DIOCESAN AND PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS

April 27, 2026

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please call Nicole at 306-922-4747, ext. 228, or email her at ecassistant@padiocese.ca to subscribe.

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/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

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

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

A Conversation on Canada's MAiD Expansion to Mental Health and What's at Stake

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 seek hope

Join the conversation across Saskatchewan:
May 11 - Saskatoon
May 12 - Prince Albert
May 13 - Yorkton
May 14 - Weyburn
May 15 - Moose Jaw
May 16 - Regina

Free to attend. All are welcome.

RVSP and learn more at hopedoesnotexpire.ca

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 3, 10, 17, 24 & 31 @ 11:00 a.m. - **New Mass Times**
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
New! 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

YOUTH AND YOUNG ADULT MINISTRY

PRINCE ALBERT DIOCESE, YOUTH AND YOUNG ADULT MINISTRY
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 150TH PARISH ANNIVERSARY - Updated information and poster

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 Processionto 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 April 30th, 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.

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.

OTHER EVENTS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

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.

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-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/
SASK K OF C CHARITABLE FOUNDATION REPORTS RECORD FINANCIAL YEAR AND BOARD LEADERSHIP UPDATES - **New!**
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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