



DIOCESAN AND PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS

February 21, 2024

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The bulletin announcements are brought to you from proceeds of the Bishop's Annual Appeal.

EPISCOPAL



New! Letters from Bishop Stephen Hero for the TRC Healing Response and Indigenous Reconciliation Fund in the Roman Catholic Diocese of Prince Albert available in both English and French. <https://www.padiocese.ca/bishopheroletters>

CANADIAN CONFERENCE OF CATHOLIC BISHOPS

<https://www.cccb.ca/>





THE HOLY SEE

[Link to Vatican News](#)

LATEST IN VATICAN NEWS

JOIN POPE FRANCIS IN PRAYER EVERY DAY

[Link to Pray with Pope Francis Daily](#)

If you would like to join Pope Francis in prayer every day, there is an app to make it easy: 'Click to Pray'

DIOCESAN EVENTS

ADULT FAITH FORMATION

JUBILEE 2025 PREPARATION PRAYER

This event will focus on Pope Francis' invitation to dedicate 2024 to prayer. "In preparation for the Jubilee, dioceses are invited to promote initiatives to remind people of the centrality of individual and community prayer."

In response to Pope Francis' invitation, Sr. Lise Paquette, the Diocesan Adult Faith Assistant, will offer five sessions on prayer during Lent using the resource *Oremus: A Guide to Catholic Prayer* from Ascension Press.

Participant books are available through the Resource Center for \$20 plus \$5 for postage. To order your book, contact the Resource Center at 306-922-4747, extension 229 or email resources@padiocese.ca

WHEN: Five Wednesdays, FEBRUARY 21, 28, and MARCH 6, 13, & 20

TIME: 1 - 2:30 p.m.

WHERE: In person at the Diocesan Center (1415 - 4th Avenue West) or via ZOOM

If you plan to attend these 5-sessions in person, please contact Sr. Lise at adultfaith@padiocese.ca. If you plan to attend these sessions via Zoom, registration is required only once using the link below.

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85301643862?pwd=VmdKUzFEeEpnWHJzeTNCVXQ3eUlxdz09>

BISHOP'S ANNUAL APPEAL

The theme for the 2023 Bishop's Annual Appeal is "Believe, Love, Share... Jesus"

The Diocesan goal for the 2023 Bishop's Annual Appeal is \$450,000.

As of January 31, 2023, the amount pledged is **\$436,743.44** with 1,253 donors.

CATHOLIC ESTATE PLANNING GUIDE

<https://www.padiocese.ca/>

For information on Catholic Estate Planning, please follow the above link.

ECUMENISM

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

CONTEMPLATIVE LISTENING - A FORMATION PROGRAM FOR THE MINISTRY OF SPIRITUAL DIRECTION

Facilitated by Archdiocese of Regina Spiritual Directors Group

This two-year program, September 2024 to June 2026, is limited to twelve persons who will meet once a month for ten months each year. It will include some retreats.

If you believe you are a possible candidate for this program and would like more information and an application form, contact Karen Ziegler (306) 527-2738, email: k.ziegler@sasktel.net or Dennis Ziegler (306) 539-7134, email: d.ziegler@sasktel.net before March 1, 2024.

For more information visit <https://archregina.sk.ca/group/spiritual-direction/>

EVANGELIZATION AND CATECHESIS (OEC) **Children, Youth & Adult Faith Formation** catechetics@padiocese.ca

CALLED AND GIFTED INTRODUCTORY WORKSHOP **THE CALLED & GIFTED INTRODUCTORY WORKSHOP**

... is the first of three steps in the C&G Discernment Process. During this five-session workshop, you will learn the Church's ancient teaching on charisms, the steps for discerning your God-given charisms, and how discerning your charisms can change your life, parish, and community.

This year, during the Lenten Season, there will be four opportunities to take step one of the Called & Gifted Discernment Process. Participants are required to purchase the Called & Gifted Discernment Process resource book. The cost is \$60 plus \$5 for mailing. These can be purchased by contacting Nicole at 306-922-4747, extension 228.

For those interested in taking Step One of the C&G Discernment Process, the five-session Introductory Workshop will be offered four times during Lent, twice on Zoom and twice in person, by the Diocesan Called & Gifted Team.

