



September 10, 2020

Compassionate Healers Mass - September 20, 2020

To Pastors, Pastoral Care Ministers, and Parishes,

Greetings to all of you as summer gives way to fall and all the activities it brings!

Every year in September, in a special Sunday celebration, we invite our parishes to recognize all the caregivers who serve at home and all those working in the health care system. Since the spring of this year, the Covid-19 pandemic has made us more aware of the care given by our doctors, nurses, hospital and clinic staff, paramedics, and frontline medical support persons.

So, once again, we would ask that Sunday, September 20 be set aside in your parish to acknowledge this vocation and to offer a special blessing and commissioning. Attached is a letter from Catholic Health Association of Saskatchewan offering details with a supporting document for a Ritual of Commissioning of Caregivers that can be used in each parish at the weekend services.

As well, St. Joseph Parish in Prince Albert has accepted to host the diocesan celebration of the 2020 Compassionate Healers Mass for the diocese. If someone you know is not able to participate at their local parish, we invite you to take part in the live-streamed diocesan Mass on Facebook at 10:00 a.m. on Sunday, September 20. It will be posted on the diocesan website later in the day, if a different time is more suitable.

Prayerfully wishing all the best of this month. Our gratitude and God's blessings to our caregivers.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

+Albert Thévenot M. Aft.
Bishop of Prince Albert

To help our people rediscover Christ, the incarnate word of God because we are all called to holiness'