS

GRIEFSHARE - New!

Each group runs for 13 weeks starting August 24, 2026

Monday afternoons: 1:30-3:00 p.m. Monday evenings: 7:00-8:30 p.m.

Supported by the Battlefords Ministerial Association and sponsored by Eternal Memories Funeral Home

For further information and to pre-register please contact: Sue 306-441-5441 or Denise 306-441-3338 or register online at griefshare.org/findagroup

Click [here](#) to download the poster which has more information.

SACRED HEART CATHEDRAL ANNUAL FALL MARKET

Saturday, September 12 - 9:00 am - 4:00 pm

Raffle Prizes Produce & Preserves Jewelry

Baking Puzzles & Books Food Booth

Please bring your own bags

1401 - 4th Avenue West, Prince Albert, SK

2026 OUR LADY OF LOURDES SHRINE PILGRIMAGE EVENTS

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

September 8

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

OTHER EVENTS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

CAMPAIGN LIFE COALITION YOUTH

CLCY is the youth division of Campaign Life Coalition, Canada's largest pro-life and pro-family organization. Our purpose is to help young people get involved in the pro-life movement through education, activism and political engagement.

Click [here](#) to download their 2-page poster.

MEDJUGORJE PILGRIMAGE

Many people who have visited Medjugorje in Bosnia Herzegovina have been touched by a strong feeling of God's peace, and the presence of Mother Mary. Medjugorje has a reputation for spiritual and physical healing. If God is calling you to experience such peace and healing please consider joining us on a Medjugorje 'Pilgrimage of Peace' which will take place from October 12 to October 22, 2026. Price is \$900 for the land portion of the pilgrimage. Air flights can be arranged with the help of Passport Travel in Calgary, margaret.passport@shaw.ca 404 256 9343. For more information contact Deacon Dave or Bev Hudy, dave@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.

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://saskkoefc.foundation/>

PRO - LIFE COUNCIL

DIOCESE OF PRINCE ALBERT YEAR A SUGGESTED DIGNITY OF LIFE PRAYER INTENTIONS

Click to read the Suggested Dignity of Life Prayer Intentions for Year A 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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