MORNINGS from 9:30 - 11:15 a.m. Tuesdays, Feb 27, Mar 5, 12, 19, & 26.

EVENINGS from 7:00 - 8:45 p.m. on Mondays, Feb 26, Mar 4, 11, 18, & 25.

There is also the option of taking the sessions in person. For the in-person events, the first session will be on Thursday evenings and the other four on Saturday.

In Prince Albert, the first step of the Called & Gifted Discernment Process is being offered at Sacred Heart Cathedral on Thursday, March 7, from 7:00 – 9:00 p.m. and Saturday, March 9, from 9:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.

In North Battleford, the first step of the Called & Gifted Discernment Process is being offered at the Light of Christ Learning Centre on Thursday, March 21, from 7:00 – 9:00 p.m. and Saturday, March 23, from 9:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.

To register, email ecassistant@padiocese.ca or call Nicole at 306-922-4747, extension 228.

To download a printable poster, click [here](#).

DIOCESAN WORKSHOP WITH MARY MARTIN

Please save the dates

Christmas is over, but we ALL still have gifts to be opened and discovered. All are invited to attend a Diocesan CALLED AND GIFTED Event with Mary Martin.

Saturday, April 6 and Sunday Afternoon, April 7

INDIGENOUS PEOPLES

<https://www.padiocese.ca/indigenous-relations>

LITURGY

liturgy@padiocese.ca

A reminder of Copyrights, live-streaming, and technology

<https://www.padiocese.ca/indigenous-relations> in Churches is now available at [Copyright Guidelines](#)

CONFIRMATION AND FIRST EUCHARIST

[Information on Confirmation and First Eucharist](#)

Please contact the Liturgy Office if you need a copy of the Order of Service or Congregational Booklets.

LITURGICAL RESOURCES

Liturgy Resources Found [Here](#)

February Dates

First Sunday of Lent / Rite of Election (February 18)

Family Day, Sk. (February 19)

Feast of the Chair of St. Peter, Apostle (February 22)

New! The liturgy updates for March are available at <https://www.padiocese.ca/liturgy-commission>.

MARRIAGE PREPARATION

[Information on Marriage Preparation](#)

Please take a moment and check out the new options at the above link.

Go to <https://www.padiocese.ca/marriage-and-family-life> to read the World Ovulation Method Billings (WOOMB) International Congress April 2023 Rome report.

BATTLEFORD AND AREA MARRIAGE PREPARATION WEEKEND

The Battleford's and Area Marriage Prep. Team is very happy to inform you that we will be hosting a Marriage Preparation Weekend on April 19-20/2024 at St. Vital Parish in Battleford. This weekend is open to all and registrations are on a first come, first serve basis. The cost of the weekend is \$150.00 which includes meals and reflection materials to help couples discern. The weekend starts Friday around 6:30 p.m. and concludes Saturday evening. Couples are responsible to register and find their own accommodations at Battleford's area hotels.

To register or if you need more information, please contact Fr. Greg at gregelder@padiocese.ca

ONLINE MASS TIMES

Live Streamed Masses around the Roman Catholic Diocese of Prince Albert for Sundays until further notice:

Our Lady of Peace Parish, Meadow Lake – Fr. Uche Gabriel Umechikelu, MSP – Mass is live-streamed Sunday at 10:00 a.m. <https://www.facebook.com/Catholic-Church-Meadow-Lake-100614168252431/>

St. Theresa Parish, Wakaw – Fr. Matthew Nguyen – Mass will be live-streamed February 18 & 25 @ 9:00 a.m.
https://www.youtube.com/results?search_query=st.+theresa+parish+wakaw
<https://www.sttheresaparishwakaw.com/home>

PASTORAL CARE

The Diocesan webpage for PASTORAL CARE has been updated! The theme for the 2024 CHAS Convention has been announced. Please check it out at <https://www.padiocese.ca/pastoral-care> -

A CCCB statement on the non-permissibility of MAiD in health organizations with a Catholic identity.

