



DIOCESAN AND PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS

March 9, 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 Share Lent 2026 in [English/French](#).

As per Msgr. Maurice's request, please find the [message](#) from the President of the Assembly of Western Catholic Canadian Bishops (AWCB), Archbishop Stephen A. Hero, concerning the recent tragedy in Tumbler Ridge, British Columbia.

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>

JOURNEY THROUGH LENT

The Fourth Sunday of Lent video of the series titled "Journey through Lent" is now available on the CCCB website:

in English: <https://www.cccb.ca/lent/>

in French: <https://www.cecc.ca/careme/>

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](#)

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

CHRISM MASS

Click [here](#) to read the Chrism Mass letter which includes the info about the Mass.

Click [here](#) to download the registration form for the Chrism Mass.

Click [here](#) to download/ print the Diocesan Choir invite for the Chrism Mass.

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>

WHOLEHEARTED: A WORKSHOP FOR HEALING LIFE'S PAINFUL EXPERIENCES IS BEING OFFERED IN EACH DEANERY

WholeHearted is a parish-based resource focused on the impact of life's painful experiences on our mental health and spiritual well-being. The workshop will be held in Deanery 2 on March 21, 2026, from 1:00 – 4:30 p.m. at St. André Apôtre parish in North Battleford. The workshop includes brief content, private reflection, suggested practices, discussion, and spiritual reflection. This Deanery Two event is sponsored by the Bishop's Annual Appeal. There is no cost to attend. To register or for more information, please get in touch with the Diocesan Office or click on the QR Code on the poster. Coffee and a small snack will be provided. Please bring a reusable travel coffee mug/water bottle. The registration link is: <https://forms.gle/FhGn9aPD7JN6FnBY8>

The workshop includes brief content, private reflection, suggested practices, discussion, and spiritual reflection. It is not clinical or professional therapy. The Bishop's Annual Appeal sponsors the Diocesan Mental Health Ministry, which is offering the WholeHearted Workshop. For more information, contact Nicole at ecassistant@padiocese.ca. To register, please click the link for the workshop you wish to attend, or call Nicole at 306-922-4747 ext. 228. Coffee and a small snack will be provided. Please bring a reusable travel coffee mug or water bottle.

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 March 15, 22 @ 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>

The information for the diocesan WholeHearted workshops in each deanery has been moved to the 'Mental Health Ministry' section of the bulletin announcements.

HUDSON BAY (DEANERY TWO) HORIZONS OF HOPE WORKSHOP - **Change of date**

Monday and Tuesday, March 23 and 24, from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. each day

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.

St. Dominic Parish in Hudson Bay will host this 2-day workshop on Monday and Tuesday, March 23 and 24, from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. each day. The Bishop's Annual Appeal is the sponsor of this workshop. There is no charge for the workshop materials or for attending. Please REGISTER with Loree Ann at (306) 865-6106 to aid in planning for the day, or by contacting Christine Taylor at 306-922-4747 or catechetics@padiocese.ca. Participants are asked to bring their own 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

Development and Peace — Caritas Canada is in the midst of its 2026 Share Lent campaign, *On Track for Justice*. The campaign will introduce Canadians to our Brazilian partner, *Justiça nos Trilhos* (JnT; Justice on Rails) and the people it serves. These are rural communities whose lives are disrupted by industrial pollution; industrial agriculture; one of the world's largest open-pit iron mines; and the operation of the Carajás Railway, which connects the mine to a port nearly 900 kilometres away. It's a richly detailed campaign that touches on issues social and ecological justice. Its success will require the full attention and engagement of the faithful across Canada. And to get those, we need your help. We are hoping you will promote the following through your newsletter, social media channels and other communications platforms. Materials and further information are available on the Development and Peace website: <https://devp.org/en/>

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>

Click [here](#) to read the November 2025 Vocations newsletter.

YOUTH AND YOUNG ADULT MINISTRY

PRINCE ALBERT DIOCESE, YOUTH AND YOUNG ADULT MINISTRY

WORLD YOUTH DAY 2027 - SEOUL, SOUTH KOREA

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. Our group will begin meeting and preparing together starting January 2026.

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

STE. JEANNE D'ARC PANCAKE BREAKFAST

April 12th, 2026 10am - 1pm

Progressive 50/50 Draw Win up to \$2500.00! Only 250 tickets available! Various Raffle Prizes available!

Adults: \$15.00 10 & under: \$12.00 5 & under: free

Domremy Community Hall

Lottery License #SR25-5294

ST. JOSEPH'S CALASANCTIUS LENTEN RETREAT

SPONSORED BY ST. JOSEPH CALASANCTIUS' CATHOLIC WOMEN LEAGUE AND DEANERY 5
The Suffering Servant

Come and join us for this faith-filled and inspiring retreat.

