

DIOCESAN AND PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS
October 5, 2026

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The bulletin announcements are brought to you from proceeds of the Bishop's Annual Appeal.

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EPISCOPAL

Read about Bishop Ken Thorson's 9 days in Rome at the following link: https://www.padiocese.ca/bishop-thorson-s-gallery

A post-ordination thank you letter from Bishop Ken Thorson, OMI can be found at 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/communique-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:
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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

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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 4, 11, 18 & 25 @ 9:00 a.m. - **New Mass Times**
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 - New!

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 **- New!**

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! 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. JOSEPH CALASANCTIUS ROMAN CATHOLIC PARISH 34TH ANNUAL FALL SUPPER - New!

St. Joseph Calasanctius Parish invites you to our Fall Supper on Sunday, October 18, from 4:30–7:00 p.m.
Join us in the parish hall at 1942 98th Street, North Battleford, for a homemade meal featuring turkey, ham, and all the trimmings.
Dine-in tickets are available at the door.
Tickets: Adults $15 • Youth (6–13) $7 • Family Rate $45 • Children 5 and under are free.

A limited number of take-out meals are available and must be pre-ordered by October 9.
Take-out meals are $15 each. Click here to download the poster.

ST. ODILON PARISH FALL SUPPER - Additional information added

3004 Saskatchewan Street Rosthern, SK.
October 18th 2 sittings – 4:30 p.m. and 6:00 p.m.
Advance Tickets only - $25 each
Menu – Ham, Turkey, Cabbage Rolls, Filipino dishes, Salads, Pies & more!
Tickets available at Good Habits Market in Rosthern
or by calling St. Odilon Parish at 306-232-4831 or Marianne Kramchynsky at 306-232-3275.
Payment by cash or E-transfer.
Raffle tickets are available for $5 each or 5 for $20.
The prizes are:

- **2 draws for a $250 Bigway Grocery gift card + $250 Co-op gift card**
- **Large homemade quilt**
- **2 Gift Baskets worth $200 & $100.**

Raffle Tickets are available from most parish members or call the Parish Office at 306-232-4831, please leave a message if the secretary is away.
Raffle Tickets will also be available at the Fall Supper. 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.etessier@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
October 16 November 20 December 18 Click here to download the poster.

OTHER EVENTS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

SEXAHOLICS ANONYMOUS New!
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/

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-FRANÇAISE 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.

MEDJUGORJE PILGRIMAGE
Many people who have visited Medjugorje in Bosnia Herzegovina have been touched by a strong feeling of God's peace, and the presence of Mother Mary. Medjugorje has a reputation for spiritual and physical healing. If God is calling you to experience such peace and healing, please consider joining us on a Medjugorje 'Pilgrimage of Peace' which will take place from October 12 to October 22, 2026. Price is $900 for the land portion of the pilgrimage. Air flights can be arranged with the help of Passport Travel in Calgary, margaret.passport@shaw.ca 404 256 9343. For more information contact Deacon Dave or Bev Hudy, dave@stphilomena.ca

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-danimation-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 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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