The statement on the Non-Permissibility of Euthanasia and Assisted Suicide within Canadian Health Organizations with a Catholic Identity is available:

In English: [Statement by the Canadian Conference of Catholic Bishops on the Non-Permissibility of Euthanasia and Assisted Suicide within Canadian Health Organizations with a Catholic Identity - Canadian Conference of Catholic Bishops \(cccb.ca\)](#)

In French: <https://www.cecc.ca/communiqu-de-presse/declaration-de-la-conference-des-vevques-catholiques-du-canada-sur-linterdiction-de-pratiquer-leuthanasie-et-le-suicide-assiste-dans-les-organismes-de-sante-dallegeance-cat/>

PERMANENT DIACONATE PROGRAM

permanentdiaconate@padiocese.ca

Together let us place our petitions for the fruitfulness of the Permanent Diaconate in the Diocese of Prince Albert in the maternal hands of the Blessed Virgin Mary, Queen of the Holy Rosary, asking her to watch over the candidates for this ministry who will proclaim the Word faithfully, serve the liturgy reverently, and care for the needs of the poor joyfully.

RESOURCE CENTRE - Library & Gift Shop

Website: <https://www.padiocese.ca/resource-centre>

Email: resources@padiocese.ca



The Resource Centre Library and Gift shop Come and see our selection of Sacramental gifts.

The Resource Centre is open Monday to Thursday from 9:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Please call 306-922-4747 ext. 229 or email at resources@padiocese.ca and I can assist you in finding resources from the Library and I can be your personal shopper in the Gift Shop. On the Diocesan website <https://www.padiocese.ca/resource-centre> you can see some of the beautiful gifts we have to offer.

SOCIAL JUSTICE

<https://www.padiocese.ca/social-justice>

Pray for peace in Ukraine and in the Middle East

New - WORLD DAY OF PRAYER

The World Day of Prayer this year was designed by the WDP committee of Palestine. It will be held at St. Joseph Parish in Prince Albert on Friday, March 1 at 2:00pm. Come join with the rest of Prince Albert as we pray with everyone around the world. A light lunch will follow!

If possible let me know if any from your community is coming as I need a number of readers. I will have photocopies of the services and the write-ups about Palestine for all participants. Fr. Jim Kaptein, 306-764-4942

PASTORAL LETTER ON THE USE OF SOCIAL MEDIA

With the approval of the Permanent Council, the CCCB Episcopal Commission for Justice and Peace has today released its Pastoral Letter on the use of social media titled: "*Let Your Speech Always Be Gracious.*" The release is timed with the liturgical memorial of Saint Francis de Sales, who was known for his graciousness in speech and who is invoked as a patron saint of writers and publishers.

The Pastoral Letter responds to the priority assigned to the Episcopal Commission for Justice and Peace by the Permanent Council in 2019.

It is available in electronic format and can be downloaded from the CCCB website:

In English: <https://www.cccb.ca/announcement/bishops-release-a-pastoral-letter-on-the-use-of-social-media>

In French: <https://www.cecc.ca/annonce/les-eveques-publient-une-lettre-pastorale-sur-lutilisation-des-medias-sociaux>

It is also attached to this email in PDF format for your information and possible distribution in your diocese or eparchy.

PONTIFICAL MISSION SOCIETIES

The mission of Christ the Redeemer, entrusted to each one of us, is still far from completion.

We pray that our small but courageous group can grow and enlist the help of others.

As we embark on this new year, please pray for new supporters to Christ's mission.

Four Societies. One Mission.

Pontifical Mission Societies and its work

Four societies united by a common mission.

Pontifical Mission Societies — comprising four in total — educates Catholics on their baptismal call to mission and invites each one of us to play our own part in Christ's call to mission. This mission is what unites our four societies.

#1 - **Pontifical Society for the Propagation of the Faith** (est. 1822)

Supports new local Churches or those with great needs for basics/essentials.

#2 - **Pontifical Society of the Holy Childhood** (est. 1843)

Educates Catholic children on their baptismal call to mission and invites them to play their part.

#3 - **Pontifical Society of St. Peter the Apostle** (est. 1889)

Supports local vocations in new or young Churches around the world.

#4 - **Pontifical Missionary Union** (est. 1916)

Animates and forms the faithful baptized in their missionary responsibility through the pastoral service of the bishops and priests according to the motto "All the Church for all the world".

