

MIGRATION OFFICE ANSWERING THE CALL OF COMPASSION

As a Sponsorship Agreement Holder, the Diocese of Saskatoon continues to respond with compassion and urgency to the global refugee crisis. **In 2025**, we received over 200 refugee sponsorship requests from individuals and families fleeing war, violence, and persecution. Due to limited resources, we were able to support 30 sponsorships, offering life-changing support to newcomers from countries such as Afghanistan, Sudan, Eritrea, Ethiopia, and Syria.

This life-saving work is made possible through generous contributions to the Bishop's Annual Appeal. Your support directly impacts the lives of displaced people by enabling the Migration Office to facilitate sponsorship, provide settlement assistance, and walk alongside refugees on their journey toward safety and stability.

Thanks to your generosity:

- 30 refugees and families were welcomed into our community.
- Newcomers found safe homes, access to essential services, and the dignity of belonging.
- Volunteers and staff offered personalized support, grounded in our shared faith and commitment to human dignity.

Together, we are putting our faith into action by answering the Gospel call:

"I was a stranger and you welcomed me." – Matthew 25:35

St. James warns us not to store up riches selfishly, but instead to live generously, answering Christ's call to serve those in need.

Thank you for helping us answer the call of compassion.

👉 Support the 2025 Bishop's Annual Appeal

📌 Visit: <https://dscf.ca/baa>

✉ Or contact the Migration Office to learn how you can get involved.

migration@rcdos.ca The Migration Office currently works with the following parishes, Holy Family, Holy Spirit, Our Lady of Lourdes, St Francis Xavier, St Anne's, St Paul's Co- Cathedral, St Philip Neri and St Martyrs Canadiens

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Nurturing Faith, Forming Disciples: Support the Ministries that Shape the Future of Our Church

In the heart of our diocese, two vital ministries are cultivating a new generation of faithful Catholics: **The Office of Evangelization & Catechesis and the Youth Ministry Office**. Their work is transformative reaching hundreds of lives through faith formation, leadership training, spiritual retreats and pastoral care.

Highlights from this Past Year:

- ✝️ 318 Students encountered Christ through Confirmation Retreats, a remarkable increase of 128 youth from the previous year.
- 👉 40 Candidates and 32 Catechumens participated in the Rite of Election, publicly affirming their journey toward full communion with the Church.
- 🧠 Over 250 leaders and ministers were enriched through the Fall and Spring Congresses, emphasizing the synergy of catechesis, evangelization, and liturgical beauty.
- 🙏 172 lay ministers received training to serve as Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion, expanding Eucharistic reverence throughout the diocese.

Youth Ministry Office: A Church Alive with Young People

This year's spiritual impact:

- 🌱 Project Timothy mentored 25 young adults through a year-long leadership and faith formation journey, culminating in retreats and deepened spirituality.
- 🔥 Search Retreats empowered 80+ high school students in peer-led environments to discover Jesus in a personal and communal way.
- 🏃 Conquest & Challenge Clubs fostered weekly virtue-based formation for children ages 8–15, led by over 20 teen mentors. One club's food drive collected 3,000+ items for the Saskatoon Food Bank.
- ✈️ Pilgrimage to Rome brought 29 young adults on a 10-day journey of hope and spiritual awakening culminating in an audience with Pope Leo.

This ministry touched over 325 young lives this year alone and the impact will echo for generations.

Why Your Support Matters

Behind every retreat, training, and gathering is your generosity. The Bishop's Annual Appeal makes these ministries possible ensuring that faith continues to flourish in our families, parishes, and hearts..

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Pilgrims of Hope Giving Our Gifts in the Ministry of Adult Faith

In this Jubilee Year of Hope, the Diocese of Saskatoon invites us to walk forward as Pilgrims of Hope, rooted in prayer and committed to the mission of Christ. This pilgrimage is not merely a journey of individuals but of a community inspired by the Holy Spirit, seeking to live and love more deeply through formation, discernment, and service.