14 MARCH, 2026 10:00 AM - 4:00 PM

Free Admission (Silver collection)

Please bring your own lunch

Guest speaker **REV. FR. STEFANO PENNA**

Schedule

Mass: 10 am

Talk 1: 10:45 am - 12 pm

Talk 2: 1 pm - 2:30 pm

Anointing and Adoration: 2:30 - 4 pm

Confessions during adoration

St. Joseph Calasanctius Parish

1942 98th Street, North Battleford, Sk S9A 0N4

Tel: (306) 446 - 1695

More Information about Fr. Stefano Pena: <https://youtube.com/@fr.stefanopenna8030>

JOB OPPORTUNITY - PART-TIME CARETAKER

St. Joseph Calasanctius Parish is looking for a part-time caretaker for the Church.

For more details, or to apply for this position, please contact the parish office at

306-446-1695 or st.josephcalasanctius_nb@padiocese.ca

OUR LADY OF LOURDES SHRINE ANNUAL FUNDRAISING SUPPER

Saturday May 2, 2026

St. Joseph's Church Hall

206-25th Street East

Prince Albert, Sk

Doors open 4:30pm Supper at 6pm Cost \$30.00 per person

For Tickets or information please contact: Trina Fauchoux @ 306-467-7270

MSP/AMSP LENTEN RETREAT

AMSP/MSP AND FRIENDS invite YOU to....

A LENTEN RETREAT

A spiritual retreat for Spiritual Growth and Healing

St. Therese Parish, LEOVILLE, Sk.

Saturday, March 28th, 2026

10:00 am - 3:30 pm

Registration 9:30-10:00 am

- **Morning Prayer (Divine Office).**
- **Talk by Fr. Peter Paase, MSP.**
- **Personal Prayer and Confession.**
- **Lunch (Silver Collection)**
- **Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament.**
- **HEALING SERVICE by Fr. Frederick Akah, MSP.**

- **Benediction.**
- **Mass: Fr. Uche Umechikelu, MSP.**

Kindly invite your friends and family members and indicate how many will be coming (*for food preparation*) when you register.

Register by Thursday, March 26, 2026

Fr Peter Paase - 306-441-9985 Email: kumashepaase@hotmail.com **-or Germaine Vany**

- 306-398-7601 Email: germvany@sasktel.net

THE SPIRITUALITY OF AGING : AGING WITH GRACE & WISDOM

12 Discussion group sessions based on the book - 12 Keys to Spiritual Vitality by Richard P. Johnson, PhD.

This short course facilitated by John Kreiser and Fr. Michael Averyt will provide practical tools and strategies to examine the very real challenges of aging and to do so with wisdom, joy and a good measure of humour.

Beginning March 17, 2026, at St. Michael parish 1:00 to 2:30 pm Every Tuesday from March 17 to June 02, 2026.

Please register in advance at St. Michael Parish (306) 763-5658 (Registration will be limited to 15 people)

*For further details please contact John Kreiser @ (306) 961-3252

Books are available at the Diocesan Resource Center \$20.00 each

GRIEF SHARE

St. Joseph Calasanctius in North Battleford will be hosting Grief Share sessions starting February 2, 2026. Sessions run every Monday for 13 weeks, except for Easter Monday. Click [here](#) to download/print the poster.

OTHER EVENTS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

DIOCESE OF SASKATOON - RADIANT WITH HIM RETREAT - New!

"Radiant With Him" Women's Retreat April 17-18 hosted at St. John Bosco Parish, 1202 Avenue O South, Saskatoon, will be held 7 p.m. to 9:30 p.m. Friday, April 17 and 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Saturday April 18. All women are invited to attend to encounter God, build a Christ-centered community and radiate God's glory. Register online at: <https://radiantwithhim.eventbrite.com>. Cost is \$60 for the full retreat, or \$15 for Friday only. For inquiries, contact Ruth Brown at (306) 227-7577.

EASTER TEA & BAKE SALE - New!

St. George's Ukrainian Catholic Hall 752 - 14th Street West
Saturday, March 28, 2026 1:00 - 3:00 p.m.

For Sale:

- Paskas & Babkas
- Pampushky (Poppy Seed & Prune)
- Perogies & Cabbage Rolls
- Butter Lambs
- Borscht
- Scuffles, Homemade Baking
- Pysanky

Please bring own carry out bags

Door Prize Elevator Available

Admission \$3.00

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

CATHOLIC FAMILY SERVICES - New!

LIFE IMPROVEMENT PROGRAMS

WINTER 2026

ACTIVE PARENTING OF TEENS

Dates: Saturday March 14th and Sunday March 15th 2026

Times: 1:00 PM to 4:00 PM both Saturday and Sunday

Location: Calvary United Church Basement 114 25th Street East

Registration is \$25/person, snacks, transportation available.

To register call 306-922-3202 or email cfspa@sasktel.net

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Click [here](#) to learn more information about the program and download/print the poster.

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-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://saskko.fc.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

Rachel's Vineyard Retreat April 24-26, 2026, Saskatoon, SK.

Our next retreat in Saskatoon, Saskatchewan will be held on April 24-26, 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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