DEVELOPMENT AND PEACE



Offer Hope in the Light of Christ

STAND FOR THE LAND

Before the imminent launch of our next Share Lent campaign, I would like to share a final update on our [Stand for the Land](#) campaign, which will soon draw to a close.

Our program officer Mary Durran has filed a [field report from Honduras](#), from the Guapinol community that the campaign is supporting.

The licence of the mine that has been polluting their rivers has expired, but its powerful owners are lobbying to have it renewed for 30 years. The community, which has opposed the mine repeatedly, unanimously and on pain of imprisonment and death, is now mobilizing to block the renewal of its permit.

They have reiterated their appreciation of Canadians' efforts to amplify their voices, which are still going largely unheard. That is why we need more and more people to [sign our campaign letter](#) before it is delivered to the Honduran ambassador to Canada next month.

We are still some ways short of our target of 32,000 signatures, and I am hoping you can help us meet it! Please do all you can to **give this campaign one last big push** in your parish bulletins, on your website and through your social media channels. The direct link for accessing the campaign letter online is devp.org/act.

As ever, thanks a lot for your continued support and cooperation. Have a great weekend.

Yours in solidarity,
Minaz Kerawala

SHARE LENT 2024

Share Lent is nearly upon us! Please note that +Archbishop Murray Chatlain has graciously recorded a video of his support for Development and Peace. Would you be able to do one of the following: Send this out as part of your email updates, create an article on Share Lent (feel free to contact me), or send this directly to the parishes? I'd be very grateful!

<https://youtu.be/mVDNBcuJptM>

I'm also including a link to our Lenten mini-mag. It contains CCCB president +Bishop William McGrattan's letter of support, information on our partners and an update on our movement! Printed copies are still available at our SK regional office, just ask for them. https://devp.org/wp-content/uploads/2023/12/EN_2024_minimag.pdf

We also have an update from Caritas Jerusalem and the ongoing lifesaving efforts in Gaza available here: <https://youtu.be/3viY5erfYOM>

In solidarity,
Michael LeBlanc

For current updates, please go to <https://padiocese.ca/development-and-peace>

VOCATIONS

THE VOCATIONS COMMISSION

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

The Vocations Commission would like parishes to promote vocations by putting a Vocation Corner in your weekly bulletin.

Year B. These can be found at the above link.

Click [here](#) to read the 2023 November Vocations Newsletter.

The Vocations November Newsletter 2023 can be read at the following link: <https://www.padiocese.ca/vocations-commission>

YOUTH AND YOUNG ADULT MINISTRY

PRINCE ALBERT DIOCESE, YOUTH AND YOUNG ADULT MINISTRY

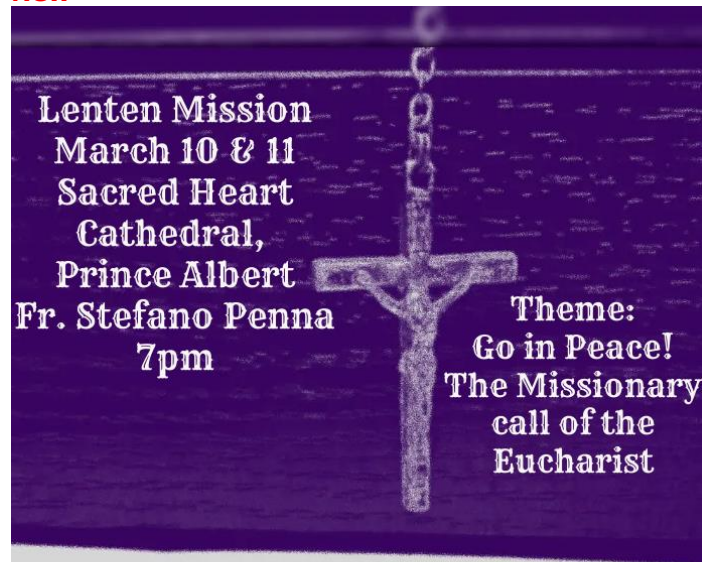
youth@padiocese.ca

WORLD YOUTH DAY LIVESTREAM YOUTUBE VIDEO

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=HJ8AjsGl_28&t=8s

PARISH, SCHOOL, AND GROUP EVENTS


New



Lenten Mission
March 10 & 11
Sacred Heart
Cathedral,
Prince Albert
Fr. Stefano Penna
7pm

Theme:
Go in Peace!
The Missionary
call of the
Eucharist

Prayer
Fasting
Alms giving



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24 HOURS OF ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

Come Let Us Adore Him For He is Our God



VENUE: Our Lady of Sorrows Parish, Paradise Hill, SK.

