

DIOCESAN AND PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS

September 8, 2025

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

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EPISCOPAL

MOST REV. STEPHEN A HERO'S LETTERS/ANNOUNCEMENT

MOST REV. STEPHEN A HERO'S 2025-2026 appointments

Click here to read the Most Rev. Stephen A Hero's 2025-2026 Clergy Appointments in English/French.

MOST REV. STEPHEN A HERO'S LETTER REGARDING THE DIOCESAN MENTAL HEALTH MINISTRY.

Click to read the Most Rev. Stephen A Hero's letter regarding the Diocesan Mental Health Ministry 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

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

EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY: DIOCESAN FINANCE OFFICER FOR THE ROMAN CATHOLIC DIOCESE OF PRINCE ALBERT

The position of Diocesan Finance Officer is responsible for the financial administration and management of the diocese. The duties of the Diocesan Finance Officer include: annual budget, payroll and deductions, reconciling financial statements, accounts payable, liaising with the insurance company, completing grant applications, charities return, T4s, GST etc. Applicants should have a Bachelor Degree in Finance, Accounting, Business Administration or a related field, or Certified Professional Accountant (CPA). Applicants must have experience with the Sage Accounting program. The successful candidate must work collaboratively with the Bishop, Diocesan Finance Council, staff members and parishes. A letter of recommendation from the pastor is required. For further information, please see https://www.padiocese.ca/employment-opportunities under employment opportunities or contact Fr. Michael Fahlman at (306) 922-4747 ext. 226

or to submit a resume, please send it to chancellor@padiocese.ca

Please submit applications by November 14, 2025.

EVANGELIZATION AND CATECHESIS (OEC)

catechetics@padiocese.ca

Jubilee of Catechists

For more details, go to the 'Jubilee 2025' section.

CATHERINE OF SIENA CALLED AND GIFTED DISCERNMENT PROCESS BROCHURE

Click <u>here</u> 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

Click to download the annual 2024 Indigenous Reconciliation Fund report in English/French. 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: <u>Indigenous Reconciliation Fund – A Catholic Commitment to Healing and</u> Reconciliation

French: Fonds de réconciliation avec les autochtones - Un engagement catholique en faveur de la quérison et de la réconciliation

JUBILEE 2025

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

Jubilee of Catechists

Save the Date - Saturday, September 27 from 10:00 A.M. to 3:00 P.M. at St. Joseph Parish in Prince Albert

All who share faith in the parish are invited to this event which includes **those journeying** in faith with children, youth and adults.

There will be opportunities for getting to know better your local deanery peers over coffee, lunch and other activities.

There will be one presentation on our role as Pilgrims of Hope which will provide inspiration and ideas for the upcoming ministry year.

Click here to download/print the poster.

To register, please go to https://forms.gle/cBEihtvqXSxnFYmq6.

You can also contact Nicole to register or for more information at 306-922-4747 extension 228 or via email at ecassistant@padiocese.ca

2025 Jubilee: Pilgrims of Hope Diocesan Jubilee Cross-Anchor Information Sheet
As you may have heard, 2025 is the Universal Catholic Church's next Jubilee Year. Each
Diocese is invited to plan ways to bring the Jubilee to life and spread a message of hope.
The Diocesan Jubilee Committee is excited to announce that a Diocesan Jubilee CrossAnchor has been created. Our Diocesan Symbol will travel throughout the Diocese to raise
awareness of the Jubilee and gather personal prayer intentions, which will be offered at the
closing Jubilee celebration at the Cathedral at the end of 2025.

To learn about the tour of our Diocesan Jubilee Cross-Anchor through the Diocese and discover how you can get involved in this pilgrimage, please go to this

link: https://www.padiocese.ca/2025-jubilee-pilgrims-of-hope

Now that the Cross-Anchor has begun visiting our Parishes, schools and other significant places in our parish communities (i.e., senior homes, prisons, etc.), we thought it would be a good for us to share our pictures and stories from these visits. For those who are interested, there is a Facebook group started from our Diocesan Facebook page that pictures may be added, and stories shared. This page is also a place where parishes can share pictures of the ways in which their parish is living as pilgrims of hope in their community.

Some pictures from the Facebook page will be shared on the diocesan website for those parishes or parishioners who do not have access to Facebook and/or used in other diocesan media or the promotion of other diocesan events.

