



DIOCESAN AND PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS

May 18, 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 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/communiqué-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 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 May 24 & 31 @ 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

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

OUR LADY OF LOURDES SHRINE AGM

The Our Lady of Lourdes Shrine Inc. is holding its Annual General Meeting on May 23, 2026, at 1:00 pm at the Duck Lake Regional Interpretive Centre, Duck Lake, SK. All those interested in finding out what is happening at the Shrine or is interested in joining our Board Committees are more than welcome to attend. For more information contact: Celine Perillat 306-467-2057.

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>

ST. JOSEPH CALASANCTIUS FALL SUPPER

On behalf of St. Joseph Calasanctius Parish, we are pleased to share that our Fall Supper will be held this year on October 18, 2026 at St. Joseph Calasanctius Hall. Please mark your calendars! We hope to see you there.

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 Rachelle Poirier at 306-467-2047.

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

OTHER EVENTS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

WOOMB CANADA - New!

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

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 - New!

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 or go to hilofsorrows.ca

200TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE MISSION OF MARY IMMACULATE - New!

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

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/>.

78TH ANNUAL CWL PROVINCIAL CONVENTION

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.

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 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

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

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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