

A large, stylized tree graphic in a light orange color, centered on a dark orange background. The tree has a thick trunk and many branches with oval-shaped leaves. The entire graphic is set against a background of a collage of various photographs of people, mostly in shades of green and blue, which is visible around the edges of the orange circle.

PILGRIMS OF HOPE

# Rooted in Prayer & Mission

2025

**Bishops**  
ANNUAL APPEAL

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

Grace and peace to you in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ.

As we embark on this year's Bishop's Annual Appeal, I invite you to take the opportunity to reflect on our theme: "Pilgrims of Hope: Rooted in Prayer and Mission." These words are grounded in the ancient promise of the prophet Isaiah:

**"O Lord, you grant peace to those who are steadfast because of their trust in you. Trust in the Lord forever, for the Lord is an eternal rock."**

*Isaiah 26:3-4*

In a world often marked by restlessness and uncertainty, we, the People of God, are called to be pilgrims of hope, anchored not in fleeting comforts but in the steadfast love and faithfulness of God. Our journey begins in prayer, where we encounter the peace of Christ. From that place of peace, we encounter God's hope. And from His hope, we are sent on mission.

The Bishop's Annual Appeal is not simply a fundraiser. It is a communal act of discipleship and a visible expression of our shared mission. Together, through your generous gifts, we sustain the many ministries that serve our youth, care for the vulnerable, accompany those discerning vocations, form lay leaders, and bring the Gospel to life in every corner of our diocese.

None of this is possible without you. Your prayers, your faith, and your witness are essential. Together, let us show the world what it means to be the Church rooted in love, walking together, trusting in the Lord, and offering ourselves in service.

As disciples united in faith and inspired by hope, let us be the example the world needs. May we continue this pilgrimage with firm purpose, allowing our trust in the Lord to guide us, our prayer to sustain us, and our mission to inspire others. With deep gratitude for your continued generosity and fidelity to the mission of the Church, I assure you of my prayers and blessings.

I conclude with an exhortation from St. Paul to the Romans: "*May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, so that you may abound in hope by the power of the Holy Spirit.*" (Romans 15: 13)

Sincerely in Christ,

+ *Mark Hagemoen*  
✠ Bishop Mark Hagemoen



BAA Video

**Bishop's**  
ANNUAL APPEAL



# Vocation Begins with a “Yes”

## VOCATIONS & RELIGIOUS LIFE

### STS. BENEDICT & SCHOLASTICA

Being rooted in an intimate and personal relationship with God and orienting our entire lives toward identification with Jesus is at the heart of this program of formation and discernment for young adults. The time with us is an opportunity to lay a solid foundation for a contemplative life, grounded in a personal and living knowledge of God and strengthened by firm disciplines of prayer.

Each September, and periodically throughout the year, our formation sessions will focus on spiritual training. Participants receive guidance in both personal and communal prayer, faith sharing, the Liturgy of the Hours, Catholic devotions, and discovering God through service and ministry. These practices are designed to help participants maximize their time here.

The key formator in this journey is the Holy Spirit. Our role is to help participants open themselves up to the Lord's work in their lives.

Here in the Diocese of Saskatoon, that “yes” is being lived out daily by four young men discerning priesthood. Their journeys offer a powerful witness to God's faithfulness, the strength of formation, and the fruit of community prayer and generosity.

We are deeply blessed to accompany 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.

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

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**Seminarians discerning  
priesthood**

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# Together in Faith

## JUSTICE & PEACE

In 2024–2025, the Office of Justice & Peace, under the guidance of the Justice and Peace Advisory Council, adopted a new three-year focus: “*Care for the Poor & Vulnerable*”, which encompasses:

- emergency assistance, parishes partnering with agencies, supporting parishes that offer relief.
- creating spaces for relationships and working with partners to provide support for those at high risk of entering material poverty.
- long-term justice approaches rooted in solidarity

Together, with your support, we are making a measurable impact.

1119

Individuals were served  
at St. Mary's Warm-Up  
Centre

300<sup>+</sup>

Attended the Annual  
Downtown Way of the  
Cross

25

Participants attended  
Catholic Approach to  
Outreach Training in  
2025

*“Michelle and I attended “Catholic approach to outreach training”, It enabled us to challenge our fears on service of others”*

~ Brian and Michelle Berzolla ~

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## ECUMENISM

Numerous ecumenical activities are organized throughout the year. There is so much hope when we worship with our brothers and sisters in other denominations.

Every year, **\$20,000** is invested in sustaining our work with the Prairie Centre for Ecumenism, to build Christian unity and reconciliation

Through the center, we participate in various interdenominational activities, such as the De Margerie lectures and the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity.

Thanks to all those who donate to the Bishop's Annual Appeal.

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100<sup>+</sup>

Participants attended  
Compassionate  
Community Care  
Workshop

3

Parishes completed  
CCCB's Horizons of Hope  
Workshop

3

Parishes hosted  
sessions on Palliative  
Care

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# Mercy in Action

HOSPITAL CHAPLAINCY

Hospital Chaplaincy has been active throughout the diocese this year, offering hope, education, and accompaniment in the journey of palliative care and end-of-life ministry.

