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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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Most Reverend Stephen A. Hero  
invites you to the

## Ordination to the Diaconate

With great joy, Bishop Stephen is pleased to announce that Sedale Coronel Rosillo will be ordained to the Transitional Diaconate at 6:00 PM on Monday, December 22 at St. Joseph Parish in Prince Albert.

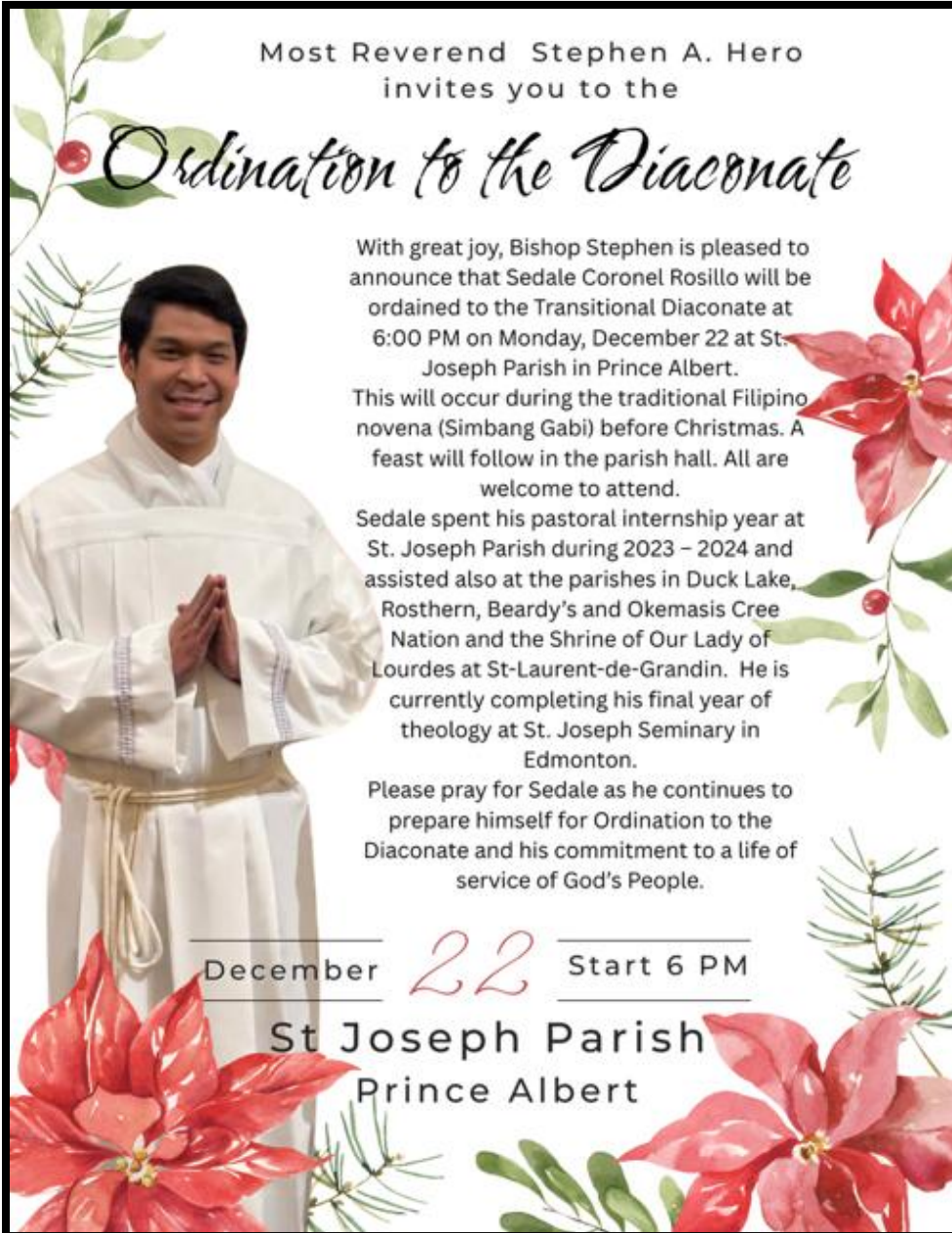
This will occur during the traditional Filipino novena (Simbang Gabi) before Christmas. A feast will follow in the parish hall. All are welcome to attend.

