



Roman Catholic Diocese of Prince Albert Vocations Commission

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**Please continue to pray for
our seminarian
Sedale Rosillo.
Consider adding him to
your Christmas card list.
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My Life as a Deacon



My name is Deacon Ron Johnson. I live in Shellbrook and serve primarily the parish of St. Agatha's. It has been a little over two years since I was ordained a Deacon in the Prince Albert Diocese. (August 10, 2020) It is sometimes difficult to believe, first that it has been that long, and second, that I am an ordained member of the Roman Catholic clergy!

There are always events in one's life that, for very good reason stand out. Those things for me are the day I married the love of my life, the day my children were born, and then, there was my ordination. Each of these events mark a new and significant change in direction in life. Ordination, for me, coming a bit later in life, has certainly been a significant change in direction.

I retired from my work about five years ago, and I can with all sincerity say that I can think of no better way I could spend my retirement years than as a Deacon, serving my parish, my diocese, and ultimately, my God.

Through my vocation I have come to a fuller love, understanding, and appreciation of our beautiful Catholic faith. Being a Deacon has challenged me, to not only live my faith to the fullest extent that I am able, but it has challenged me to continually learn and deepen my faith and understanding our Catholic faith. The Catholic tradition is so rich in its teaching and traditions, and it is an honour and privilege to be a part of it as a permanent Deacon.

One of the more obvious and an important aspect of my life as a Deacon is serving at Mass. Over the past two years I have been blessed to have been able to serve at Mass with many priests in our diocese as well as in other dioceses. I have also been blessed and humbled to have been able to serve Bishop Emeritus Albert, and our current bishop, His excellency Bishop Stephan. To be able to proclaim the Gospel in the Church in the presence of such faithful and prayerful men is truly humbling.

As a Deacon, I have been blessed to preside at weddings, baptisms and of course funerals. It may sound odd to say that it is a blessing to preside at a funeral, but I pray that, with the guidance of the Holy Spirit, my words may bring some peace and comfort to the bereaved.

As in any other path in life, being a Deacon has its ups and downs, and being a part of the clergy is a wonderful support system. It is a blessing to be surrounded, supported, and affirmed by people of like mind. No one makes this journey on their own.

From discerning, to formation, to ordination, to continuing my education in the faith, to the present, my journey to becoming a permanent Deacon has been, and continues to be, an absolute joy!

There are many other facets of the permanent Diaconate, some tangible, and some intangible. If anyone is interested in finding out more, contact a member of the vocations committee, or talk to one of the Deacons in the diocese. It is, without a doubt, a beautiful journey!

Take care and God Bless!
Deacon Ron Johnson

Vocation Pilgrimage Walk

July 15, 2022

The Vocation Commission planned their first annual vocation walk to be in conjunction with the annual Pilgrimage at the St. Laurent Shrine. We invited youth as well as anyone who wanted to join and pray for vocations. We gathered after lunch at the church in Duck Lake and received a short instruction on the format of our 12 kilometer walk; then our group of “twelve disciples” set out with enthusiasm. Bishop Stephen Hero joined us for this special occasion. We had a scripture reflection followed by a time of quiet prayer as we walked. We then recited a decade of the rosary and continued our walk enjoying fellowship with each other. A few refreshment breaks and snacks were served along the way, which were greatly appreciated, as it was a hot sunny day. During these pauses we had various people share their inspiring vocation stories. We then continued with another scripture passage and followed the format as before. We arrived at the shrine to have supper, and ended the day by celebrating the mass for the vigil of Our Lady of Mount Carmel.



The Vocations Commission attended the Opening doors to Tomorrow Career and Job Fair that was held at the Exhibition Center in Prince Albert on October 26, 2022. Fr. Travis, Fr. Jim and Sr. Evelyn were there to speak with students from Prince Albert and area.



A priestly ordination is always a special celebration for a diocese. New priests are a sign that young people are continuing to respond to God's call to the unique vocation of service within the church. This past summer Bishop Stephen Hero ordained Tai Le to the presbyterate. Fr. Tai is currently serving as associate pastor at Sacred Heart Cathedral.

Before his ordination Mass, Vocations Director Fr. Travis Myrheim hosted a Vocations supper for a few young men who were serving and attending the ordination Mass. During supper, we went through the signs and symbols of the ordination rite (the newly ordained is anointed with the oil of Chrism on their hands as a sign of their consecration in order to bless and to serve).

Please pray for an increase in vocations, especially in the diocese of Prince Albert!

(Pictured is Fr. Andrew Schoenberger, visiting from the diocese of St. Paul and far right, Sedale Rosillo, seminarian for our diocese)



This fall, Vocations commission members Brenden Kiefer and Fr. Travis Myrheim participated in Ride for Refuge, a Canada-wide fundraising bike and walk-a-thon. Locally, money was raised to support Catholic Family services. Healthy families make for healthy vocations!



FAMILY ADVENT VOCATIONS CALENDAR 2022

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
27 Say a prayer for your parish priest	28 Bring an extra treat to school to share	29 Do an extra chore without being asked	30 Help with the laundry	1 Pray 1 Our Father and 1 Hail Mary	2 Only drink milk or water (no juice or pop)	3 Read Matthew 2:1-12. What were the 3 treasures?
4 Pray for Bishop Stephen	5 Give up a tv show and do an extra chore	6 Feast of St. Nicholas Look up who he was	7 Give a toy away	8 Immaculate Conception of Mary pray Hail Mary	9 No snacks or dessert today	10 Write a Christmas Card and mail it
11 Pray for Pope Francis	12 Our Lady Gaudalupe - Read about her	13 Do something extra nice for mom and dad	14 Do a good deed for someone today	15 Read Hebrews 4:14-16 and discuss at meal	16 No video games or tv today	17 Do a chore for someone else
18 Pray for Seminarian Sedale Rosillo	19 Go to bed when told	20 Look up and pray a new prayer	21 Help clean the house	22 Visit a neighbour and bring a gift	23 Pray for those travelling for Christmas	24 Read Luke 2:1-20 and discuss as family
25 Rejoice for Jesus is born!	26 	27	28	29	30	31



Information on World Youth Day in Lisbon in 2023.

https://youtu.be/JQZ_VAPZ2ow

<https://www.padiocese.ca/world-youth-day-2023>

Contact Fr. Travis for more information.

Please pray for our group!!