



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

Please submit any bulletin announcements to communications@padiocese.ca

EPISCOPAL

Bishop Ken Thorson, O.M.I. has called Deacon Sedale Rosillo to the Order of Presbyter. Read full letter in English and French at the following link: <https://www.padiocese.ca/bishop-thorsons-letters>

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 be 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

The 2026 Bishop's Annual Appeal will be launching on October 25, 2026.

Please watch for posters and the video at that time. The Diocesan goal is \$475,000.

For more information please contact:

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

baadirector@padiocese.ca or bishopsappeal@padiocese.ca

Thank you for your prayers and support!!

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

liturgy@padiocese.ca

2026 YEAR OF ST. FRANCIS RESOURCES

Here is a snip-it 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 October 25 @ 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>

2026 CHAS Annual Convention

Shared Vision, Sacred Work: Growing Healing Communities -

October 29–30 · St. Joseph Parish, 260 - 25th Street East, Prince Albert

At the heart of this year's convention title is a beautiful calling – the healing ministry of Jesus Christ. It is the mission of Catholic Health Care; it is our mission. We discover that mission when we hear God's voice inviting us to share in a sacred work that grows healing communities.

What would health care look like if it were so undeniably compassionate that families would accept nothing less? That's the question behind this year's Catholic Health Association of Saskatchewan convention.

Spiritual care providers, Catholic health leaders, clergy, and community members will spend two days learning together, sharing ideas, and strengthening Catholic health care's mission. A special public event features Ryan Straschnitzki, a survivor of the Humboldt Broncos bus crash, who will share his story of resilience and hope.

Early bird registration ends October 4. Register and get full details at

<https://chassk.ca/annual-convention-2026/>

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

Mindset: What Resilience Actually Takes -

An evening with Ryan Straschnitzki

Thursday, October 29 · 7:00 p.m.

St. Joseph Parish, 260 25th Street East, Prince Albert

Ryan Straschnitzki survived the Humboldt Broncos bus crash that changed his life and a nation. Join us as he shares what it has taken to rebuild.

This featured presentation of the 2026 CHAS Annual Convention is open to the public - no registration required. A free-will offering (suggested \$20) is appreciated.

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

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

Development and Peace

NEW! Another successful season sowing solidarity!

The Harvest is IN. Did you know that GROW HOPE SASKATCHEWAN, an ecumenical initiative of the Canadian Foodgrains Bank, is wrapping up its 9th season of growing crops to fight hunger around the world?

Generous farming families in Saskatchewan have pledged 505 acres this year, but they need your help to maximize their yield! Generous donors match this contribution by covering input costs for those acres (fuel, fertilizer, etc.) valued at \$350 an acre. The deadline to support the 2026 growing season is **October 31**. To give visit www.growhopesk.ca/donate and locate "[Development and Peace](#)" in the list of agencies.

Become a member of Development and Peace — Caritas Canada

For nearly 60 years, Development and Peace — Caritas Canada has been working to build a world of justice. How? By supporting community development programs and projects in more than 30 countries around the world and by mobilizing Canadians to promote peace and justice.

The strength of our movement lies in people like you who, every year, take one (or more) concrete action to make international solidarity a priority. A first concrete step is to become a member and join our movement of more than 13,000 members. To learn more:

devp.org/campaign.

Together, let's send a clear message to the Government of Canada to increase official development assistance.

Do you believe in the dignity of the human person? For Development and Peace — Caritas Canada, this Catholic social teaching principle is at the heart of our work. With the support of the government and generous donors, we carry out transformative programs and projects in more than 30 countries around the world.

This aid is invaluable—and even lifesaving—for many impoverished communities. It can help save children's lives in Somalia through treatments for malnutrition and promote gender equality and women's civic participation in the Democratic Republic of the Congo.

We need your support to make this possible. Join the movement today! To learn more:

devp.org/campaign.