Among the ministries that embody this vision is the Ministry of Adult Faith and the dynamic witness of the Sts. Benedict and Scholastica Formation House. Both formational paths remind us that every baptized Christian is called to be a missionary disciple, offering their unique gifts in the service of the Gospel.

Rooted in Prayer

Everything begins in prayer. In Adult Faith Formation, we see time and again that healing, renewal, and calling flow from encounters with Christ. Through programs like Awaken, Gospel Encounters with Jesus, and diocesan retreats like Enkindle and Surrender, hundreds of faithful have entered into deeper intimacy with the Lord. Whether it's through quiet contemplation during adoration or the powerful testimonies shared at events like Oasis, lives are being changed.

As one participant expressed during our "Oasis" evening, "The silence allowed me to hear God's voice again. I didn't realize how much I needed that."

The same is true for the young adults at the Sts. Benedict and Scholastica Formation House, where daily prayer, Eucharist, and spiritual direction shape the rhythm of their lives. For them, prayer is not just an obligation but a space where God's mission is discerned and embraced.

Equipped for Mission

Formation in this context is not passive. It is active, communal, and missionary. This year, the Called and Gifted program—an integral part of our adult faith ministry—brought discernment and empowerment to over 150 participants, including those from rural Saskatchewan and as far as the Philippines. These workshops help lay people recognize the charisms the Holy Spirit has entrusted to them and challenge them to go forth and serve. Likewise, the third-year residents of the SBS Formation Program are deepening their apostolic identity through leadership training, parish ministry, and acts of service. Their lives are a living response to Pope Francis' words in Evangelii Gaudium: "Every Christian is a missionary to the extent that he or she has encountered the love of God in Christ Jesus."

As one graduate of the program shared, "God works in the spaces you make for Him. This program helped me make space—to listen, to serve, and to be transformed."

Called to Give

The theme of "Giving Our Gifts" resonates profoundly in both ministries. Whether through a woman discovering her vocation at the "Unleash Your Feminine Genius" event or a young man discerning his path at morning Mass, we see the Church alive with gifts being offered and received. And all of this is made possible because of a shared mission—sustained by prayer, generosity, and communion.

The Bishop's Annual Appeal plays a vital role in this mission, funding the very programs that awaken, equip, and send forth disciples. Your gifts make it possible for our diocese to be a place where the Gospel is not only preached but lived.

Hope for the Journey

In a world that often feels uncertain, we walk forward in faith as Pilgrims of Hope, knowing that the road is made holy by the One who walks with us. Through the Ministry of Adult Faith and the formation of missionary disciples at Sts. Benedict and Scholastica, we are reminded that the Church is not static—it is alive, growing, and moving forward.

And each one of us is invited.

Invited to pray.

Invited to discern.

Invited to give.

Let us walk together—rooted in prayer, generous in mission, and joyful in hope.

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Each Vocation Begins with a "Yes"

Not a grand declaration, but a quiet, courageous assent to the whisper of God's call. Here in the Diocese of Saskatoon, that "yes" is being lived out daily by four remarkable young men discerning the priesthood. Their journeys offer a powerful witness to God's faithfulness, the strength of formation, and the fruit of community prayer and generosity.

Answering the Call

We are deeply blessed to be accompanying these men—Huy Le, Mischa Taillon, John Paul Wasan, and Matthew Witzaney—as they walk the path of discernment and formation. Their "yes" is a living testimony to the impact of our diocesan ministries like the Project Timothy mentoring initiative, CCO on Campus and the Sts. Benedict and Scholastica (SBS) Formation Program.

Their stories are unique but share a common thread: a heart deeply moved by love for Christ and a desire to serve His Church.

