



October 1, 2021

St. Thérèse of Liseux, Patroness of the Missions

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ:

Since my episcopal ordination on June 11, I have been travelling to the various communities of the Diocese and have begun to meet the people of God in various celebrations and visits. I have been very touched by your welcome and the fervent expressions of faith in God wherever I have been. It is very important for me to listen to the people of this Diocese and to discern with you how to work together to build up God's Church in this 'holy land' of Saskatchewan.

I know that we continue to face many economic challenges this year in our families and parishes, but I hope that you will consider supporting the Bishop's Annual Appeal. The theme of this year's campaign is *To Serve and To Give His Life* which is taken from Mark 10:45.

These words of the Lord himself sum up the mission of God's Church which is sent to bring Christ's teaching, Sacraments, and loving service to the people around us. We can do this in many ways personally through our prayer, sacrifices, involvement in a particular ministry in our parish, and our good witness to those around us. We can also help others to serve through our financial support. The Bishop's Annual Appeal makes possible and supports so much essential ministry in our Diocese through the various offices and commissions established by the Bishop which in turn supports the ministry in our parishes. Please read through the information provided in this envelope to see what your gift will make possible.

You will also find a small orange card in this package with information about the Bishops of Saskatchewan's Catholic TRC Healing Response initiative which is separate from my Bishop's Annual Appeal. I will launch the TRC Healing Response more fully in our Diocese in January after I have had sufficient time to consult with Indigenous leaders and settle on some concrete projects that the fundraising will support. You are free to donate to that Appeal already if you so chose and you will find information on the orange card as to how to do this.

Kindly consider supporting your Bishop's Annual Appeal for the Diocese of Prince Albert. Thank you in advance and please know that you are in my prayers as we seek to serve the Lord today and tomorrow.

In the Heart of Christ,

✠ Most. Rev. Stephen A. Hero
Bishop of Prince Albert