Sedale spent his pastoral internship year at St. Joseph Parish during 2023 – 2024 and assisted also at the parishes in Duck Lake, Rosthern, Beardy's and Okemasis Cree Nation and the Shrine of Our Lady of Lourdes at St-Laurent-de-Grandin. He is currently completing his final year of theology at St. Joseph Seminary in Edmonton.

Please pray for Sedale as he continues to prepare himself for Ordination to the Diaconate and his commitment to a life of service of God's People.

December *22* Start 6 PM

St Joseph Parish  
Prince Albert



## 25 years of Ordination and Sabbatical by Fr. Matthew Nguyen



Priesthood is really a gift. I am grateful for God's grace and blessing through my pastoral ministry in Prince Albert diocese. In my twenty-five years serving as a priest, I have met incredible faithful men and women. Each has shown me the love of Jesus in their own unique way. In spite of my weaknesses and my unworthiness, God still loves me, protects me, and guides me, to be his servant, in my humble capacity. I am so happy and thankful to God, for giving me this vocation to serve him and his people.

The people of God have shaped the priest that I am today. I am so very grateful for all of those, to whom and with whom I have served our Lord. They helped me to understand English, French, and Indigenous cultures so that I could serve them better. Indeed, every parish and ministry in which I served has made a great impact on me.

As you may know, I am taking a sabbatical year to stay with my mother in Vietnam. She is now 91 years old. She was diagnosed with early onset dementia, and she has a lot of senior moments. She has good and bad days. Fortunately, she still recognizes me and my siblings. I have been living in Canada more than in Vietnam. Each year, I visited my mom and stayed with her about three weeks on my holidays. However, this sabbatical year gives me more time to be with my mom, to journey with her through daily Mass, Communion, Rosary, and prayer, as well as in her sickness of the old age. How happy I am to be with my mom!

Besides all that, I take time to reflect on my last twenty-five years of ordination, study a spiritual course online, relax and rejuvenate my health. I also help to celebrate Mass at the local church and orphanage in the village, visit aging people at a care home, which is run by the Sisters of St. Paul of Chartres.

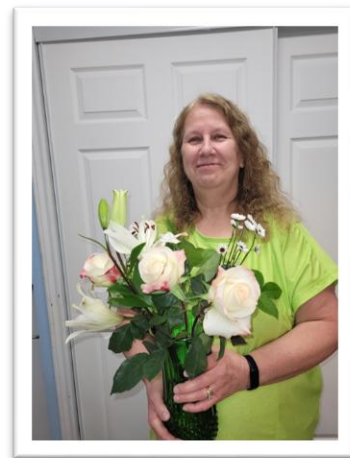
All is grace! Please continue to pray for me as I will do the same for you. May God's blessing be upon you and yours!

Patricia Keefe is the winner of the Limerick contest that was held in the last newsletter. The Vocations Commission enjoyed an evening out with supper at Venice House in Prince Albert.

The limerick is:

In the Jubilee year, all were free,  
Debts forgiven, as far as could be.  
Land was returned,  
And justice was earned,  
*All in the name of Thee.*

Argentina's Heart is our Pope  
His Jubilee Call is true hope  
Joy, mercy, holiness  
The virtues to possess  
*He says Prayer is how we must cope.*



## **Jubilee 2025 (by Jessica Bergeron and Family)**

This past summer, a small group of teens from our parish youth group at St. James, in Albertville, embarked on a Jubilee pilgrimage to Rome to participate in the week dedicated to youth. The ten-day adventure brought many blessings and graces as we learned and encountered over two thousand years of God's work through His Church. It was evident that the role of Holy Orders and religious life have been a very particular guardian of so many spiritual and material treasures of the faith. It has been thanks to the countless "yes" to this vocational call both past and present, and to other exemplary men and women of faith, that these four teens had this occasion to encounter God and discern more deeply His call to follow him more closely in their lives. These encounters included the rich history and treasures at the Vatican; getting close up to a drive by "hello" from Pope Leo XIV; encountering Saints Francis, Clare, and Carlos Acutis in Assisi; learning about Saint Januarius and venerating his relics in Naples; venerating the relics of Saints Catherine of Siena and Pier Giorgio Frassati; and learning about the Capuchins with an experience of their deep love for and hope in Jesus throughout history and the world. The adventure culminated in a giant camp out in a field with close to one million youth from around the world where the pope joined us for a prayer vigil in the evening and Sunday Mass the next morning. Here are some of the experiences the teens had in their own words.