Healing service and Anointing of the Sick on Saturday @ 2.00pm

You are free to spend your night, resting with the Lord in the Church

Free-will donation for meals will be highly appreciated

**Registration is Free. Just Call: 1-306-344-7897. Email: kpsalzl@littleloon.ca
Or Patty Fenrich: Ph. 1-306-480-5647. Email: dap3fen@gmail.com
Or Parish Office: Ph.: 1-306-344-2033**

*Fr Frederick Akah, MSP, is available for the Sacrament of Reconciliation
And Confession*

TIME TABLE: FRIDAY, March 1, 2024:

- 3.00pm - Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament
And Divine Mercy Chaplet in song.
- 4.00pm - Personal Adoration, Prayers, Reconciliation / Confessions
- 5.00pm - Divine Office & Spiritual Readings
- 5.30pm - Supper Break
- 6.30pm - The Way of the Cross
- 7.00pm - Holy Mass
- 8.00pm - Personal Adoration & Prayers
- 8.30pm - Scriptural Rosary
- 9.30pm - Holy Hour & Prayer of Intercession
- 10.00pm - Break

**MIDNIGHT: ALL NIGHT VIGIL WITH THE LORD
SATURDAY, March 2, 2024:**

- 7.00am - Breakfast
- 9.30am - Holy Rosary
- 10.00am - Holy Mass
- 10.45am - Personal Prayer and Reconciliation
- 11.15am - Praise and worship Songs
- 11.45am - Lunch break
- 1.00pm - Divine Mercy Chaplet in song

- 2.00 pm - HEALING SERVICE AND ANOINTING
- 2.45pm - BENEDICTION
- 3.00pm - Departure

OTHER EVENTS & ANNOUNCEMENTS
2024 LENTEN LUNCH SERIES

*The Prince Albert
Ministerial Association
invites you to the*

2024

Lenten Lunch Series

A time of Worship and Fellowship

Thursdays at Noon
February 15 to March 21

Calvary United Church
114-25th Street East



A free will offering will be collected
and donated to a local charity.

BREATH CATHOLIC MARRIAGE CONFERENCE

Refresh & Recharge Your Marriage! Save \$50 when you register by Feb.14th!

Experience the Breathe Catholic Marriage Conference - March 8-9, 2024 in Saskatoon at Holy Family Cathedral. For more info, contact Denise at 306-369-2220.

Register at: <https://www.catholicmarriageandfamily.com/>

BILLINGS OVULATION METHOD WORKSHOP AND FREE INFORMATION NIGHT

NFP-SK PRESENTS:

Billings Ovulation Method WORKSHOP and Free Information Night

St. Therese Institute, Bruno, SK

St. Therese Institute, 650 Ursuline Ave., Bruno, SK

Highway 5 just 1 hr/16min. from Saskatoon.

March 1,2, and 3, 2024

- *Have you experienced a change in your fertility? Breastfeeding? Peri-menopause?
- * Need a refresher on your charting? Experiencing irregular cycles? Trying to conceive?

Join us for the **Free Information Night at 7:00pm**, St. Therese Institute.

Interested in sharing this amazing, easy, economical method with friends and family? Join us for the

Full Workshop with teacher trainer, Shawna Van Uden:

Billings Ovulation Teacher-Training Workshop

March 1, 2 and 3, 2024

Pre-register before February 20th, 2024

Costs include workshop, meals and accommodation for 3 days: \$200.00

Accommodation only on Friday night. Saturday 3 meals and accommodation. Sunday 2 meals.

WHO CAN ATTEND?

*Individuals interested in fertility awareness including various stages in a woman's reproductive life: menarche, breastfeeding, peri-menopausal.

*Health care providers such as physicians, functional medicine practitioners, naturopaths, chiropractors, midwives, nurses, or anyone else with an interest in women's health may audit this workshop with no prior training in the Billings Ovulation Method®. Contact us if you have questions about auditing.