If your parish is looking to explore these critical issues, Hospital Chaplaincy is available to help facilitate a Horizons of Hope workshop in your community. This is a meaningful opportunity to educate and empower parishioners in navigating illness, death, and hope with a Catholic lens. **Providing spiritual care and sacraments** to those in Saskatoon hospitals continues to be a priority.



## PRISON MINISTRY

Supported by gifts to the Bishop's Annual Appeal, the office of Prison Ministry offers outreach at the Saskatoon Correctional Centre, providing support, prayer and healing to men, families, and victims as well as to parishes and volunteers, as part of an ongoing journey toward becoming an accepting, connected community.

The office of Prison Ministry facilitates week-long grief and spiritual healing workshops, offering safe spaces. These workshops are moments of encounter with the living Christ.

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# Living Our Faith

## EVANGELIZATION & CATECHESIS

The Office of Evangelization and Catechesis provides support, training and resources to clergy and catechists in the ministry of sacramental preparation, RCIA, and other faith formation initiatives.

We provide support to parish leadership in the delivery of catechetical and initiation processes that are deeply informed by the New Evangelization.

Thanks to your support, this year we were able to host and minister at various events.

318

Students attended our Confirmation Retreats

120

Participants attended Fall Congress 2024

130

Participants attended Spring Congress 2025

172

Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion trained in 2024

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## FAMILY LIFE

The Office of Family Life supports families at various stages of marriage and family life, as well as parishes that minister to families. A diocesan Marriage Formation Curriculum, created in 2022, is available to all parishes and resource couples. Training, support and materials are available for resource couples, parishes and pastors.

Grief support is offered through various programs:

- **From Mourning to Dawn:** for bereaved spouses and for bereaved parents.
- **Anew:** an updated program for those who are separated or divorced

A Memorial Mass was held on Dec. 6, 2025, for parents who have lost children from miscarriage through to adulthood, hosted by St. Patrick's Parish in partnership with the Office of Family Life, celebrated by Father David Tumback.





# Discipleship in Action

Youth & Young Adult

The office of Youth and Young Adult continues to form intentional missionary disciples by bringing the Good News of Jesus Christ into the lives of youth and young adults of the Diocese of Saskatoon through the Holy Spirit.

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.

*"Project Timothy renewed in me a strong desire to continue walking with others in faith"*

~ Anna, Participant ~

25 Young adults completed Project Timothy

80+ High School students attended Search Retreats

29 Young adults joined the Pilgrimage to Rome

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## MIGRATION

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 welcome 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.



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30 refugees and families were welcomed

**Hannah Enti-Brown**

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# Equipped for Mission

## ADULT FAITH FORMATION



We are born to serve one another. Through every program, and event, we witness the Holy Spirit moving in each of the participants of Adult Faith Formation, healing, renewing, and calling hearts to deeper intimacy with Jesus.

The Bishop's Annual Appeal plays a vital role in this mission, funding the very programs that awaken, equip, and send forth disciples.

52

Participants attended Fall/Winter Awaken Sessions

108

Women attended Feminine Genius

97

Participants attended our Advent and Lenten Retreats

77

Participants within the diocese completed Called & Gifted

57

Participants attended "Oasis"

2

Called & Gifted Workshops were hosted in Philippines by our Missionary Team

*"The silence allowed me to listen to God's voice. I didn't realize how much I needed that."*  
~ Participant at Oasis ~

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## COMMUNICATIONS

Supported by your donations to the Bishop's Annual Appeal, the office of Communications is committed to sharing the Good News of Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the power of the Holy Spirit alive in the Church and in the lives of God's beloved people.

The Communications office assists the bishop, parishes, and ministry offices as well as Catholic organizations and community partners to "Proclaim Christ and God's Kingdom" in word, worship, and action, by providing promotion, publicity, awareness, and connection on a range of platforms for a variety of events from different Catholic groups.



Diocesan events calendar



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# Welcoming Grant

The Welcoming Grant continues to support parishes in their mission of creating inclusive, vibrant, and faith-filled communities.

Thanks to this Grant, the following parishes have been provided support:

- St. Mary Parish, Fox Valley
- St. Mary Parish, Lanigan
- Little Flower Parish, Leader
- St. Peter the Apostle Parish, Saskatoon
- Our Lady of Guadalupe Parish, Saskatoon
- St. Michael Parish, Saskatoon
- St. Mary Parish, Richmond

## Ursulines Of Prelate Endowment

The vitality of rural parishes depends on access to strong catechetical resources, dedicated volunteer training, and opportunities for ongoing formation.

By supporting the Office of Rural Catechesis financially, you help ensure that:

- Rural parishes remain equipped to share the Gospel faithfully and effectively.
- Volunteers and catechists receive the formation and encouragement they need to serve with confidence.
- Communities stay connected and supported, even across the distances that often separate rural parishes.

