

Prince Albert DIOCESE de Prince Albert
Vocations Commission des Vocations



Go, and make disciples of all nations.
Allez! De toutes les nations faites des disciples.
Matthew 28:19

Roman Catholic Diocese of Prince Albert

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In the beginning of the Year of Jubilee Bishop Stephen Hero instituted the Jubilee Cross-Anchor program. It is a symbol of what will be happening in this next year...a year of Jubilee. Historically, in the scriptures, a year of Jubilee took place every 7 times 7 years or 50 years. It was a time when: 1--all debts were forgiven, 2--people who were sold into slavery were freed, and 3--land was returned to ancestral families.

In the Roman Catholic tradition, a Jubilee Year, or Holy Year, is a great religious event. It is a year of forgiveness of sins. It is a year of reconciliation between adversaries. It is a year of conversion and receiving the Sacrament of Reconciliation. It is a year of solidarity, hope, justice, commitment to serve God with joy and in peace with our brothers and sisters. The Jubilee year is above all the year of Christ, who brings life and grace to humanity.

The Jubilee Logo consists of:

- 1--figures representing people from the four corners of the earth, embracing the solidarity that unites humanity.
- 2--The Cross is the sign of faith that embraces and of hope that can never be abandoned.
- 3--The waves remind us that the pilgrimage of life does not always move in calm waters.
- 4--The lower part of the Cross extends into an anchor, a universal symbol of hope.
- 5--The pilgrim's journey is not individual, but rather a communal experience.

Why an anchor? A Ship is an old symbol of the Church. We toss an anchor overboard when we do not want a boat to move, whether it is in still waters, like mooring overnight, or during a storm. The anchor keeps the boat fixed to the earth. A perfect symbol for our relationship with Jesus Christ. We want to be fixed, or rooted to him, during a storm, and we want to be rooted to him in the peaceful moments of our lives.

When we throw the anchor overboard, it sinks to the bottom of the sea, it is a reminder that Jesus Christ our hope, who during his death, hung onto the anchor, and went to the bottom of the sea of darkness, and through his resurrection brought up with him all who had no hope. In short, our faith anchors our soul in Jesus.

We are called to be pilgrims of Hope, a sign of God's hope and love that is so needed in our world. But we also need to remember that pilgrimages are not just made to sacred places like St. Laurent Shrine, St. Theresa in Wakaw, Sacred Heart Cathedral and Notre Dame de Lourdes in North Battleford. We also can make a pilgrimage to the dark and lonely places of peoples' souls. Which means as pilgrims of hope, we may need to journey with someone in need, who is just beside us.

As the Jubilee Cross-Anchor makes its way across the diocese, people are invited to write an intercession that will travel around the Diocese and be present at Mass closing the year of Jubilee on Sunday, Dec 28 at Sacred Heart Cathedral.



Pilgrimage of the Jubilee Cross-Anchor

Since December 27, 2024, The Jubilee Cross-Anchor has traveled through the parishes, schools and other local locations in Deanery 1, 3 and 4. The hope is that it will visit every parish in the Diocese, as well as the Catholic Schools and the Diocesan Pilgrimage sites. The Cross-Anchor will travel through Deanery 2 after Easter. It will be in Deaneries 5 and 6 in the fall finishing it's Pilgrimage on December 28, 2025 at Sacred Heart Cathedral in Prince Albert. For more information of the Jubilee Cross-Anchor see the website at the following link: <https://www.padiocese.ca/2025-jubilee-pilgrims-of-hope> or follow the Cross-Anchor on Facebook at [Prince Albert Jubilee](#).



World Day of Prayer for Consecrated Life February 2nd, 2025 Sr. Evelyn Nedelec pm

To highlight this special day, the Vocation Commission of the Diocese held a celebration at the Sacred Heart Cathedral from 2:00 – 4:00 pm. During this time, we had reflections, prayer, adoration, music, and reconciliation. The reflections were based on Pope Francis' Exhortation for the Jubilee Year, *Hope Does Not Disappoint*. Young people from the youth group in Albertville led the reflections. Bishop Stephen Hero gave a brief but inspiring talk about Christ as our Hope, sharing with us three of his reasons to remain hopeful. The celebration ended with a special blessing for the group going to Rome for the Jubilee Youth Days. The afternoon was followed with a lunch and fellowship.



Come and visit the Vocations Commission at the 20th Anniversary of the Prince Albert Downtown Street Fair June 14, 2025.

The Jubilee Cross-Anchor will be there.

