



## **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!

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### **DIOCESAN ADMINISTRATOR ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**New!** 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>

Click to read Msgr. Maurice's Letter of Encouragement regarding attending the St. Theresa Shrine in [English/French](#).

Click to read Msgr. Maurice's letter regarding the 2025-2026 Clergy appointment updates in [English/French](#).

## **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](#)

### **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](#).

#### ***New!* Magnifica Humanitas: On Safeguarding the Human Person in the Time of Artificial Intelligence**

Encyclical letter by Pope Leo XIV, May 25, 2026

The dignity of the human being as the criterion to orient technical progress. Pope Leo XIV, in presenting to the world and to all the people of God, his first Encyclical Letter, focused on the care for the human person in the time of Artificial Intelligence, said "I invite all members of the Church and of the human family: let us learn to listen to one another, face the present challenges with courage, and cooperate in building a more human and fraternal society. [...] Please take with you a commitment to stay awake and, as 'artisans of hope', to keep on building the worksite of our time. May the Spirit of the Risen Lord Jesus sustain our work together."

- **Full text in English:** <https://www.humandevlopment.va/en/magnifica-humanitas/l-enciclica.html>
- **Infographics:** <https://www.humandevlopment.va/en/magnifica-humanitas/risorse/infografiche.html>
- **Pastoral kit:** contains a simplified summary of *Magnifica Humanitas* that proposes for each chapter: a brief synthesis, some citations from the Document, questions for personal and community reflection, suggestions for a practical and experiential approach, relevant biblical texts, some review questions, and a closing prayer. In the kit are also present: a proposal for activities for young people and children. See <https://www.humandevlopment.va/en/magnifica-humanitas/risorse/kit-pastorale.html>
- **Songs for Magnifica Humanitas.** Pope Leo XIV uses myriad scripture references to support his call for a moral and ethical framework to safeguard human dignity in the age of AI. GIA Sacred Music provides a list of hymns inspired by those verses. <https://giasacredmusic.substack.com/p/songs-for-magnifica-humanitas>

### **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](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)

### **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](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 May 31 @ 11:00 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**

<https://www.padiocese.ca/pastoral-care>

**MAiD SAFEGUARDS PETITION - New!**

Until Sunday, June 21, the MAiD Safeguards petition will be available at the back of the Church. The petition asks the Legislative Assembly of Saskatchewan to implement two safeguards, similar to those already in place in other Canadian provinces.

- First - Prohibit unsolicited offers of MAiD to any patient. (If the patient does not bring up MAiD, healthcare professionals would not be allowed to offer or ask the patient about MAiD, or the possibility of choosing MAiD.)
- Second - Protect healthcare providers who choose not to aid in the provision of MAiD from professional or legal repercussions.

All parishioners are invited and encouraged to sign this petition.

If you would like a copy of the petition to share with family and friends, please visit the Prince Albert Diocesan website, where a link to the petition is available in the slideshow at the top of the homepage. If you are collecting names on a petition, please send completed petition sheets to the Archdiocese of Regina by June 30. The address is at the bottom of the petition.

On the Diocesan website, using the same link to access the petition, you will find the recording of the 'MAiD for You?' presentation on the Diocesan Pastoral Care Page. It outlines the expansion of MAiD in Canada and explains why we should be concerned.

Again, please take a moment to sign the petition at the parish.

Click [here](#) to download a poster that can be printed on either letter sized or tabloid paper.

### **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**

Every year, we ask for your support for our Share Lent campaign, and every year, you pour your heart into it. It was no different with this year's *On Track for Justice* campaign. Across Canada, dioceses like yours facilitated the mobilization of thousands of the faithful who learnt about, connected with, felt for and, most significantly, gave generously to support our partners' efforts to build a world of justice and peace.

Our gratitude for this support and our indebtedness to you for it are too deep for us to encompass in our own words. Fortunately, we have some very eloquent help.

The Most Rev. Jon Hansen, bishop of Mackenzie-Fort Smith and member of our national council; Padre Dário Bossi, of the Churches and Mining Network; and several representatives of our Brazilian partner, *Justiça nos Trilhos*, pay a moving tribute to you and everyone who supported our campaign in this video:

<https://youtu.be/TGoCY0zt084>

We've also posted the video on [LinkedIn](#), [Facebook](#) and [Instagram](#). Please watch it to accept and our appreciation and gratitude and share it as widely as possible through your newsletter and/or social media channels. Thank you.

Yours in solidarity,

Minaz Kerawala

## **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>

The 2026 Vocations Spring Newsletter and Fr. Marco Ladao's Vocation story can be found on the Diocese website at the following link:

<https://www.padiocese.ca/vocations-commission>

## **PARISH, SCHOOL, AND GROUP EVENTS**

### **ST. THERESA PILGRIMAGE**

St. Theresa Church

Wakaw, SK

Sunday, June 14, 2026

Everyone Welcome!

8:30 a.m. Registration-Sale of Roses Begin

Religious Articles Store Opens

9:00 a.m. Outdoor Way of the Cross

9:45 a.m. Confessions

10:45 a.m. Indoor Mass

Religious Articles Blessed

12:00 p.m. Lunch Served - Cost \$10/person

10 and under Free

1:30 p.m Speaker: Deacon Rick Lucas  
Little Churches... Growing Faith... Big Hearts  
2:15 p.m. Indoor Adoration  
Healing Service  
Blessing of Religious Articles

Followed by Refreshments  
In The Church Basement  
Click [here](#) to download the poster.

