



## **DIOCESAN AND PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**April 13, 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!

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### **DIOCESAN ADMINISTRATOR ANNOUNCEMENTS**

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

Click [here](#) to read the announcement about the new Diocesan Administrator.

### **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 e-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](#)

### **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](mailto:baadirector@padiocese.ca) or [bishopsappeal@padiocese.ca](mailto: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](mailto:catechetics@padiocese.ca)

There are many resources available to families, young adults, and adults to support our ongoing faith journey and to enrich the experience of the Easter Season. These resources can be found at the following link:

<https://mailchi.mp/padiocese.ca/easter-18006361>

### **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 r conciliation avec les autochtones - Un engagement catholique en faveur de la gu rison et de la r conciliation](#)

## **LITURGY**

[liturgy@padiocese.ca](mailto: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 April 19 & 26 @ 9:00 a.m.

[https://www.youtube.com/results?search\\_query=st.+theresa+parish+wakaw](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>

## **DEANERY 6 HORIZONS OF HOPE WORKSHOPS**

As Catholics, our faith in Jesus Christ has much to teach us about living and dying well. Developed by the Canadian Conference of Catholic Bishops, **Horizons of Hope: A Toolkit for Catholic Parishes on Palliative Care** is designed to help each of us – caregivers, the sick and dying, family members, and all who seek to learn more about palliative care and Catholic Church teachings on end-of-life – to find support and concrete assistance. Deanery 6 will host this 2-day workshop over two weekends.

- The first day will be held at Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary Parish in St. Walburg on Saturday, April 18, from 10:00 a.m. to 3 p.m.

- The second day of the workshop will be held at Our Lady of Peace Parish in Meadow Lake on Saturday, May 2, from 10:00 a.m. to 3 p.m.

The Bishop's Annual Appeal is the sponsor of this workshop. There is no charge for the workshop materials or for attending the workshop. Please REGISTER with your pastor to aid in planning for the day, or contact Christine Taylor at 306-922-4747 or [catechetics@padiocese.ca](mailto:catechetics@padiocese.ca). Participants are asked to bring themselves a bag lunch each day. Coffee and a morning and afternoon snack will be provided. Please see the poster at the back of the Church for more information.

### **PERMANENT DIACONATE PROGRAM**

[permanentdiaconate@padiocese.ca](mailto: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](mailto:permanentdiaconate@padiocese.ca)

### **RESOURCE CENTRE - Library & Gift Shop**

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

Email: [resources@padiocese.ca](mailto: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](mailto: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 invites you to a weekend of reflection and immersion into the world of social justice. The Regional Assembly is for members/supporters in the dioceses of Regina, Saskatoon, Prince Albert, and Keewatin-Le Pas. The theme of this year is On Track for Justice: Pathways to Peace.

To register, click on the link <https://forms.office.com/r/cYpPE2DQa1>, email [mleblanc@devp.org](mailto:mleblanc@devp.org), call 306-205-2334 or navigate to [www.devp.org/events](http://www.devp.org/events). Bring a friend! (Note: remote participation options are available; please see registration link).

### **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**

#### **PRINCE ALBERT DIOCESE, YOUTH AND YOUNG ADULT MINISTRY**

#### **YOUTH RALLY**

#### **Youth Rally – Love Is a Verb**

**Get ready for a joyful and faith-filled day! Youth ages 12 and up are invited to Love Is a Verb – Youth Rally on Saturday, April 25, 2026, at École St. Mary High School, Prince Albert, featuring Face to Face Ministries.**

**Join youth from across the diocese for a day of music, inspiring talks, prayer, and community.**

**Register:** <https://forms.gle/rNQPCy3WaYt9Q2LR8>

**More details:** <https://www.padiocese.ca/youth/youthrally>

**For questions, contact the Youth and Young Adult Office:**

[youth@padiocese.ca](mailto:youth@padiocese.ca) | 306-922-4747 ext. 232

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

## WORLD YOUTH DAY

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](mailto: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**

### **DUCK LAKE BLESSED SACRAMENT PARISH ANNIVERSARY**

Duck Lake Blessed Sacrament Parish is Celebrating 150 years 1876 - 2026

EVERYONE WELCOME!

Come and help us celebrate 150 years of our Parish being part of the Community of Duck Lake.

WHEN: June 6th, 2026

4:30pm - Mass at Blessed Sacrament Parish    Procession - Following Mass - from Blessed Sacrament Church to Duck Lake Town Office    6:30pm - Supper at Duck Lake Belle-A-Drome

Supper Tickets: Cost: \$25 for Adults, \$10 for Children    50/50 Draw - Only 500 Tickets will be sold. Cost: \$5 a Ticket. For Supper or 50 / 50 Tickets please contact Denis and Rachele Poirier at 306-467-2047 or Celine Perillat at 306-467-2057

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

### **2026 PENTECOST RETREAT WITH 24 HOURS OF EUCHARISTIC ADORATION**

**Theme:** The Holy Spirit is with You and will be in You (John 14:17)

**Venue:** Our Lady of Sorrow Parish Church, 103 1st Avenue, Paradise Hill, SK.

**Date:** Friday May 22, 3.00 pm - Saturday May 23, 3.00 pm

When our praises & worship go up the Glory of God comes down.

