

"The Lamp "will be their shepherd, and He will guide them to springs of the water of life"" Revelation 7:17

Dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ:

I begin by acknowledging and thanking God for the priests of the Diocese of Saskatoon who seek to serve well the Lord and the People of God. Our clergy come from our own diocese and also from other dioceses in other countries. They commit to serve the people that make up our parishes, along with many others who seek the ministry of our priests. While many retire from about age 68 to 75 years, they never retire from fulfilling Sacramental ministry, and continue to assist our parish communities and also other settings – including our health care facilities.

For the last several years our diocese has taken up an annual collection to help meet the needs of our retired and elderly priests. The collection is during the Easter season: a time when we give thanks to Jesus Christ for His Resurrection, and its celebration and expression in Christ our Saviour who is Priest, Prophet, and King.

It is fitting at this time that we take time to reflect on the lifetime of service given by our priests who are our spiritual "fathers" and consider their future needs. Each year, people from across our diocese have expressed the care they have for our priests and their future needs. I thank you most sincerely for donating over \$190,000 last year. The average age of our priests is around 63 years. Now is the time to plan for the future, as we call forth new candidates to consider God's call to ordained ministry. I am also pleased to indicate that we are seeing expanded interest of young men interested in discerning a vocation to the priesthood in our diocese.

Please give as generously as you are able to this year's collection. Your gift will be invested in the Clergy Pension Fund. With your help, our retired and elderly priests will have a modest pension, health and dental benefits, and an annual retreat.

Your prayers are vital. I ask you to pray for our priests, and for vocations to the priesthood. Be assured that our priests are praying for you.

Sincerely in Christ,

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Most Reverend Mark A. Hagemoen Bishop of Saskatoon



The Diocesan Finance committee works with the Catholic Foundation and St. Joseph's Mutual Aid Society to ensure our retired priest needs are taken care of financially.

We currently have 47 active and 8 retired priests.

Bishop's Delegates

- Fr. Joseph Salihu Delegate for Ecumenism and interfaith
- **Fr. Peter Ebidero** Delegate for Fidei Donum (international priests)
- Fr. Gerard Cooper Delegate for Finance
- Fr. Matthew Ramsay Delegate for the GSCS
- Fr. Ken Beck Delegate for Retired Clergy

Let Us Remember

- Father Bernard de Margerie March 3, 2024
- Father Jean-Marc Mireau March 24, 2024
- Father Clair Watrin, CSB March 27, 2024
- Father Wendelin Rolheiser, OMI May 22, 2024
- Father Bernard Stauber May 22, 2024
- Deacon Paul Wheeler May 28, 2024
- Father Iheanyi Enwerem, OP July 24, 2024
- Abbot Peter Novecosky, OSB August 14, 2024

May God shine eternal light upon them





Where there is no hope for the future. there is no power in the present. The joy and enthusiasm you

experience are directly linked to your hope for what is to come and your ability to see beyond your circumstances.

- Fr. Joseph Salihu-Excerpt from the 1st Sunday of Advent homily 2024





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### Join us for an evening of fellowship with Bishop Mark Hagemoen

## May Ist, 2025 5:15 pm

Holy Family Cathedral - 123 Nelson Road

As we gather for dinner, we aim to nourish seeds of hope, faith, and generosity, showing how kindness and compassion can transform lives under God's guidance. This Jubilee Year invites us to intentionally nurture these seeds within our community, collaborating to foster growth and celebrate faith.



A farm-to-table dining experience featuring fresh, locally sourced produce by supporting local farmers, we strengthen our province's economy, promote sustainable practices and enjoy the freshest flavours.

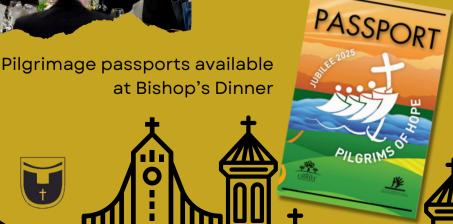
& music by Dean McNeil's Jazz Combo. Jenn Sharp from the TV series Flat Out Foods will be our MC.







For tickets, scan or call 306-659-5837.





Returning to Spirit Seeds of Reconciliation" workshop

9 a.m to 4 p.m - May 17, 2025 Holy Family Cathedral

Indigenous Reconciliation Fund Appreciation Event

Learn how the funds raised are impacting our community 3 p.m to 4:30 p.m - May 23, 2025 Holy Family Cathedral - RSVP to Myron Rogal (306) 659 - 5841



Quin Kleiboer - Rural Catechesis Coordinator

Thanks to the generous support of the Ursuline Sisters, the Rural Catechesis Coordinator for the Diocese of Saskatoon role is to support and empower rural parishes in sharing the message of Christ.

") feel privileged to carry forward the legacies of the past and help strengthen the faith community for the future." \_Quin Rieiboer\_

> To the following parishes for exceeding their Bishop's Annual Appeal goals:

- St. Mary Parish Macklin
- Sacred Heart Parish Marengo
- St. Theresa Parish Rosetown
- St. Denis Parish St. Denis
- St.Donatus Parish Cactus Lake
- St. Theresa Parish Asquith
- Holy Redeemer Parish Elbow
- St. Augustine Parish Saskatoon
- Holy Spirit Parish Saskatoon
- St. Philp Neri Parish Saskatoon
- St. Francis Xavier Parish Saskatoon



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Scan for diocesan calendar of events.

Romans 5:5

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#### PAYMENT METHOD

Cheques – Make cheques payable to the Catholic Foundation – direct gift in the memo
Credit card – Emailing or mailing credit card information is prohibited. To protect your financial information, please call 306-659-5851 or go online to make your donation- www.dscf.ca/ways or scan QR code below. Credit card tax receipts are generated at the time of donation and sent via email.
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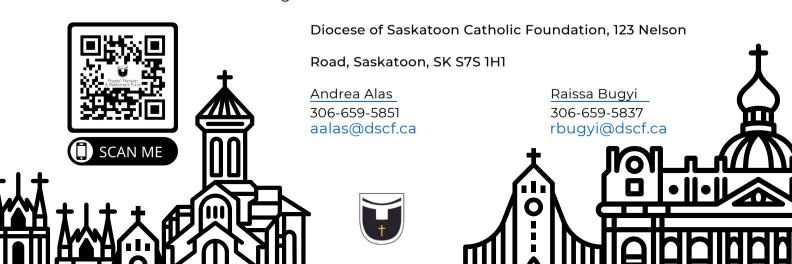
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# Priests' Pension & & Retirement Fund

To consider a gift prior to year end and to qualify for a 2025 tax receipt, your donation must reach the Foundation's office or be postmarked before December 31, 2025. A postage-paid addressed envelope is provided. Tax receipts will be issued for all donations. Credit card tax receipts are generated at the time of donation and sent via email.