- **Huy Le**, in his third year of theology at Christ the King Seminary, is one of our most senior seminarians. A former student of biology at the University of Saskatchewan and graduate of the St. Benedict's Lay Formation Program, Huy's leadership in youth ministry at Our Lady of La Vang Vietnamese Parish is a model of faithful service.
- **Mischa Taillon and John Paul Wasan**, both science graduates from the U of S, encountered Christ more deeply through student ministry. Mischa, especially, credits CCO and Project Timothy as pivotal in his discernment journey—proof of how our local programs are forming tomorrow's Church leaders.
- **Matthew Witzaney**, from Denzil, SK, has been dedicated to parish life since his childhood days as an altar server. His missionary experience in Black Lake and academic formation at St. Thomas Aquinas College in California reveal a readiness to lead with compassion and clarity.

These men are not only studying theology they are living missionary discipleship. Their formation includes rigorous academic study, spiritual direction, pastoral placements, and deep community life, all made possible through your prayers and support.

Forming Missionary Disciples

Behind each seminarian stands an entire community of support. One of our most powerful formation tools is the Sts. Benedict and Scholastica House, a three-year program designed to develop young men into missionary disciples. The final year focuses on pastoral formation, where participants like Jarrod Daunheimer and Connor Patterson experience deep spiritual growth through prayer, service, and community engagement.

The house has become a spiritual home for men seeking God's will, whether they pursue priesthood or simply desire a more authentic Catholic life. As Jarrod reflects, "The Rule, the practices of prayer, and the experiences of community all contribute to create an environment filled with the Holy Spirit, in which discernment becomes clearer."

We invite you to prayerfully consider supporting these vocations. Your BAA donation whether large or small directly funds tuition, spiritual formation, and pastoral training. Most importantly, it tells these young men: "You are not alone. We believe in you."

You can designate your gift specifically for seminarian support, or reach out to our diocesan office to learn more about how you can help. And whether or not you are able to give financially, please continue to pray. Every prayer, every Mass offered, and every word of encouragement plants seeds of hope.

A Church Alive with Vocations

The Diocese of Saskatoon is alive with the Spirit, and the fruits are undeniable. Through your support and the tireless work of so many—priests, religious, formators, and lay mentors—we are building a Church ready to serve and evangelize with joy.

Let us thank God for the gift of these four men who have said "yes," and for all those still listening for His call.

May we continue to be a diocese that fosters vocations, forms disciples, and walks with Christ.

"The harvest is plentiful, but the laborers are few. Therefore pray earnestly to the Lord of the harvest to send out laborers into his harvest." – Luke 10:2

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Ministry of Justice and Peace and Prison Ministry

In Matthew 25, Jesus offers us a startling standard of discipleship: how we treat the poor, the imprisoned, and the vulnerable is how we treat Him. In our diocese, the Office of Justice & Peace led by Myron Rogal and the Prison Ministry led by Dianne Anderson embody this Gospel truth in remarkable ways and your support is what allows these life-changing ministries to thrive.

The Quiet Miracles of Prison Ministry

"I was in prison, and you visited me." (Matthew 25:36)

These words are not just a call—they are a commissioning. Few answer this call as courageously and tenderly as Dianne Anderson. Her ministry behind prison walls is not about punishment or preaching it is about presence. Dianne enters some of the most wounded corners of our world, not with judgment, but with mercy. Through week-long healing workshops, evening groups, and one-on-one accompaniment, she invites incarcerated men to confront their pain and begin the sacred journey of transformation.

This is no ordinary outreach. It is a ministry of encounter, where hearts soften and hope is reborn. And it doesn't end at the prison gate. Dianne walks alongside families mothers, children, and siblings offering a listening ear and a bridge of compassion between those on the inside and the loved ones waiting outside.

Dianne's mission is a living testimony to the boundless mercy of Christ. But she doesn't walk alone. She is joined by a dedicated team who assist with prison Masses, lead faith-sharing sessions, and bring small gifts at Christmas and Easter reminders that even behind bars, these men are not forgotten.

This work is only possible through the generosity of people like you. Your support ensures that those the world deems "too far gone" are reminded they are still beloved by God.

Justice and Peace: From Charity to Transformation

Meanwhile, the Office of Justice & Peace is carrying out an equally profound mission, rooted in Catholic Social Teaching and focused on our diocesan priority: Care for the Poor and Vulnerable. Whether it's emergency aid for families in crisis, parish-supported relief efforts, or systemic change through civic collaboration, this ministry works at every level charity, mission, and justice.