Jessica: Having the opportunity to travel to Rome during the Jubilee year is an experience I will never forget. I had drifted away from my faith for a while, but experiencing this trip brought all of God's light and love back into my life. Visiting Rome allowed for my faith to be deepened by connecting me to the roots of Christianity. Through seeing the many ancient chapels, the Vatican, Saints, and significant historical sites, I felt as though I was stepping back in time and felt closer to those who shaped the faith. This trip will have an impact on by faith as time goes on by allowing me to have a deeper understanding of its history, as well as the global community it encompasses. Since I have seen and experienced things that have deepened my faith throughout this pilgrimage, I will be sure to continue to trust God and his plans for my future, as well as to continue to grow in my faith and certain in aspects of my life I am not yet confident in. I feel beyond grateful I had the chance to go on this trip. If you ever get the opportunity to take a trip like this, please take it.

Emmanuelle: Going to Rome this summer for the Jubilee Youth Week was an amazing experience. It was striking to see so many cool historical places and be in an environment full of other Catholic Youth. However, another amazing thing to see was the number of religious people there. On top of seeing the Pope, there were several monks, nuns, priests and other religious people almost everywhere we went. It was also really neat to visit Assisi, the Capuchins' crypt and other places that displayed relics or represented brothers and sisters who died a long time ago. Saint Clare and Saint Francis both share fascinating stories that inspired many others to follow in their footsteps, so it was fantastic to see where they used to live. It was equally cool to see the rooms full of monk's bones prayerfully placed in the Capuchins' crypt, it was a great reminder that there are people in the world that embraced that devotion very well and who lived their lives in view of eternity. Overall, this pilgrimage was definitely one to remember and I loved to see and learn more about those who have been called to religious life, as we don't see as much of that here where we live.

Julianne: Ever since I went to Rome this past summer for the Jubilee year I have found a new understanding and connection to my faith. Going to the various historical places there made me realize the depth and history that the Christian faith has. The Catholic faith that was imbedded in almost everything was something that had a profound effect on me, as I am not exposed to that coming from a small town in Saskatchewan. Seeing so many Christians all gathered in Rome made me realize just how much the Christian faith has touched so many lives, including mine. The Christian community is so vast and welcoming which makes me feel honoured to call myself one. Christianity has touched so many people and is a part of numerous lives. When we woke up in the field, seeing that many people praying and worshiping God, made me realize how much people need him. Ever since that morning, I've had a new appreciation for God, so this makes me feel so blessed to have had this experience. Going to Rome is an experience of grace and awe that I would definitely recommend as a way to grow closer to God.

Lydia: I always thought of the Saints as a great example for myself in my own life and how I should be a Saint myself, but the lives of the Saint felt so foreign and almost as if they were fairy tales rather than real experiences for me. On this trip the first relics we venerated were at Saint Francis' tomb, and all of a sudden it really hit me that he was a real person. That he was alive and so simple, anyone could've done the things he did, but that most people decide not to. Then we saw saint Carlo Acutis' body, and that shocked me even more giving me the realization that I could do what Carlos chose to do; live as humbly and generously as possible. While it is challenging to grow in virtue, I believe that the more I try to follow his example, the more it will feel rewarding and free, as I am learning to worry less due to the confidence I am gaining through my trust in God.