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## Capital Funds

### New Building

Donations to this fund will be held until the funds are required to build a new church or purchase land.

The BAA collection will distribute **\$50,000** to this fund.

### Restoration of Churches

Parishes can request assistance to help with the restoration or upkeep of their church.

The BAA Collection will distribute **\$50,000** to this fund.

## Planned Giving

Your footprints tell a story.  
What will yours say?  
Let's start the conversation

**Raissa Bugyi**  
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# Operations Report 2025-2026

## Draw People Into a Deepening Intimacy with the Lord

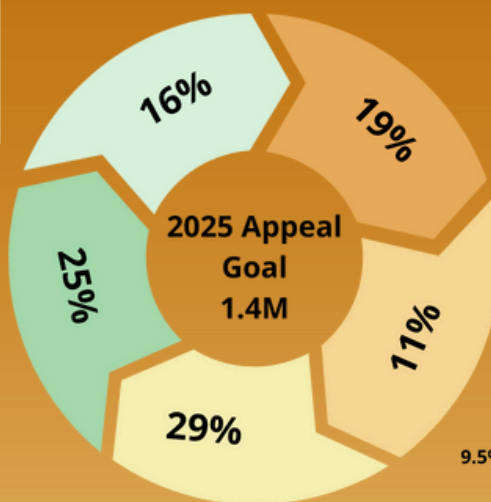
Adult Faith Formation  
Youth and Young Adult Ministry  
Evangelization and Catechesis  
\$222,200

## Promote the Healing Journey of the Lord

Restorative Ministry  
Hospital Chaplaincy  
Indigenous Pastoral Ministry  
DCTR  
\$354,254

## Build & Support Family & Community

Deaf Ministry, Justice and Peace, Marriage and Family Life,  
Grief support, Office of Migration, Reverence for Life,  
Friendship Inn, Prairie Centre for Ecumenism, Support of  
Archdiocese of Keewatin -Le Pas  
\$404,200



## Make Every Sunday Matter Move from Maintenance to Mission

Communications  
Church Restoration Fund  
Indigenous Ministry  
Safeguarding  
\$270,200

## Embrace Your Priesthood

Education of Laity  
Vocations support  
Education of international priests  
Education of Priests and Future Priests  
\$149,200

9.5% of the operations, accounting, and administration costs are allocated to each department.

**Bishop Mark Hagemoen, along with the  
Diocesan Finance Council (DFC), supervises  
and manages the distribution of the budget  
with assistance from Operations Manager  
Greg Chatlain.**

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## REQUEST FOR TRANSFER OF SECURITIES

**Date:**

**Contact At Sending Institution:**

**Contact Company Address:**

**Contact Phone #:**

**RE: LETTER OF RELEASE FOR A SECURITIES TRANSFER TO DIOCESE OF SASKATOON CATHOLIC FOUNDATION INC.  
CHARITABLE REGISTRATION # 836037127RR0001**

**Please accept this letter as your instruction to transfer the following securities:**

**(number of shares)(name of shares)**

**from my account number to:**

**Diocese of Saskatoon Catholic Foundation Inc. Account # 761-18448-1-7**

**RBC Dominion Securities Inc. 1000 – 409 3rd Ave. S., East Tower Saskatoon SK S7K 5R5**

**FINS # T002 DTC # 5002 CUID # DOMA**

**Dealer # 9190, Rep # N89**

**Contact: Lori Waughtal Phone: (306) 956-5240 Fax: (306) 956-5252**

**Donor(s) Signature:**

**Donor(s) Name:**

**Donor(s) Address:**

**Donor(s) Phone #:**

**Donor(s) Instructions:**



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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](http://www.dscf.ca/ways) or scan QR code below.
- ☐ **E-TRANSFER** directly from your bank account. Please include your name, mailing address, phone number and where to direct your gift in the comments section to receive a charitable tax receipt.  
[e-transferBAA@dscf.ca](mailto:e-transferBAA@dscf.ca)

☐ **Pre-Authorized Debit: Return this gift form and a void check or complete the information below.**

**Transit/Branch #****Institution#****Account #**

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**Diocesan member ID:****Parish:****CONTACT 1****CONTACT 2**

Last Name:

Full Given Name:

Address:

City/Town:

Email:

**Appeal Name****2025 BAA****Rural Catechists  
Fund****New Build  
Restoration Fund****One Time Gift:**

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**Monthly Recurring Gift:**

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**Recurring Gift Start Date:**

mm/dd/yyyy

**Please indicate the appeal in your cheque memo **Mail back to our office**  
**or drop it in your offertory basket at your parish****

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All Prayers will be given to Sr. Malou and her Prayer Group to include in their prayers.

Prayer Intention: \_\_\_\_\_

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# ANNUAL APPEAL

***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.***

**Please make any corrections to your address to help us keep our files current.**

***A postage-paid addressed envelope is provided. Tax receipts will be issued for all donations.***