Join Bishop Stephen Hero and Father Maurice Fiolleau 2025 Jubilee: The Holy Year

Pilgrimage to Rome, Vatican City and Assisi from December 10 –18 during the 2025 Jubilee Holy Year. Visit the 7 Jubilee churches, the Sistine Chapel, the Vatican Museum and the Catacombs. Mass celebrated daily. Free time to see the sights of Rome. Travel to Assisi, the home of St. Francis where Mass will be celebrated. For more information, please contact Father Maurice Fiolleau at 306-763-5658 or 306-922-4747 ext. 224.



The poster is yellow with a large white 'W' shape in the center containing a black and white photo of people with their hands raised. Text includes 'Youth Rally' in script, 'FLAMES OF HOPE' in large red letters, 'FOR AGES 12+' in a red circle, and event details: '24 MAY 2025 SATURDAY 9 AM - 5 PM' and 'JOHN PAUL II COLLEGIATE, NORTH BATTLEFORD'. It also features a QR code, a registration fee of \$25, contact information, and the Diocese of Prince Albert logo.

24 MAY 2025 SATURDAY 9 AM - 5 PM

JOHN PAUL II COLLEGIATE, NORTH BATTLEFORD

REGISTRATION FEE: \$25 CALL: 306 922.4747 EXT. 232

REGISTER NOW AT WWW.PADIOCESE.CA/YOUTH EMAIL: YOUTH@PADIOCESE.CA

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Save the Date

**Vocations Walk
Tuesday, July 15, 2025**

Once again this year we will pilgrimage by walking with the Cross-Anchor from Duck Lake to Our Lady of Lourdes Shrine. This is a 11-12 km distance with stops for prayer along the way. We start at noon from Blessed Sacrament Parish in Duck Lake and arrive at the Shrine just after 4:00 pm.

Enter to Win

Finish the Limerick

In the Jubilee year, all were free,
Debts forgiven, as far as could be.
Land was returned,
And justice was earned,
(complete last line!)

Argentina's Heart is our Pope
His Jubilee Call is true hope
Joy, mercy, holiness
The virtues to possess
(complete last line!)

Instructions: Finish each limerick with line 5. the last word in line 5 must rhyme with Line 1 and 2.

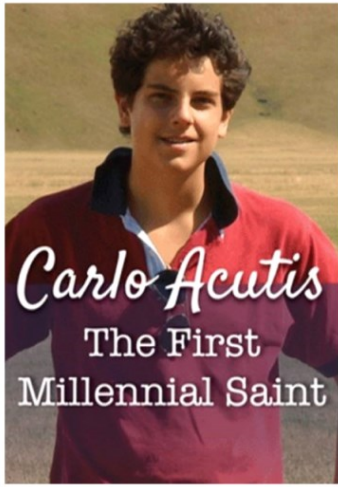
Submissions must include your name, address, email address and the best method to contact you.

(if under 18 please submit parental consent)

Must live in the Roman Catholic Diocese of Prince Albert to enter.

The winner will enjoy a meal with members of the Vocations Commission.

Blessed Carlo Acutis and His Path to Sainthood



Carlo Acutis, a young Italian teenager who died at the age of 15, is on the path to sainthood in the Roman Catholic Church. His remarkable story, full of faith, love for technology, and devotion to the Eucharist, continues to inspire millions around the world. Carlo's journey to being declared "Blessed" is an example of how holiness can be found in the modern world, even through technology.

Born on May 3, 1991, in London, Carlo's family soon moved back to Milan, where Carlo grew up. From a young age, Carlo displayed a deep love for the Catholic faith. He regularly attended Mass and was especially devoted to the Eucharist, often visiting the Blessed Sacrament for long periods. He called the Eucharist his "highway to heaven" and considered it the most important part of his life. Carlo's faith wasn't just personal; he wanted to share it with others, and he found a unique way to do so through technology.

Carlo had a passion for computers and quickly became skilled in coding and design. He saw technology, particularly the internet, as a powerful tool to spread the Gospel. His most notable project was a website dedicated to cataloging Eucharistic miracles. Carlo traveled the world to photograph and document these events, where bread and wine were believed to have transformed into the body and blood of Christ. His website made these miracles accessible to anyone interested, showing how modern technology could be used to deepen faith.