While the most vulnerable populations in the Global South are facing an increase in conflicts, climate change, and the plundering of resources, funding for international aid and development is on the decline. Like many countries in the Global North, Canada has announced cuts of \$2.7 billion to official development assistance over the next four years. This affects health and education systems, exacerbates poverty, and widens inequalities in the poorest countries. We are already seeing the repercussions on a global scale. Together, let's make international solidarity a priority. Watch the campaign video from Development and Peace — Caritas Canada to learn more: devp.org/campaign.

Do you know Development and Peace — Caritas Canada?

Development and Peace — Caritas Canada, the official international development organization of the Catholic Church in Canada, is a democratic movement for global solidarity rooted in Catholic Social Teaching.

Development and Peace — Caritas Canada addresses the root causes of poverty, oppression and inequality by working with partners in the Global South and by mobilizing Canadians in the common struggle for justice and dignity.

The organization also champions women and social movements as key agents of lasting change.

To learn more, visit <https://devp.org/en/evenements/>

NEPAL EMERGENCY FUND

Development and Peace — Caritas Canada is calling on Canadians to give generously to support Caritas Nepal's emergency flood relief efforts.

Click [here](#) to read the article from Development and Peace about the Nepal floods.

Donations can be made by going to https://devp.org/en/make-a-donation/?tfa_1955 or by calling 1-888-234-8533 toll-free to donate.

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

ST. THERESA - ALL SOULS REMEMBRANCE CELEBRATION

Join us for a multifaith celebration in remembrance of all our departed loved ones.

Monday, November 2nd 2026 St. Theresa Parish, Wakaw 7:00 P.M

Come as you are and bring a friend!

All are welcome to join us for coffee and fellowship in our parish hall following the memorial service.

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

CATHOLIC WOMEN'S WORKSHOP - SATURDAY OCTOBER 24, 2026

Sacred Heart Cathedral - Prince Albert – 10am to 4pm

Join our presenters, each a Prince Albert parishioner, as they inform and inspire our ministries to the Poor of our families, parishes and communities.

Click [here](#) to see the poster with the list of presenters.

Registration \$10

Sponsored by Sacred Heart Cathedral's Catholic Women's League -

Register with Caroline Tessier - (306) 981 - 2037 or c.ettesier@gmail.com

BROTHER'S OF ST. JOSEPH MEN'S PRAYER AND STUDY GROUP 2026

Supper 6:00pm Study 6:30pm Adoration 7:30pm Fellowship 8:30pm

Sacred Heart Cathedral

November 20 December 18 Click [here](#) to download the poster.

CATHOLIC WOMEN'S RETREAT

Into Our Hearts - His Invitation

November 13 & 14, 2026

St. Joseph Calasanctius Church, North Battleford

Key Note Speaker: Christy Dupuis

Registration Deadline: November 2, 2026

Standard Rate: \$50 High School Students: \$25

To register or for more information please contact: Dani @ 306-317-6531 or email

bcrministry@gmail.com

*Limited Overnight Accommodations Available.

OTHER EVENTS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

SEXAHOLICS ANONYMOUS

Essay PA is a local Prince Albert-area contact point for Sexaholics Anonymous in Saskatchewan. Sexaholics Anonymous is an international Twelve Step fellowship for people seeking recovery from sexual addiction, lust, pornography, and related behaviours. More information about the international fellowship is available here: <https://www.sa.org/>

ST. JOSEPH PARISH - PRINCE ALBERT

St. Joseph Parish in Prince Albert is looking for a casual secretary position. It is for 1/1.25 days per week, possibly more when needed. Applicants need a basic understanding of what happens in a Catholic parish, and basic computer skills. Please send a resume to st.joseph_pa@padiocese.ca by November 2.

CATHOLIC FAMILY SERVICES PRINCE ALBERT

Click [here](#) to download a list of programs that Catholic Family Services will be offering in the Fall of 2026.

SOCIETE CANADIENNE-FRANCAISE DE PRINCE ALBERT (SCFPA)

Living Memories Project 2026 - We are looking for Francophone seniors who wish to share their stories of the community, to preserve our collective memory. Contact us for more information.

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.

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 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-judgmental environment where women and men can express, release and reconcile painful post-abortive emotions to begin the process of restoration, renewal and healing. For more information, please contact Elaine at 1-306-480-8911 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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