

Roman Catholic Diocese of Prince Albert Vocations Commission

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Sisters of the Presentation of Mary

An announcement from Sr. April Marie Mireau, Sisters of the Presentation of Mary

I'd like to take this opportunity to share with you this short video that was made for the occasion of my vows and our 225th anniversary.

<https://youtu.be/P24MKVONTuk>



Bishop Stephen Hero presented Fr. Travis Myrheim with the Sacred Heart Medal on June 17, 2021 at the Vocations Commission Meeting.

Keep an eye out for this poster in your parish.

Please pray for all Vocations. As well as for Seminarians Deacon Tai Le and Sedale “Dale Rosillo.

SAVE THE DATE
January 30, 2022
 February 2nd, 2022 is World Day of Prayer for Consecrated Life. We will celebrate it on **January 30, 2022**

In order to learn more about Consecrated Life, and to pray for those individuals who have been called to this life, and for an increase in Vocations to the Consecrated Life, the diocese is hosting a 2-hour adoration, January 30th, 2022, at St. Michael Parish in Prince Albert, (1505-13th Street West) from 2:00 pm-4:00 pm.

There will be music, scripture, and reflections on the Consecrated life. Due to Covid restrictions, although this is a diocesan celebration, we are not recommending people travel in for this prayer time. If you would like to organize something in your own parish, a rosary or an hour of adoration for example, or at your own home, please go to the following link:

<https://www.padiocese.ca/vocations-commission>

**Sr. April Marie
Mireau**

Alleluia! My Beloved is Mine and I am His forever!!

I cannot express in words the joy that fills my heart, knowing that I have responded to God’s call to belong absolutely to Jesus Christ forever! As, I move back into the daily routine of Religious Life with prayer, work and recreation, I desire to live out this “yes” every day. I am currently nursing in Palliative Care in Regina, but I will soon be moving to Saskatoon and working at St. Paul’s hospital in hemodialysis. This gives me the opportunity to live my vow of obedience in a concrete way and to discern again in community how God is calling me to be his hands and feet in our world today.

Every time I look down at my left hand, and see the ring which I have just received at my final vows, I catch myself smiling the biggest smile ever. At times, it can be difficult being a visible member of the Church today, but I believe God is calling me to be a friendly face of the Church, a loving presence in our province that is in such need of healing and reconciliation!

I want to thank all of you who have prayed for me! I felt so overwhelmed by grace! All the spiritual bouquets from the different parishes, schools and communities made me cry with gratitude!! Thank you so much!!! I am so excited to see how this grace will enfold in my life and in the life of our community!



New Seminarian

My Spiritual Journey - Sedale "Dale" Rosillo



Every person is born with a purpose; this is what came to my mind after watching a certain film. I was raised by a God-fearing family, knowing that faith is rooted in God and ends with Him and it is always nurtured by the family. My parents used to join me always as they attend Masses, my father before was a close friend of our local pastor, and so every Church activity my father is present. My spiritual journey started when I was a kid, particularly in the event when the Pilgrim image of Our Lady of Fatima arrived in our place, in that moment I was with my father who accompanied the image and so as a child gazing at the image of Our Lady I was so mesmerized from what I saw from that moment, I had the desire of becoming a priest. Every dream always starts with a simple one, I taught myself from the moment I saw what happens inside the Church in an activity I want also to lead or to be with the people in gracing such events.

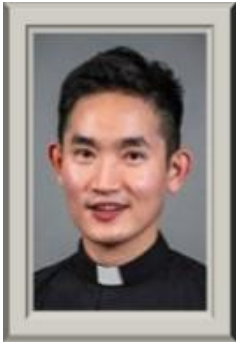
My desire to enter the seminary started when my father gave me a simple image of our lady, for this reason, something came into my mind and that is to become a priest. My father is one of the reasons why I entered the seminary; he is the one who pushes me through in this vocation. During my elementary years, as a 5th grader, I became an altar server. At a young age, I am so eager to serve in our church which is why the assigned priest in our parish observed my enthusiasm and they ask me if I would like to stay in the rectory, and he talked to my parents and my parents and they agreed. I stayed in the rectory for two years, my stay there is not just only to serve but also to work, I had my daily schedule at the behest of the priest assigned in our parish, for me to follow. I wake up early in the morning to clean the surroundings of the church and water the plants. Afterward, I will take a bath and assist in the Daily Mass, then after the mass, I will take my breakfast and enter school for study, after school same routine, I will clean the entire surroundings and in the evening I will take my dinner and I will do my study habits. With this occurrence, it served as my training ground before I entered the seminary; it gave an essential part as I entered the Seminary. I always desire of serving God and that is why in the seminary I reminisced all the things that the priest told me and I applied all things that he taught me, and now it is easy for me to abide by the rules of the seminary, for the reason that I am well taught with the priest's words as part of my preparation before I entered this Institution. Inside the seminary, I always look on the good side in the bonding of the priests here in our diocese and it always starts during formation year that is why I have enjoyed my 5 years of stay at Our Lady of Peace College Seminary (OLPCS). OLPCS is my second home and became my good seedbed that lead me to grow in various ways and motivation in also pursuing my desire to become a Diocesan priest.