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Promoting and teaching the Billings Ovulation Method® throughout Saskatchewan

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FMI, call or text Marcy at: 306-276-7954

Help us share this important information.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

New Year 2023 Information for the Knights of Columbus can be found

at <https://www.padiocese.ca/knights-of-columbus>

SASKATCHEWAN KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS VOCATIONS ENDOWMENT FUND

Sask KofC Vocations Endowment Weekend In 2018 the Bishops of Saskatchewan partnered with the Sask K of C Charitable Foundation to create the Sask K of C Vocations Endowment. The proceeds from this Endowment are disbursed on an annual basis equally to each seminarian throughout all Saskatchewan Dioceses, Eparchy and Abbey to help defray the \$30,000.00 per year it costs to educate each Seminarian. In support of the K of C Vocation Endowment, local Knights of Columbus Councils will participate with Parishes in a fundraising campaign during the weekends of February, 2024. More details about the Vocation Endowment, including photos of the Seminarians from Saskatchewan, can be found at the Foundation's website <https://saskkofc.foundation/sask-k-of-1c-vocations/>. The Bishops, Dioceses, KofC and Catholic faithful thank you in advance for your generous Prayers and financial assistance in support of the formation and development of Seminarians.

QUEEN'S HOUSE RETREAT & RENEWAL CENTRE

601 Taylor Street W, Saskatoon, SK S7M 0C9

Phone: 306-242-1916 • Email: programming@queenshouse.org •

Website: www.queenshouse.org

Click [here](#) to read the letter from Queen's House, announcing the closing of our beloved retreat centre.

For current updates, please go to <https://padiocese.ca/queen-s-house-retreat-renewal-centr>

CATHOLIC FAMILY SERVICES

Check out our [WEBSITE](#)

GIFT CARD FUNDRAISER



It's a winning situation!

Purchase Co-op gift cards in support of Catholic Family Services and get the full value of what you pay in the form of a card(s) which you can then use to make purchases at a Co-op other than for agricultural goods.

Co-op gift cards will be on sale from February 12 – February 21, 2024.

Cards can be used anywhere there is a Co-op, both in and outside of [SK](#); for groceries, pump-gas, pharmacies, liquor, hardware & lumber.

Order your cards by contacting any of the following Board Members:

Margaret Duncombe mduncombe@sasktel.net // 306.960.3102

Jeannette Eddolls jeannette.m@skyvelocity.ca // 306.960.4648

Payments are to be made to the seller of the cards.

You can expect to **receive your purchased cards** no later than **March 2, 2024**.

We thank you for your anticipated support!

HOST FAMILIES FOR JAPANESE STUDENTS



HOST FAMILIES NEEDED

21 female high school students from Japan will be coming to Prince Albert from March 19 - March 31st, 2024.

They will be attending classes at St. Mary High School on school days. Evenings and weekends are with the families.

We are in need of host families for that time period. Honorariums are provided to hosts. If you are interested; please contact:

Jeannette Eddolls 306.960.4648 // jeannette.m@skyvelocity.ca

The list of the Fall/Winter programs has been updated on our website.

RACHEL'S VINEYARD

r.vineyardsk@sasktel.net

Are you hurting because of an abortion? Rachel's Vineyard is a safe place to renew, rebuild and redeem hearts broken by abortion. Weekend retreats offer you a supportive, confidential and non-judgmental environment where women and men can express, release and reconcile painful post-abortive emotions to begin the process of restoration, renewal and healing.

To speak to someone confidentially, please contact Elaine at (306) 480 - 8911 or email: r.vineyardsk@sasktel.net

COMMUNICATIONS

DIOCESAN FACEBOOK PAGE AND TWITTER ACCOUNTS

Besides the web page <https://www.padiocese.ca/>, the Diocese has both a Facebook Page <https://www.facebook.com/padiocese/> and Twitter account <https://twitter.com/padiocese>. In these accounts, we publish pictures, articles, and upcoming events.

To view Upcoming Diocesan Events follow the link, <https://www.padiocese.ca/events-calendar>.

Thank you so much for sharing these events with your parishioners, teachers and students to help set their hearts on fire. God bless.

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