In the past year alone:

Over 500 individuals received emergency assistance.

17 parishes mobilized for local relief efforts.

11 new outreach initiatives were launched to support those at risk of poverty.

A parish-based Mission Centre now serves over 1,000 individuals with overnight shelter and daily accompaniment.

And beyond these numbers lies a deeper mission: truth and reconciliation with Indigenous communities, interfaith solidarity through events like Red Wednesday, and global outreach through programs such as Grow Hope

Saskatchewan—providing millions of meals worldwide.

This is what the Church looks like when it chooses to be a field hospital. When it remembers that our faith is not only professed in prayer but lived in acts of justice and love.

Why Your Support Matters

It's tempting to believe that the work of justice and prison ministry belongs to "someone else" someone more experienced, more fearless, more holy. But the truth is, it belongs to all of us. When you give to these ministries, you walk with Christ into jails, shelters, food banks, and broken places. You accompany the poor. You visit the imprisoned. You offer healing and hope in His name.

Your donation is not just financial support it is a spiritual act of solidarity. It is a declaration that everyone, no matter their past or their pain, is worthy of dignity, mercy, and the chance to begin again.

If your heart is stirred by this mission if you believe that Christ is present among the forgotten please consider making a gift today to the Bishop's Annual Appeal. Together, we can continue to build a Church that reflects the heart of Jesus: compassionate, courageous, and committed to the least among us.

Let us be the hands and feet of Christ, bringing light where there is darkness, and hope where there is despair.

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Giving the Gift of God's Peace through Hospital Chaplaincy

"Blessed are the merciful, for they shall receive mercy." – Matthew 5:7

Life's most difficult moments often come unannounced: a diagnosis, a hospital bed, or the journey toward end-of-life care. In these vulnerable moments, the presence of Christ through a listening ear, a compassionate word, and the prayerful accompaniment of a Hospital Chaplain can bring profound peace to those in pain.

Hospital Chaplaincy is not merely a service it is a ministry of hope. And this year, through the Bishop's Annual Appeal, we are all invited to support this essential mission.

Trusting God in the Valley

When illness or suffering strike, it can shake our confidence and strain our hope. But the Catholic faith reminds us that God is closest to us in our suffering. As Psalm 34:18 says, "The Lord is close to the broken-hearted and saves those who are crushed in spirit." Hospital Chaplains become tangible signs of this closeness, bearing God's love into hospital rooms, hospice care, and families navigating some of life's hardest decisions.

In 2024–2025, Hospital Chaplaincy has made significant impacts across our diocese:

- 3 parish visits offering education and formation on palliative care
- 1 major diocesan workshop attended by over 100 people, equipping parishioners with tools for compassionate care
- 3 Horizons of Hope workshops, delivering a faith-based lens on suffering, death, and healing

These programs empower our Catholic community to not only receive care, but to extend it to be Christ's hands and heart in a suffering world.

Giving as a Sign of Faith

When we give to the Bishop's Annual Appeal, we invest in ministries like Hospital Chaplaincy that bring light into darkness. Every dollar helps a chaplain sit beside a patient in need, every offering extends Christ's peace into another room, and every prayerful donation becomes a seed of mercy planted in someone's heart.

Especially during times when our own faith may feel tested, giving becomes a radical act of trust in God. It is saying, "Lord, even in struggle, I believe you are at work."

Your Invitation

If your heart has ever been comforted by the Church in a time of pain, consider how you can pass that peace on. Whether you've walked beside a loved one in illness or simply desire to live your faith in action, Hospital Chaplaincy needs your support.

Through the Bishop's Annual Appeal, your gift becomes a lifeline of faith, hope, and love.

Let us, as one diocesan family, continue the healing ministry of Christ. Let us give mercy, so that mercy may be ours. And let us never stop trusting that, even in the darkest hours, God is with us bringing peace, healing, and eternal hope.

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