During my philosophy years, I used to practice my speaking prowess during programs in the seminary but this is secondary to my interests, Music gave a large impact on my spiritual journey as it became my way also to pray. As an aspiring musician, it always starts with curiosity followed by observation and that's what I did during my stay. In a Diocese, a priest is expected to practice his pastoral care to his parishioners by way of using his ability and that's what I have realized during my philosophy years I nurtured my passion by enhancing my interest in playing the piano or organ though I did not have proper music training still, it always works in the grace of God. My graduation in philosophy is one of the most memorable events that I have experienced since it gave justice to all the hard work that I have exerted during the course. I thanked God for giving me an academic excellence award during my commencement exercises it was a joyous and blessed day. Thus, this is just my step to becoming a diocesan priest.

Being a Diocesan priest as what I have observed is a dynamic person who must learn to be in all aspects of life. I want to become a diocesan priest for the reason that I want to share my gift in speaking, in music, in leading a certain community which is a way of praising and thanking God for giving me a life that is to be shared with others with full submission to His Will. After I finished my philosophical studies I had the struggle of choosing which theological school I am about to enter, and so I have decided to take the regency program and talked to my rector to stay in our parish for a year. Life in the parish is so hard; we may encounter different people in serving the Lord. Some people may like what we are doing and some are not because we cannot please everybody. For me serving the Lord does not depend on how people will treat you, it is always accompanied by confidence and trust in God accompanied by prayer. The whole year in our parish is a fruitful one for me I had the task of working in the parish office, serving in the mass as a musician, and also assisting our pastor in his pastoral works or church activities most especially in giving the sacraments to the people. Still, I thanked God for this opportunity for making me more mature in my journey as an aspiring diocesan priest. I have discerned well and made a decision secured with a prayer of entering or choosing another diocese.

In the case of the Diocese of Tarlac, because of the religiosity of the people, there are lots of young men who entered the diocesan seminary and produced a large number of priests, and so I have decided of choosing a diocese where I can give myself and continue my dream to become a diocesan priest. Fr Roque Concepcion became an answer to my prayer of applying to another diocese in which I found out the Diocese of Prince Albert that I find this diocese to be God's answer to my dreams. Prince Albert Diocese attracted me for its geographical location which I am looking for a place that could render me a life of simplicity in serving the Lord and his people. As it is surrounded by prairies as described by Fr Roque, I am glad that this place is suitable for the life I am looking for, and I said to myself that this is a place where I can fully surrender myself to God's service. Truly, also in Luke 4:24 "Truly, I tell you," he continued, "no prophet is accepted in his hometown", with these words of Jesus, I want to set my feet on other grounds, to explore new horizon and proclaim the gospel to the ends of the world. I willingly submit myself to your Good Diocese.

Ad Majorem Dei Gloriam!



Peace and Hope of Christ Jesus to all

Since I was ordained to the diaconate last April, I have been aware of being an example of faith to those in my ministries—to be a light of Christ in the world. Being ordained and called to the Holy Priesthood of Christ especially during this time of the pandemic, like most of you, I have lived the past two years with fear and worry but also hope and trust. Ministering to people in this particular time with limited capacities sometimes makes me feel disappointed. That is my experience of being in the “dark” when some of us sometimes question, “Where is God in our lives?”

God’s unfailing grace, however, is prevalent, I have to say. St. Paul says, “My grace is sufficient for you, for my power is made perfect in weakness” (2 Cor. 12:9). Although the Church, in general, has suffered greatly from many “diseases,” there have been many Catholics out there to help bring God to those who are shut-in because of the pandemic and whose faith has not yet been with God. This witness has greatly strengthened my faith. Even though it seems “dark” in the world, if we look thoughtfully and faithfully around us, there is “light.” That is the light of Christ shining through the good works of His believers who have done much to help brighten our world of darkness.

“Which light am I following?” is the question I often ask and with which I challenge myself. If God is the only true Light of our life, why do we need to fear any darkness from the world? The pandemic, for me, is an “exam” of my faith in the Lord. When it is dark outside, even a sliver of light can catch our eyes very quickly. The same principle can be applied to our faith in God. Do we seek that light of Christ when we face difficult times not only during the pandemic but throughout all the days of our lives? And if we can see that light of Christ, how do our deeds of charity help attract others to follow Him? These are the questions that I think are crucial for our faith.

During the pandemic, we often hear people encourage one another to reach out to those who cannot at the moment be with us in the community. But I would propose something that might be striking here: “We don’t reach out to people . . . UNLESS we reach out to Christ first and foremost.” Our faith indeed is the faith centred in Christ. St. Teresa of Avila can help us to deepen our desire to be conformed to Christ in saying, “*Solo Dios basta*,” meaning “God alone suffices.”

How can we bring Christ to our neighbours if our lives are not totally with Him? Truly, as Catholics, we are called, like the first disciples of Christ, to spend quality time with Christ and then to be sent to bring the Good News to others. Christ has to come first!

My dear brothers and sisters in Christ, let us pray for the Church, for our bishops, priests, deacons, seminarians, religious, and for our faith in this difficult time to be able to see the light of Christ and be inspired to be Christlike for others.

May God bless you all,

Your brother in Christ,

Dcn. Tai Le