



DIOCESAN AND PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS

January 2, 2024

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

EPISCOPAL



Click [here](#) for Bishop Stephen Hero's Christmas Letter in English and French.



CANADIAN CONFERENCE OF CATHOLIC BISHOPS



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

Click [here](#) to read the 2023 Christmas Message from the CCCB.



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

BISHOP'S ANNUAL APPEAL

Click [here](#) to view the 2023 Bishop's Annual Appeal video in English

Click [here](#) to view the 2023 Bishop's Annual Appeal video in French

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 December 30, 2023, the amount pledged is **\$406,875.25** with 1,198 donors.

Thank you for your support! Every gift is appreciated!

To view the updates, you can go to <https://www.padiocese.ca/en/2023bishopappeal>

If you haven't received an envelope, ask at your parish, they have extras. You can also email bishopsappeal@padiocese.ca or baadirector@padiocese.ca. or call: Andrea Langlois – Director of Bishop's Annual Appeal 306-922-4747 Ext. 234 or Louis Hradecki, Data Administrator 306-922-4747 Ext. 233.

This year we are accepting **e-transfers** for donations to the appeal (send transfer to officeprogramsmgr@padiocese.ca – state in the comments BAA donation, parish name and your name and mailing address).

You can also go to our website to donate by

Visa/Mastercard: <https://www.padiocese.ca/donate> through Canada Helps, and they issue the receipt.

We also accept Visa/Mastercard if you call us directly.

Receipts are issued in February of 2024.

Thank you!!

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>

WEEK OF PRAYER FOR CHRISTIAN UNITY 2024 - New!

Please share with your church networks:

The 2024 Week of Prayer for Christian Unity is on the theme "You shall love the Lord your God ... and your neighbour as yourself" based on Luke 10:25-37. This year's theme was prepared by an ecumenical team in Burkina Faso.

Resources include an Order of Service, a Bible study, and various reflections on the theme. There are also hymn suggestions and resources for children, high schools, and university campuses. Download these free materials at



 THE CANADIAN COUNCIL OF CHURCHES
LE CONSEIL CANADIEN DES ÉGLISES

 Prairie Centre for
Ecumenism

 Centre canadien
d'œcuménisme Canadian Centre
for Ecumenism
INFORMATION - DIALOGUE - RECONCILIATION

<https://www.weekofprayer.ca/2024-wpcu-resources>

Local neighbourhood services and other observances are encouraged at any time of the year. The traditional dates are Jan. 18 to 25. Services are planned at the following times:

- Sun. Jan. 21, 3pm at Lakeview United Church, 3200 McCallum Ave., Regina
- Sun. Jan. 21, 3pm at First Mennonite Church, 418 Queen St., Saskatoon
- and in your local community. Please send us details about your local service.

Watch for further details about:

- Jan. 18-25, 7am WPCU services and breakfast, Saskatoon
- Thurs., Jan. 18, Prayer service and lunch at Queen's House, Saskatoon
- Ecumenical Youth event at Zion Lutheran Church, 323 4th Avenue, Saskatoon
- Thurs., Jan. 25, Ecumenical Campus Worship at St. Andrew's College chapel, Saskatoon
- Ecumenical Bible study - later in 2024

De Margerie Lectures on Christian Reconciliation and Unity (Karen Petersen Finch)

- Wed. Jan. 24, 7pm, Re-imagining Lay People as Stewards of Doctrine (Campion College, Regina)
- Thurs. Jan. 25, 7pm, Doctrine as the Fuel of Renewal (STM College, Saskatoon)
- Fri., Jan. 26, 10am, The Eucharist - Where is Jesus? (Holy Spirit Parish, Saskatoon)
- Sat., Jan. 27, 10am, The Eucharist - Where is Jesus? (Christ the King Parish, Regina)

NOTE: in many communities, an offering is collected during ecumenical services for a local project, food bank, or other shared concern. Please consider sending your offering to the Prairie Centre for Ecumenism, 2617 Clarence Avenue South, Saskatoon, SK, S7J 1M5 or by e-transfer to admin@pcecumenism.ca

2024 DE MARGERIE LECTURES ON CHRISTIAN RECONCILIATION AND UNITY
- **New!**

**THE 2024 DE MARGERIE ECUMENICAL LECTURES
ON CHRISTIAN RECONCILIATION AND UNITY**



Grassroots Ecumenism

***Re-imagining Lay People
as Stewards of Doctrine***

Wed., Jan. 24

7 p.m., Riffel Auditorium (CMAUD),
Campion College
University of Regina

***Doctrine as the Fuel
of Renewal***

Thurs., Jan. 25

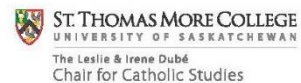
7 p.m., Fr. O'Donnell Auditorium,
St. Thomas More College
University of Saskatchewan



Guest Speaker:

Rev. Dr. Karen Petersen Finch

The Rev. Dr. Karen Petersen Finch is an ecumenical theologian in the Reformed tradition who specializes in dialogue with Roman Catholic theology at the local, national, and international levels. Karen is Professor of Pastoral Leadership at The Presbyterian College in Montréal, QC, Canada and represents the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) in the Reformed-Catholic Dialogue in the United States. Karen earned her doctoral degree from Gonzaga University with a dissertation recommending the theological method of Bernard Lonergan, S.J. for ecumenical dialogue. She later studied Lonergan as a Fellow of the Lonergan Institute at Boston College in Chestnut Hill, Massachusetts. Her book, *Grassroots Ecumenism: The Way of Local Christian Reunion*, is currently inspiring multilateral dialogue among lay people in the West Island of Montreal.



Saskatoon Theological Union



About the Annual De Margerie Lectures

Named in honour of Fr. Bernard de Margerie, a priest of the Diocese of Saskatoon who has dedicated his whole life in ministry to the promotion of Christian unity. In this 12th year of the lecture series, we are offering lectures in both Regina and Saskatoon. Attend each of these unique lectures in-person, or through livestream using the QR code. Please also watch for workshops scheduled in your location.

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

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](#)

January Dates

The Epiphany of the Lord (January 7)
The Baptism of the Lord (January 8)
Prayer for Christian Unity (January 18-25)
Sunday of the Word of God (January 21)
St. John Bosco (January 31)

The liturgy updates for January 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
Battlefords 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

January 7, 14, 21 & 28 @ 11:00 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! 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 \(ccb.ca\)](#)

In French: <https://www.cecc.ca/communiqu-de-presse/declaration-de-la-conference-des-veques-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

CNEWA

CNEWA (Catholic Near East Welfare Association) laments the loss of all innocent lives and the displacement of all innocent peoples, Israelis and Palestinians, and calls for peace. With an office in Jerusalem and local partners on the ground, CNEWA is dedicated to pursuing its mission in places where poverty, war and displacement shatter innocent lives – now more than ever.

Prayer for Peace in the Holy Land

<https://cnewa.org/ca/prayer-for-peace/>

Statement from CNEWA's President

<https://cnewa.org/ca/what-we-do/holy-land/>

Donations are accepted and can be made through CNEWA's Website.

DEVELOPMENT AND PEACE



Offer Hope in the Light of Christ

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=HJ8AjsGI_28&t=8s

PARISH, SCHOOL, AND GROUP EVENTS

OTHER EVENTS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

2024 NATIONAL HEALTH CARE WEEK - New!

From February 4-10, 2024, the CHAC will mark National Catholic Health Care Week in Canada.

[NCHCW 2024 - Social Media Resources](#)

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

New Year 2023 Information for the Knights of Columbus can be found at <https://www.padiocese.ca/knights-of-columbus>

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](#)

The list of the Fall 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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