

# Roman Catholic Diocese of Prince Albert

## Vocations Commission

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### Canoe Trip

Last Year the Vocations Commission hosted a Vocations Canoe Trip for five young men and Fr. Travis Myrheim and Fr. Jim Kaptein. It was a huge success. Everyone had a great time, and there were some very thought-provoking discussions around the campfire. This year they are thinking of doing something similar. Our plan is to leave Prince Albert, on Monday, August 17, drive up to Stanley Mission and travel by canoe to Nistowiak Falls, and return to Prince Albert on Saturday, Aug 22. If you are a young man aged 18-30 and would like to encounter God in the great Canadian north then please contact Fr. Travis at [vocations@padiocese.ca](mailto:vocations@padiocese.ca) or phone Fr. Jim at 306 764-4637. The trip will be limited to 12 paddlers. Although these is a trip for young men, if enough young women express interest and separate trip will be planned.

### World Day of Consecrated Life 2020

Initiated in 1997 by Saint John Paul II, the World Day for Consecrated Life is celebrated annually on February 2nd, the Feast of the Presentation of the Lord. St. John Paul gave as the purpose of this World Day: “to help the entire Church to esteem ever more greatly the witness of those persons who have chosen to follow Christ by means of the practise of the evangelical counsels” as well as “to be a suitable occasion for consecrated persons to renew their commitment and rekindle the fervour which should inspire their offering of themselves to the Lord.”

To mark this 24th World Day for Consecrated Life the Vocation Commission planned a time of Eucharistic adoration from 2-4p.m. Sunday afternoon February 2nd at St. Mark’s parish in P.A., for all the P.A. parishes. Deacon Lynn Ryan presided at our time of adoration. Janice Trudel, Lahna Holodniuk and Jackie Groves provided beautiful praise and worship music to accompany our times of silent meditation. It was a wonderful opportunity for us to show gratitude to consecrated men and women by praying for God’s continued blessing upon them and by praying that many others would hear and respond to the call of Consecrated Life.



### Videos of interest:

Star Wars vs Star Trek – A battle of the churches

<https://youtu.be/0mTm0nAJiME>

SciFi and Faith – Are there Saints in Star Wars or Star Trek?  
with Fr. Jim Kaptein and Fr. Travis Myrheim

<https://youtu.be/SVJaQT8CegM>

Camino de Santiago – A Vocation Journey with Sr. Evelyn

<https://youtu.be/0cMXf9hrj84>

The Harvest is plentiful: Vocations, Chastity and the voice of the Good Shepherd.  
Fr. Marc Cramer about Vocations <https://youtu.be/xkUK0Tmmx4g>



## 2019-2020 Permanent Deacon Aspirants

For the past 3 to 4 years there have been a group of men who have been on the journey to become Permanent Deacons. After this intense period of study and preparation they are now ready to take the next step. Their ordination has been scheduled for Monday, Aug 10, (Feast of St. Lawrence, the patron saint deacons) at 7:00pm at Sacred Heart Cathedral (Providing some of the restrictions surrounding COVID 19 have been lifted). Please take some time to pray for the following five men.



My name is Ron Johnson. My wife Darlene and I have been married for 41 years. We reside in Shellbrook where we have lived for the past 24 years.

I enjoy golfing, camping, fishing, gardening, and when I can, I enjoy SCUBA diving.

I retired from Saskpower at the end of 2017 after 43 years as a power lineman.

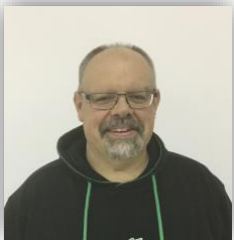
I have been in the Permanent Deacon program for the past two and a half years. The spiritual and personal growth both Darlene and I have experienced over that time has truly been a blessing. I look forward to continuing my formation, and to serving our Parish communities as a Deacon.

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I, Harry and Germaine Lafond have lived in Muskeg Lake Cree Nation for the past 41 years and continue to be active in the community on many levels including managing the local church with Father Frederick Akah. The most enjoyable part of becoming a grandparent are the years of being hugged by those grandchildren. The Deacon program has provided us with an opportunity to further learn and explore our church. It is providing us with an opportunity to deepen our service to the people of the church.

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My name is Richard Lucas and as of July 7<sup>th</sup>, 2020, my wife Yvonne and I will have been married for 30 years. We have three adult children and 2 grandchildren. Currently we are teachers living North East of Lloydminster but are transitioning to retirement. We plan on moving to our cabin at Wakaw Lake and making St. Theresa Parish in Wakaw our home. I love to cook, dance and sing with my wife, plan to write and love to read. I have thoroughly enjoyed getting to know everyone in the Diaconate program: Fr. Michael Averyt, Renske Averyt, my fellow aspirants and their wives.

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My name is Bill Thibeault. Lorraine and I have been married 43 years. We have three adult children, but as of yet no grandchildren. We have lived in Meadow Lake the past four years. I enjoy hunting and fishing and the occasional round of golf. The diaconate program is enjoyable and a tremendous learning experience, it really makes one think about relationship with God and with others.

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My name is Paul Joy and I have been a member of the Prince Albert Diocese since 2002 when I moved here from the Northwest Territories. I was born and raised in Newfoundland. I have been married to my wife Nicole for almost 24 years. Nicole was born and raised in Tisdale, Saskatchewan. We have lived in Prince Albert since 2005 with our 5 children. We have 3 sons (Reagan 20, Rainier 13 and Rainvel 13) and 2 daughters (Kiera 18 and Taryn 15). I am a retired member of the R.C.M.P who continues to work on contract with the R.C.M.P. while teaching as well. My wife Nicole is a Pharmacist. I have been discerning for the past 5 years and I am looking very forward to becoming a member of the Prince Albert Diocese Permanent Diaconate. I look forward to serving everyone. Paul

This summer our diocese has the honour once again of ordaining men to the Permanent Diaconate. The celebration was postponed and will most likely be invite only, but it will be at Sacred Heart Cathedral on August 10, the feast of St. Lawrence. As a way of showing our solidarity with him we are asking all parishes to provide a spiritual bouquet.

**I would ask all the priests to bring the Spiritual Bouquet to the ordination Mass or, if unable to attend, to mail it to the diocese.**

**Please use one of the following announcements to promote the Spiritual Bouquet.**

People often ask, what do clergy need the most? Invariably, the answer is: Money, Books, Vestments or one of the latest electronic gadgets. But what they really need is prayer - for it is the prayer of the people that will sustain them in their ministry. To this end, we are asking every parish to create a spiritual bouquet that can be part of an offering to Our Deacons at their Ordination.

Some may be asking, "What is a Spiritual Bouquet?" Spiritual Bouquets are prayers or devotional acts that someone (the giver) has or will offer for someone else (the recipient). The idea is that each prayer is like a flower, and combined prayers are a bouquet offered to the individual. It can be given from an individual or a parish to express joy and/or best wishes. The Vocations Commission suggests that a large card be made from heavy paper, perhaps with a bouquet of flowers on it, with perhaps a scripture verse. Along the sides should be the signatures of those pledging, along with the action they are pledging: be it a Rosary, Holy Hour, Days of Fasting, Act of Charity, Special Novenas, or any other spiritual action. It is our hope that they will keep these bouquets close to his heart for the rest of their life.