**Pray Until Something Happens**

**Featuring Include:**

Alicia Kowalski "His Grace Ministry" Presents Her Unique Testimony of Divine Encounter and Praise/Worship

Fellowship & Praise/worship, Eucharistic Adoration, Inspiring Talks. Love Feast, Testimonies, Shared prayer, Spiritual empowerment, Holy Mass, Healing Service

Free-will donations for the meals will be appreciated

Camp Ground is Available.

**Registration is Free. Just Call or text: 1-306-344-7897. Email: [kpsalzl@littleloon.ca](mailto:kpsalzl@littleloon.ca)**

**Or Patty Fenrich: Ph. 1-306-480-5647. Email: [dap3fen@gmail.com](mailto:dap3fen@gmail.com)**

**Or Parish Office: Ph.:1-306-344-2033**

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

To view the Time Table, click [here](#) to download the poster.

## **BATTLEFORDS RIGHT TO LIFE BANQUET**

Battlefords Right to Life Banquet

Sponsored by the Battlefords Right to Life

Sunday, April 26 2026 Banquet at 6PM Doors open at 5PM Tickets: \$35/person

Contacts:

Theresa: (306) 490-7774

Adele: (306) 741-9638

Maureen: (306) 937-7683

or (306) 441-6964

St. Joseph Calasanctius Parish Hall

1942 98th Street, North Battleford

Sk S9A 0N4

Tel: (306) 446-1695

More Information about Fr. Stefano Penna

<https://www.youtube.com/@fr.stefanopenna8030>

## **OUR LADY OF LOURDES SHRINE ANNUAL FUNDRAISING SUPPER**

Saturday May 2, 2026

St. Joseph's Church Hall

206-25th Street East

Prince Albert, Sk

**Doors open 4:30pm Supper at 6pm Cost \$30.00 per person**

**For Tickets or information please contact: Trina Fauchoux @ 306-467-7270**

## **OTHER EVENTS & ANNOUNCEMENTS**

### **FESTIVAL OF FAITH 2026 - New!**

You Did It For Me

The Call to Mission Animated by Hospitality

July 8 - 14

Presenters:

Fr. Ron Rolheiser, OMI - Oblate Priest, theologian, professor, and award-winning author

Eric A. Clayton - Award-winning writer, speaker, storyteller and retreat leader

PLUS:

Debbie Rolfes

Sr. Cindy Lewans, PM

Fr. Kevin McGee

Matthew Praksas

Wagner Barbosa

All are welcome. Free-will offering. Pick and choose your sessions.

Register: [stphilipneriparish.ca](http://stphilipneriparish.ca)

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

## **SASKATCHEWAN PRO LIFE ASSOCIATION**

March for Life

Regina, SK

March from Holy Rosary Cathedral to the Legislature Building

07 May 2026

Save the Date

Phone: (306) 352 - 3480

Email: [info@saskprolife.com](mailto:info@saskprolife.com)

[www.saskprolife.com](http://www.saskprolife.com)

Respect Life Month

Proclamation Ceremony

Legislature Building

Friday, May 1, 2026 @ 1.00 p.m.

- Reading of Declaration
- Prayer

If you plan to attend, please contact us at:

Phone: (306) 352 - 3480

Email: [info@saskprolife.com](mailto:info@saskprolife.com)

[www.saskprolife.com](http://www.saskprolife.com)

## **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](mailto:Kritika.jain@caask.ca)

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

## **DIOCESE OF SASKATOON - RADIANT WITH HIM RETREAT**

"Radiant With Him" Women's Retreat April 17-18 hosted at St. John Bosco Parish, 1202 Avenue O South, Saskatoon, will be held 7 p.m. to 9:30 p.m. Friday, April 17 and 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Saturday April 18. All women are invited to attend to encounter God, build a Christ-centered community and radiate God's glory. Register online at: <https://radiantwithhim.eventbrite.com>. Cost is \$60 for the full retreat, or \$15 for Friday only. For inquiries, contact Ruth Brown at (306) 227-7577.

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

Click [here](#) to download a list of the breakout session speakers.

Click [here](#) to read a short biography about the keynote speaker Danielle Gaudet.

## **PRINCE ALBERT CATHOLIC SCHOOLS - DID YOU KNOW?**

Click [here](#) to read the January/February 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/>

## **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**

[r.vineyardsk@sasktel.net](mailto:r.vineyardsk@sasktel.net)

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](mailto:r.vineyardsk@sasktel.net)

Rachel's Vineyard Retreat April 24-26, 2026, Saskatoon, SK.

Our next retreat in Saskatoon, Saskatchewan will be held on April 24-26, 2026

To register, please contact Elaine at 1-306-480-8911

or email [r.vineyardsk@sasktel.net](mailto: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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