### Opening Doors to Tomorrow Career/Job Fair 2025

Once again, this year the Vocation Commission participated in the Career Fair held at the Art Hauser arena on October 15, 2025. We invited two younger Sisters and one in formation, from Saskatoon, to come and join us at our booth and meet with hundreds of students who came. Following is a reflection on their experience with us:

The Career Fair was a meaningful activity. It opens the horizon for young people to choose their career in the future and to give them other options and possibilities of discerning what vocation God has planned for them. Working together as religious and priests in the Diocese of Prince Albert for Vocation Ministry was a testimony that we are walking together in evangelizing our youth. It was a witness to young people how Synodality should be practiced by the ministers of the Catholic Church. It was made visible to them that in following Christ, we journey with others who are also desiring to walk in faith.

We spoke to the youth about the mascots of the Jubilee Year:

- **Luce:** The main character, representing "light" in Italian, and designed in an anime style with a yellow sailor's raincoat.
- **Fe:** One of Luce's friends, representing faith.
- **Xin:** Another of Luce's friends, representing hope.
- **Sky:** One of Luce's friends, representing charity.
- **Santino:** Luce's dog, representing companionship.

Luce's raincoat is **yellow**, a color that evokes light, which gives her name, as well as the Vatican flag colors—yellow at the hoist and white at the fly.

**Xin** symbolizes **Asian believers**, with a **cherry blossom** pinned to their pilgrim staff. Their **green raincoat** might represent **hope, perseverance, and constant attentiveness**. In Christian liturgy, green accompanies the daily journey of priests and the faithful, symbolizing trust in the spiritual path and divine presence. The **teddy bear-shaped** purse conveys tenderness, as well as care and respect for animals.

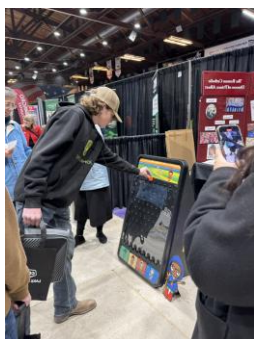
**Sky** wears **blue**, the quintessential Marian color, perhaps embodying the **harmony that unites pilgrims** in their shared journey. Their face reflects **African heritage**, and they carry a guitar.

**Fe** represents South America, dressed in **red**—a color symbolizing Christ's Passion and the blood shed in martyrdom by Him and the saints. A **Bible** peeks from their pocket.

The information was found at <https://www.holyart.com/blog/jubilee-2025/luce-friends-the-jubilee-mascot-and-her-companions/>

Mostly just encourage people to pray, especially for vocations. Hope is possible!

You are also welcome to pray with people if you feel comfortable or find someone who is.



Come pray  
with us!  
Sunday,  
February 1,  
2026



Sacred Heart  
Cathedral,  
Prince Albert.  
Adoration  
from 2-4

# WORLD DAY FOR CONSECRATED LIFE

**St. Pier Giorgio Frassati**  
by Fr. Travis Myrheim

This summer I had the opportunity to participate in the Jubilee year pilgrimage to Rome to be part of the celebrations. Originally, I had hoped to be at the Canonization of the then – blessed Pier Giorgio Frassati. However, because of the death of Pope Francis, it had to be postponed a month. I had learned a bit about this young Italian saint, who was an inspiration to Pope St. John Paul II, and is co-patron of World Youth Day.

His motto in Latin “Verso Alto” or “to the heights!” spoke of his love for mountain climbing, but also that he strove towards heaven in everything he did. When in Rome, we ran into group of Canadian pilgrims, some of which from CCO, who informed us that the body of Frassati would be at a nearby parish for veneration. We immediately found out the date and time – on the feast day of St. Jean Marie Vianney, patron saint of priests – and headed over for Mass.

I was able to concelebrate Mass in St. Mary Sopra Minerva, a Dominican parish, with Dominican cardinal Anthony Fisher, along with about 50 Dominican priests. Cardinal Fisher spoke of the powerful witness of us gathering around the body of a deceased person. He said that if we don’t respect the dead, we won’t respect life. And Saint Frassati, through the help of God, made his life, and the lives of those around him, full of the joy and peace that Holy Spirit brings.

This was truly a God moment for me as it was truly a miracle that we found out about this event and were able to make it. St. Pier Giorgio Frassati, pray for us!

