



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!

EPISCOPAL

A post-ordination thank you letter from Bishop Ken Thorson, OMI can be found at <https://www.padiocese.ca/bishop-thorsons-letters>

A message from Bishop 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>

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 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](#)

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

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

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 snippet 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 September 27 @ 11:00 a.m.

https://www.youtube.com/results?search_query=st.+theresa+parish+wakaw

<https://www.sttheresaparishwakaw.com/home>

PASTORAL CARE

<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

MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT, THE MOST REV. PIERRE GOUDREULT, ON THE COLLECTION FOR THE NEEDS OF THE CHURCH IN CANADA - **New!**

Dear sisters and brothers in Christ,

The **Collection for the Needs of the Church in Canada** will take place on 26 and 27 September 2026. Each year, this collection gives Catholics in every parish an opportunity to support the shared mission of the Church in our country. **When you give, your offering begins in your parish but does not end there.** It strengthens the mission of your diocese or eparchy and helps sustain the common work of the Bishops of Canada through the Canadian Conference of Catholic Bishops (CCCCB). In this way, Catholics in communities across the country support one another in a truly shared mission.

Through this common support, the Bishops of Canada are able to undertake work that no single diocese or eparchy could accomplish alone. **Your generosity helps families pass on the faith**, provides resources to children, young people, and parishes for evangelization and catechesis, strengthens the Church's welcome and accompaniment of migrants and refugees, supports people who are suffering or vulnerable, and promotes respect for human life and the dignity of every person.

National initiatives make this shared mission visible. The annual National Family and Life Week provides practical resources to help families, children, youth and parishes grow in faith and share the Gospel. The newly launched CCCB Service for Migrant and Refugee Ministry (Human Mobility) will strengthen the ability of dioceses, eparchies, and Catholic communities to welcome and accompany newcomers. These are concrete examples of what becomes possible when Catholics generously unite in service of the whole Church.

This collection is more than a local offering; it is an expression of communion and shared responsibility. Catholics not only support the mission of their own dioceses and eparchies, but join with believers across the country to carry forward this shared mission. **Whatever the size of your gift, it helps strengthen the Church locally and makes it possible to carry out the work of the mission from coast to coast.**

"Like good stewards of the manifold grace of God, serve one another with whatever gift each of you has received."

1 Peter 4:10

Development and Peace

New! An online event to add to your calendar!

Don't miss the **national launch webinar** hosted by Development and Peace — Caritas Canada (DPCC) to promote the mobilization campaign ***Is Canada on Track for Justice?***

Join us on Saturday, September 26, at 1:30 p.m. ET to discuss the impact of cuts to official development assistance and how to take action here in Canada:

- **Bishop Martin Laliberté**, member of the DPCC National Council;
- **Wesley Chibamba**, Advocacy Officer at Caritas Africa;
- **Dean Dettloff**, Advocacy and Research Officer at DPCC;
- **Lea Mannari**, Youth Programming Officer at DPCC.

To learn more and register, visit <https://devp.org/en/evenements/>

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 - New!

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.

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

CATHOLIC WOMEN'S WORKSHOP - SATURDAY OCTOBER 24, 2026 - New!

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

BLESSED SACRAMENT PARISH FALL SUPPER

Sunday October 4th, 2026

TIME: 5pm to 7pm

WHERE: Duck Lake - Bell-A-Drome Hall

(310 Second Avenue South)

COST: Adults \$30.00, Children (6-12) \$10.00

Children under 5 Free

PRE-ORDER TAKE-OUT

Denise or Lauriel

Call 306-467-2156 or Text 639-212-7666

50/50 Raffle Tickets

\$5/ticket - 3 prizes (25%, 15% & 10% of Ticket Sales)

ALL TICKETS AND MEALS ARE CASH ONLY PURCHASES

Come out and enjoy a fantastic meal that includes Roast Beef, Ham, Roast Turkey, Stuffing, Mashed Potatoes and Gravy, Vegetables, Assorted Salads, Assorted pies and Desserts, Coffee, Tea or Juice.

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

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

TAPESTRAMA CULTURAL FESTIVAL - New!

September 26 & 27, 2026 12:00 to 7:00pm at the PA Exhibition Center (815 Exhibition Drive, PA, SK)

- Cultural Performances
- Merchandise Vendors
- Other information booths/ displays

2 DAYS OF CULTURAL SHARING AND LEARNING....

FREE ADMISSION | OPEN TO EVERYONE

PRESENTED BY: PRINCE ALBERT MULTICULTURAL COUNCIL

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

RIDE FOR REFUGE

The RIDE is a family-friendly fundraising ride/walk where we gather for local charities that support people who are seeking hope, safety, + freedom all across Canada. **Join us**

Saturday, Oct 3, 2026!

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

INTERNATIONAL ANNUAL LIFE CHAIN IN PRINCE ALBERT

Be Courageous ~ Stand for Life

Sunday, October 4th, 2026

Meet at Kinsmen Park at 1:45 pm, Proceed to 2nd Ave and stand until 3:00 pm as prayerful witness to the dignity of all Life.

To be followed by a time of fellowship

Sponsored by Prince Albert Right to Life

Contact Valerie with any questions or to RSVP 306-981-3803

Called to Serve – Catholic Health Association of Saskatchewan (CHAS)

The Catholic Health Association of Saskatchewan (CHAS) invites applications for its Board of Directors. Guided by our vision of a Catholic community empowered to continue Christ's healing ministry, CHAS is currently focused on strengthening palliative care and building stronger bridges between Catholic health care and our dioceses.

We are seeking individuals with expertise in Board Governance, Financial Management, Catholic Health Care, Ethics, or Advocacy. Facilitating board participation from all the dioceses in Saskatchewan is a priority that is supported by virtual meeting options.

To learn more or submit an application, please visit chassk.ca or contact Peter Oliver, Executive Director at peter@chassk.ca or 306-955-2427. Deadline: September 23, 2026.

DIOCESE OF SASKATOON - VERBUM DEI MISSIONARIES RETREAT

"Put out into deep water." Luke 5:4

Come and join us for a weekend retreat..

Date: September 25 (5:30pm) till September 27 (11:00am)

Place: Living Waters Camp Adamson Lake, north of Saskatoon

Cost: \$285 (includes accommodations and meals)

Please bring your own bedsheets/linens, towels, pillows, toiletries

Kindly click the link to register: <https://forms.gle/PnA1z8erqjrHU3LJ7> E-transfer registration fee to: verbumdeisk.ca@gmail.com

Organized by: Verbum Dei Missionaries

Please contact: Sr. Marta or Sr. Sol - (306) 659-5843

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

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-FRANCAISE 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.
- Happy Hour on September 25 at the SCFPA Event Room - Details to follow.

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-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 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.

Our next retreat in Saskatchewan will be held on October 2-4, 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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