



DIOCESAN AND PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS

April 20, 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!

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](#).

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](#).

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

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

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.

MAiD for You? A Conversation on Canada's MAiD Expansion to Mental Health and What's at Stake - **New!**

Canada's MAiD law is changing, and many are not aware of how far it has expanded. Beginning in March 2027, eligibility will include individuals whose sole underlying condition is mental illness.

This spring, a province-wide tour will feature Larry Worthen, Executive Director of the Christian Medical and Dental Association of Canada, and one of Canada's leading voices on healthcare ethics, conscience rights, and Medical Assistance in Dying.

You'll have the opportunity to:

- Learn how MAiD is evolving in Canada, with real stories from healthcare settings
- Explore the ethical, medical, and social questions being raised
- Consider how we support those who are suffering and seeking hope

Join the conversation that will be occurring across Saskatchewan in PRINCE ALBERT on MAY 12 from 7:00 - 9:00 p.m. at Plaza 88 (888 Central Avenue)

Free to attend. All are welcome.

To find out more about this presentation, the other Saskatchewan locations where this conversation will be occurring or to RSVP, go to hopedoesnotexpire.ca

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 26 @ 9:00 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>

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 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. 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

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 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, call 306-205-2334 or navigate to 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

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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.

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

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 Rachelle 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

Or Patty Fenrich: Ph. 1-306-480-5647. Email: 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**PARKLAND RESTORATIVE JUSTICE NIGERIAN NIGHT FUNDRAISER - New!**

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

April 30th, 2026 Doors Open: 6:00 PM | Supper: 6:30 PM Dessert Auction to Follow

A wonderful opportunity to try Authentic food from Nigeria cooked by Tee Tasty African Cuisine Inc.

For tickets: 306-763-6224 or director@parklandrj.com

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

FACETOFACE MINISTRIES JOB POSTING - New!

FacetoFace Ministries is excited to share that they are hiring 3 new Event Facilitators! These members of their staff are the ones who facilitate their events from the front. They go out in pairs of 2 putting on excellent Catholic youth events across Western Canada. They are youth ministry professionals who are dynamic, relational, quick learners, and eager to share the gospel message with young people.

Below is a link to their hiring video which is the best way to learn more about this position for anyone interested.

The application deadline is **April 30, 2025**.

- **Employment Page:** <https://facetofaceministries.ca/employment/>
- **Hiring Video Link:** <https://youtu.be/Gp4breiL0qE?si=17e72IQ4LDHF8dNN>

Click [here](#) to download a PDF version of the description of the job postings.

ST. JOHN'S BOSCO WILDERNESS CAMP - New!

You are invited to participate in St. John Bosco Wilderness Camp's first ever online 50/50 raffle! All proceeds from this fundraiser will go towards building a much needed replacement dining hall at camp. This project is vital to enhance the experience for countless youth, and with your help we can "Raise the Roof" and create a space where meals are shared, and memories are made.

Purchase your tickets through Rafflebox for your chance to win up to \$20,000! Raffle draw is on **May 16, 2026**. Ticket sales and full rules: www.afflebox.ca/affle/sjbcw

More information about Bosco's dining hall replacement: www.johnboscocamp.com/dining-hall

78TH ANNUAL CWL PROVINCIAL CONVENTION - New!

The 78th Annual CWL Provincial Convention is on Sunday May 31 & Monday June 1st in Kindersley Saskatchewan. Beginning with registration at 11:00 am. You can receive a registration form and other details from your CWL parish council. Our National President will be in attendance. Please come join us and be part of this great League.

For more information please contact: Provincial President Helen Kayfish at godisgood_62@hotmail.com.

FESTIVAL OF FAITH 2026

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

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

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

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

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

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://saskko.fc.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

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

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

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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