## **A Journey Through the Holy Doors With Jennifer Brown**

### **St. Peter's Basilica – The Doorway to Hope**

If doors could talk, St. Peter's Holy Door would have said, "Finally — it's been 25 years!" When the Pope ceremonially swung it open on Christmas Eve, marking the start of the 2025 Jubilee, it wasn't just a door creaking — it was the heartbeat of centuries of faith echoing through the Vatican.

Most people didn't realize that the current Holy Door was cast back in 1950 by the Marinelli Foundry in Florence — one of the oldest in the world. It's not just beautiful bronze; its theology turned into metal. Walking through it symbolized crossing from sin into grace, perfectly capturing the Jubilee's theme, "Spes Non Confundit" — Hope Does Not Disappoint. For millions of pilgrims, stepping over that threshold wasn't just a ritual — it was a renewal of the soul.

### **St. John Lateran – The Pope's Real Home Church**

Surprise! The Pope's actual cathedral isn't St. Peter's — it's this one. St. John Lateran might not be as famous, but it's the oldest and most important church in all of Christendom. Think of it as the "Mother of all churches." Consecrated in 324 AD, it's been around since before Rome had pizza (almost).

Its Holy Door, crafted by sculptor Floriano Bodini, opened on December 29, 2024 — a few days after St. Peter's. Walking through this door is like stepping into the Pope's living room — it's intimate, ancient, and filled with history. During the Jubilee, it reminds pilgrims that faith isn't just about global spectacles; it's also deeply personal, rooted in the heart of the Church itself.

### **St. Mary Major – The Church of Heavenly Gold and a Holy Crib**

St. Mary Major is where heaven and history meet — with a little help from Columbus. Its ceiling gleams with gold brought from the New World in the 1490s, making it the first church literally gilded by global discovery. The Holy Door here opened on January 1, 2025 — what better way to start the new year than by walking through a door of mercy? Hidden within the basilica is something even more extraordinary: a relic believed to be from the original manger of baby Jesus. So, while your eyes are dazzled by gold, your heart can rest in the humble wood of Bethlehem. In the Jubilee spirit, this basilica whispers a motherly message — mercy is warm, welcoming, and always open.

### **St. Paul Outside the Walls – The Apostle's Hall of Fame**

If St. Peter's is about leadership and St. John Lateran is about authority, St. Paul Outside the Walls is all about adventure and conversion. Built over the tomb of the Apostle Paul — the Church's great missionary — it's a place that practically hums with transformation.

The Holy Door here opened on January 5, 2025, inviting pilgrims to step through just as Paul stepped into a whole new life after his dramatic conversion. And here's a fun twist: lining the interior walls are portraits of every pope in history — like the Church's longest-running photo wall. For the Jubilee, this basilica reminds everyone that faith is a journey. And sometimes, that journey starts with just one brave step — through a very old, very holy door.

### **Why These Doors Matter**

Every 25 years, the Church hits the "reset" button with a Jubilee — a sacred year of renewal, forgiveness, and mercy. The Holy Doors of Rome's four papal basilicas aren't just ornate entrances; they're symbols of grace wide open. Normally sealed with mortar and cement, they're broken open only for the Jubilee — a dramatic sign that God's mercy is, quite literally, unlocked.

In 2025, pilgrims have flocked to these ancient doors to pass through them in faith, hope, and humour (because every long pilgrimage needs a little laughter). These aren't just portals of stone and bronze — they're invitations to start again.



## Vocation Walk 2025

In this Jubilee Year, the Diocesan Vocation commission once again led a Vocation Walk from Blessed Sacrament Parish in Duck Lake to the St. Laurent Shrine - 11 kilometers. It was a pilgrimage honoring the Call of God in every life. Our theme was Walking Together in the Spirit - Celebrating Vocations in the Jubilee Year of Hope. We had four reflective stops highlighting the primary Christian vocations: Priesthood, Consecrated Life, Marriage, and Single Life. At each stop we listened to the Jubilee theme for the specific vocation, followed by a short scripture reflection and bible reading. We were reminded how each vocation is a sign of hope. We then said a prayer together and finished with a verse from the hymn - Here I Am, Lord.