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 <u>RC Diocese of Prince Albert Jubilee 2025: Pilgrims of Hope</u> group and see the pics that have already been posted.

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

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

<u>St. Theresa Parish, Wakaw</u> – Fr. Janusz Bizewski – Mass will be live-streamed September 14, 21, 28 @ 11:00 a.m.

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

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

At the beginning of this Jubilee Year of 2025, Development and Peace – *Caritas* Canada (DPCC) suggested that the CCCB consider publishing a Pastoral Letter on debt forgiveness, similar to the initiative sponsored by the Conference in 2000. The CCCB President invited DPCC to submit a proposal for consideration by the Permanent Council.

At its March 2025 meeting, the Permanent Council received a draft text and asked that it be revised by the Episcopal Commission for Justice and Peace.

Having been revised by the Commission, and then approved by the Permanent Council at its meeting of June 2025, the document entitled *Forgive us our Debts: Pastoral Letter on Debt Forgiveness in the Jubilee Year 2025* will be published in the Commission's name on Monday, 28 July 2025.

The letter outlines the current debt crisis impacting many developing countries and calls on "our own government and private creditors in Canada to work with debtor nations to develop – and implement – effective frameworks for debt forgiveness in the spirit of the Jubilee Year."

The Pastoral Letter is being released digitally and can be accessed online at the following links:

in English: https://www.cccb.ca/wp-content/uploads/2025/07/Forgive-Us-Our-Debts Pastoral-Letter-on-Debt-Forgiveness-in-the-Jubilee-Year-2025.pdf
in French: https://www.cccb.ca/wp-content/uploads/2025/07/Remets-nous-nos-dettes-Lettre-pastorale-sur-lannulation-de-la-dette-dans-le-cadre-de-lannee-jubilaire-2025.pdf

VOCATIONS

THE VOCATIONS COMMISSION

https://www.padiocese.ca/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

VOICES OF HOPE: A JUBILEE YEAR COMMUNITY CHOIR EXPERIENCE

Sunday, September 14, 2025

In celebration of the Jubilee Year, *Voices of Hope* is a one-of-a-kind community choir event at Sacred Heart Cathedral that invites **everyone** - no singing experience required-to come together and create something beautiful through music. Click here to download the poster.

OUR LADY OF LOURDES SHRINE AT ST. LAURENT

The Our Lady of Lourdes posters for summer 2025 are available on the website at the following link:

https://www.padiocese.ca/st-laurent-shrine

OTHER EVENTS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

STAR OF THE NORTH RETREAT CENTRE EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY - New!

The Star of the North Retreat Centre is now hiring a Full-Time Program Co-ordinator. Click here to view the job posting.

CAMPAIGN LIFE COALITION LIFE CHAIN - PRINCE ALBERT - New!

Campaign Life Coalition Life Chain

Join thousands across Canada standing against abortion in a peaceful, prayerful demonstration!

When: Sunday, October 5th @1:45-3pm

Where: Meet at Kinsmen Park

Contact: Valerie Hettrick (306)-981-3803

Click here to download the poster.

MILLENIUM PILGRIMAGE CROSS - New!

September 14, 2025 at 3:00 P.M.

Jubilee Pilgrimage Build a Culture of Life

Click here to download the poster.

MONT ST. JOSEPH 26TH ANNUAL GRANDPARENT'S DAY CELEBRATION

It's time to mark you calendars!! And plan to spend the afternoon with us for our 26th Annual Grandparent's Day Celebration on **Sunday, September 14th!!**

The fun kicks off at 2:30pm with our Ball Drop and then just continues from there with Live Entertainment, Fun and Games for the Kids, Face-painting and of course our Free Family BBO!!

We love putting the 'fun' in fundraisers and this day is no different! If you would like to make your Grandparent's Day donation, cards are now available at the Home! Fill yours out and take a few home for family and friends. See the poster at the following

link: https://www.padiocese.ca/parishes-upcoming-events

CPFIS

https://www.padiocese.ca/cpfis

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

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

CATHOLIC FAMILY SERVICES

Check out our WEBSITE

PRO - LIFE COUNCIL

<u>DIOCESE OF PRINCE ALBERT YEAR C SUGGESTED DIGNITY OF LIFE PRAYER INTENTIONS</u> Click to read the Suggested Dignity of Life Prayer Intentions for Year C from the Roman Catholic Diocese of Prince Albert Life Council in <u>English/French</u>.

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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