In 2006, at the age of 15, Carlo was diagnosed with leukemia. Even as his health deteriorated, he remained unwavering in his faith. He offered his suffering for the Pope and the Church and found peace in the idea of being close to Jesus. Just before he passed away on October 12, 2006, Carlo expressed his happiness about dying, saying, "I am happy to die because I will be with Jesus." His death was a profound testimony to his deep connection with God.

After his death, Carlo's life began to inspire others. His dedication to the Eucharist, his innovative use of technology, and his youthful devotion caught the attention of the Catholic Church. In 2013, the Vatican started the process for his beatification. Carlo was officially beatified on October 10, 2020, after the Vatican recognized a miracle attributed to his intercession. A young boy who had been seriously ill was reportedly healed after his family prayed for Carlo's help. This miracle led to Carlo's beatification, signifying that he lived a life of exceptional holiness.

Carlo's canonization process is still ongoing but the date has been set for April 27, 2025 and he is now recognized as a model of holiness for young people today. His example proves that anyone, regardless of age, can be a saint. Carlo used his love for technology to share the faith, showing that sanctity can be lived out in the modern world. His upcoming sainthood will inspire future generations to integrate their faith into their daily lives, just as Carlo did.

Easter Vocations Calendar 2025

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
20 – Easter Thank Jesus for rising from the dead and offering you	21 - Study the Logo 	22 - Read about the history of the Year of Jubilee in Leviticus Chapter 25.	23 - Read chapter 1-3 in Book of Tobit.	24 – Look up what the Catechism of the Catholic Church (CCC) says about pilgrimages 1674, 2691	25 - Look up Catholic saints online learn about a saint you have never heard of.	26 - Perform a work of mercy and penance. Do some
27 – When you go to Mass today, make a point of saying hi to your parish priest.	28 – Study the Logo-- The figures represent humanity from the four corners of the earth, embracing in the solidarity	29 - Remember Hope, never disappoints because hope is based on “God’s love which has been poured into our	30 - Read chapter 4-6 in Book of Tobit.	1 – Look up what the CCC says about hope (1812-1845)	2 – Look up, and learn something new about St. Christopher	3 - Perform a work of mercy and penance. Do some
4 – When you go to Mass today make a point of praying for Bishop Stephen.	5 – Study the Logo-- The Cross is the sign of faith that embraces and of hope that can never	6 - 2025 is the 1700 th anniversary of the First Council of Nicaea, which gave us	7 - Read chapter 7-9 in Book of Tobit.	8 – What does the Diocesan website say about	9 – Look up online who the patron saints of pilgrims are.	10 - Perform a work of mercy and penance.
11 – When you go to Mass today make a point of praying for Pope Francis.	12 – Study the Logo - The waves remind us that the pilgrimage of life does not always	13 – Find a copy of the Jubilee prayer and spend some time meditating on it	14 - Read chapter 10-12 in Book of Tobit.	15 – Forgiveness of debt has always been an aspect of Jubilee Take a moment to forgive	16 – Feast of St. Bernadette. Take a moment to read the history of Lourdes	17 – Perform a work of mercy and penance.
18 – When you go to Mass today make a point of praying that the Holy Spirit fill you with	19 – Study the Logo - The lower part of the Cross extends into an anchor, a universal symbol of hope.	20 – Go to the Diocesan website and find the 4 pilgrimage sites in our diocese. Visit one this summer.	21 - Read chapter 13-14 in Book of Tobit.	22 – In a way the Stations of the cross were a pilgrimage for Jesus. Pray the Stations of the Cross	23 – We are pilgrims of hope. Look up and learn something new about the patron of hopeless cases.	24 - Perform a work of mercy and penance. Do some
25 – Feast of St. Mark. Read I Peter 5:12-14.	26 – Study the Logo - The pilgrim’s journey is not individual, but a communal one.	27 - Last day of Jubilee for Teenagers. Please pray for them.	28 – First of two days for Jubilee of People with	29 – During the year of Jubilee pray the Rosary today and ask Mary to accompany	30 – St. Jude is the patron saint of hope. Read the book of Jude in the Bible. (only 1 page)	31 - Perform a work of mercy and penance.
1 – Feast of St. Joseph the Worker. Visit a Church of	2 – Study the Logo – Determine how you can be Pilgrim of Hope for someone else.	3 – Feast of Philip and James. Read James chapter 2.	4 – Last day of Jubilee of Workers. Please pray for	5 - Jubilee of Entrepreneurs. Please pray for all	6 – Look up what the communion of saints means. (CCC 946-962)	7 - Perform a work of mercy and penance.
8– Pentecost Pray that you receive the Holy Spirit just as						