We were again privileged to have Bishop Hero accompany us. We also had commission members providing us with food and drink for our stops along the way. What made this walk special was that each of us had the opportunity to carry our Diocesan Pilgrimage Cross for the Jubilee.

We ended our walk at the Log Church saying the official Jubilee Prayer. We then attended the talk given at the shrine by Janelle Reinhart, a well-known Christian singer, who sang the theme song at World Youth Day in Toronto 2002.

Our hope is that everyone who participated was blessed during this Year of Jubilee.

# Advent Calendar

Reflecting on the Year of Jubilee  
Being a Pilgrim of Hope



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| <p>Nov 30<br/>Thank God for the Breath of life and reflect on how you breathe out the love of God</p>                   | <p>Dec 1<br/>Read Exodus Chp. 3 &amp; 4. Reflect on how Moses responded to the call of God and what he accomplished</p> | <p>Dec 2<br/>What is one gift you would like for Christmas?</p>                | <p>Dec 3<br/>Reflect on the fruits of the Holy Spirit: Love &amp; Joy</p>                                    | <p>Dec 4<br/>Look under Catholic Saints Feast Day. Read about one of 17 saints who feast day it is today.</p>    | <p>Dec 5<br/>Fast from using anything electronic for 24 hours</p>              | <p>Dec 6<br/>Feast (the opposite of Fasting) on using electronic devices to communicate, in person, or on the phone, with those you haven't spoken to in a long time.</p> |
| <p>Dec 7<br/>Thank God for the Gift of the Holy Spirit and reflect on how you have allowed that Spirit to guide you</p> | <p>Dec 8<br/>Read Jonah chp 1. Reflect on how Jonah responded to the call of God and what he accomplished</p>           | <p>Dec 9<br/>What is one gift you can give away this Christmas?</p>            | <p>Dec 10<br/>Reflect on the fruits of the Holy Spirit: Peace &amp; Patience</p>                             | <p>Dec 11<br/>Look under Catholic Saints Feast Day. Read about one of 15 saints whose feast day it is today.</p> | <p>Dec 12<br/>Fast from eating anything sweet for 24 hours</p>                 | <p>Dec 13<br/>Feast (the opposite of Fasting) on sharing a meal with at least one other person. During the meal talk about what God has done for you.</p>                 |
| <p>Dec 14<br/>Thank God for the ability to pray and talk with him. Reflect on how he has guided you</p>                 | <p>Dec 15<br/>Read Jer 1:4-10 Reflect on how Jeremiah responded to the call of God and what he accomplished</p>         | <p>Dec 16<br/>What is one gift you would like to receive from Jesus?</p>       | <p>Dec 17<br/>Reflect on the fruits of the Holy Spirit: Kindness &amp; Goodness</p>                          | <p>Dec 18<br/>Look under Catholic Saints Feast Day. Read about one of 16 saints who feast day it is today.</p>   | <p>Dec 19<br/>Fast from buying anything for yourself for 24 hours</p>          | <p>Dec 20<br/>Feast (the opposite of Fasting) on donating something to charity this day.</p>  |
| <p>Dec 21<br/>Thank God for all you friends and family and reflect on how you have been a loving individual</p>         | <p>Dec 22<br/>Read Acts chp 9. Reflect on how St. Paul responded to the call of God, and what accomplished.</p>         | <p>Dec 23<br/>What is one gift that you will be giving to Jesus this year?</p> | <p>Dec 24<br/>Reflect on the fruits of the Holy Spirit: Faithfulness &amp; Gentleness &amp; Self-Control</p> | <p>Dec 25<br/>CHRISTMAS Take some time today to learn about the real St. Nicholas of Myra</p>                    | <p>Dec 26<br/>Fast from complaining or gossiping about others for 24 hours</p> | <p>Dec 27<br/>Feast (the opposite of Fasting) on saying sweet things (compliments) to 10 different people today. Also say a prayer for each of this 10 people.</p>        |

Dec 27 – Feast of the Holy Family and End of Year of Jubilee – Spend the whole day reflecting on the graces you have received in this last year, and thank God for every one of them.