### **2026 OUR LADY OF LOURDES SHRINE PILGRIMAGE EVENTS**

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

**Novena - July 6 - 14, July 15, July 16, August 15, September 8**

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

### **DUCK LAKE BLESSED SACRAMENT 150TH PARISH ANNIVERSARY**

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

We are inviting you to attend the 150th Anniversary of the Blessed Sacrament Parish in  
Duck Lake, SK on June 6th, 2026.

The itinerary of the day is as follows:

4:30pm - Mass at Blessed Sacrament Parish (508 Front St, Duck Lake)

Immediately following Mass will be a Procession to Stobart Community School

Following the Procession will be the Ceremonial Program at the Belle-A-Drome

6:30 - Supper at Duck Lake Belle-A-Drome (310 Second Ave South, Duck Lake)

7:30 - Entertainment

RSVP by May 25th, 2026, to the Duck Lake Parish Center at 306-467-2003 or contact Denis  
and Rachele Poirier at 306-467-2047.

Click [here](#) to download an updated copy of the poster.

### **OTHER EVENTS & ANNOUNCEMENTS**

#### **WOOMB CANADA**

WOOMB Canada is pleased to invite you to participate in "Menarche to Menopause:  
Health Advantages to Monitoring Fertility," presented virtually by Dr. Karen MacDonald, MD,  
CCFP, EM and Elizabeth Tanguay, RN, PNC(C). Learn how to support women who are  
monitoring their cycle using the Billings Ovulation Method® while unpacking the physiology  
and hormonal processes behind the ovulatory cycle. This course is offered in two parts.

Part 1: Thursday, June 11th, 2026 from 1900-2200 EDT on zoom.

Part 2: Thursday, June 18th, 2026 from 1900-2200 EDT on zoom.

Cost: \$150 for healthcare professionals, \$75 for students, payable to [treasurer@woomb.ca](mailto:treasurer@woomb.ca)

To register: <https://tinyurl.com/4nkrbyhz>

Once registration and payment are received, participants will be given a preliminary survey  
and readings to complete in preparation for the course. There will also be a post-course  
survey. Participation certificates will be provided. Family Physicians can claim Mainpro +  
points as an interprofessional educational activity under the non-certified activity category.

### **PILGRIMAGE - CUDWORTH**

Our Lady of Sorrows with Bishop Michael Smolinski C.Ss.R

June 13 2026

Long walk from Bodnari Church **10am**

To register for Long Walk see our website

Short walk from Spasa Cemetery **5 pm**

Vespers and Confessions **7 pm**

Stations of the Cross **8 pm**

June 14 2026

Matins and Confessions **9am**

Divine Liturgy **11am**

Lunch **1 pm**

Grave Blessing at Cudworth and Spasa 3 pm

To register, scan the QR code on the [poster](#), email [pilgrimage@hilofsorrows.ca](mailto:pilgrimage@hilofsorrows.ca) or go to [hilofsorrows.ca](http://hilofsorrows.ca)

### **200TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE MISSION OF MARY IMMACULATE**

The Missionary Oblates of Mary Immaculate are having a celebration this summer on July 5, 2026 in honour of the 200th anniversary of the Approval of our Rule of Life by the Church. The mass of thanksgiving and the Presentation on the Oblate Charism are open to the public and do not require a response. Requests for tickets for the 'Meet and Greet' and 'Supper' portion of the celebration are required by June 20th.

The Liturgy and the Presentation on the Oblate Charism will be live streamed via the St. Philip Neri (Saskatoon) website where the Liturgy and Presentation of the Oblate Charism will take place. Here is the link <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCQbcTFs7LEvIc-X0IKxJ8NA>

Click [here](#) to download the invitation letter.

### **SAINT PHILOMENA WALKING PILGRIMAGE**

The 8th annual St Philomena Walking Pilgrimage will start at Yorkton on August 11 and will finish at Our Lady of Lourdes shrine at Rama on Aug 14. This is a supported pilgrimage with arranged overnight stops, meals, and rest stops through the day. Transportation to the next rest stop is provided for those don't wish to walk the whole distance. Pilgrims can walk every day or just one day if they wish. Friday August 14 is our shortest day and the day we arrive in Rama. [www.stphilomena.ca](http://www.stphilomena.ca)

### **FACETOFACE MINISTRIES IGNITE JUNIOR CATHOLIC SUMMER CAMP**

August 18-20 | Grades 6-8

Cathedral of the Holy Family

For more information and to register, please scan the QR code on the [poster](#) or go to <https://facetofaceministries.ca/events/ignite-junior-sk-2026/>.

### **FESTIVAL OF FAITH 2026 - Updated**

The St. Philip Neri Parish Summer Festival of Faith, takes place in Saskatoon, July 8-14. Registration is now open!

Speakers: Fr. Ron Rolheiser, OMI, Eric A. Clayton, and others.

All are welcome. Free-will offering.

We eagerly welcome all who wish to attend one or more cost-free sessions during the festival. This year we welcome, as our featured presenters, our very own beloved Fr. Ron Rolheiser, OMI, as well as Eric A. Clayton, an award-winning author, storyteller, retreat leader, and the deputy director of communications for the Jesuit Conference of Canada and the USA.

*This year we request that all participants register for sessions prior to July 6th.*

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact us. We also welcome volunteers to help ensure a meaningful experience for all.

For more details, to register, or volunteer, visit the event site [here](#).  
Or visit the parish website at [stphilipneriparish.ca](http://stphilipneriparish.ca)

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

### **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.

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

Click [here](#) to read the March/April 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/>

### **SASK K OF C CHARITABLE FOUNDATION REPORTS RECORD FINANCIAL YEAR AND BOARD LEADERSHIP UPDATES**

For more information about the Foundation or its programs, visit [www.saskkofc.foundation](http://www.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)

## **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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