



Diocesan Bulletin

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*In all things we are rooted in Christ,
in His desire to bring God's love to all peoples.*

Upcoming Events

Rebuilding Catholic Culture Dessert Night and Talk:

"From Tao to Now: Logos, Light, and Eikon" with Fr. Gregory Hrynkiw will be the featured presentation at Rebuilding Catholic Culture's 8th Annual Dessert Night held 7 p.m. **Friday, Jan. 10** at Our Lady of Lourdes Parish, 12th St. and Wiggins Ave., Saskatoon (doors open at 6:30 p.m.). Fr. Gregory Hrynkiw will speak about the quest to grasp the relation between the Logos-Christ and the human person. The talk will be followed by Catholic Culture's cheesecake and brownie bar. This is a free event (there will be an opportunity to make a free will offering). Space is limited: RSVP by contacting Celene Sidloski at (306) 715-1541 or e-mail: csidloski@stmcollege.ca.

Oplatek Dinner will be held following 11 am Mass at 12 Noon on **Sunday, Jan. 12** at Our Lady of Czestochowa Church, 301 Avenue Y South at 20th Street West, Saskatoon (the Polish parish in our diocese), featuring the sharing of Oplatek - Wafer, Polish Koledy (carols) and a meal featuring roast turkey, ham, salad, potatoes, beets, beverage, desserts. Tickets: \$20 (adults), \$10 (children). For reservations call the parish rectory at (639) 525-1680.

Poland Pilgrimage 15-Day Tour (June 17 to July 1, 2025): Fr. Richard Philiposki SChr, together with Society of Christ pastors in Regina and Las Vegas have organized a pilgrimage tour to Poland in the summer of 2025. They will visit and pray at sites connected with the lives of St. John Paul II, St. Maximilian Kolbe, and St. Faustina. For a brochure with details about the trip, please contact Fr. Richard at (639) 525-1680 or e-mail Rphiliposki@aol.com. A meeting for those interested will take place at 1:45 p.m. on **Sunday, Jan. 12** at Our Lady of Czestochowa Church, 301 Ave. Y South, at 20th Street W., Saskatoon.

"Developing Disciples of Christ" – Free Catechist workshop will be offered online via Zoom from 7 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. on **Wednesday, Jan. 15**, reflecting on how to effectively catechize in a way that advances the Church's primary mission to evangelize. Pre-register at: <https://form.jotform.com/243445309486261> or for more info, contact Marilyn Jackson at (306) 659-5836.



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Please visit the diocesan website for a Christmas message and video from Bishop Mark Hagemoen: rcdos.ca

Canadian Martyrs National Relic Tour - Relics of three of the Canadian Martyrs — St. Jean de Brébeuf, St. Charles Garnier and St. Gabriel Lalemant — as well as a relic of St. Kateri Tekakwitha, will be taken across Canada on a national tour of prayer and veneration. **The tour will include Saskatoon, with events at the Cathedral of the Holy Family on Friday, Jan. 24.** Watch for more details to be announced. Learn more about the relic tour at: <https://martyrs-shrine.com/relic-tour>.

A Lenten Retreat with Dr. Ralph Martin of Renewal Ministries will be held **March 7-9** at St. Therese Institute of Faith and Mission in Bruno, SK - a family-friendly retreat. Free childcare will be provided for children 5 and under. On-site meals and accommodations are available. Find more information at www.StTherese.ca/events.

St. Peter's College 100th anniversary celebration and reunion will be held **July 26-27** at the college gymnasium at St. Peter's Abbey, Muenster for alumni who have attended SPC from its earliest days as a high school to today. Contact: John Kreiser at john.kreiser@sasktel.net about registration.

Diocesan Prayer - We pray as a diocesan family for a spirit of humble worship, that all of us may bring everything that we are to adore Jesus Christ in the Eucharist, sharing in the devotion of the Magi who came to adore Him bringing their gifts.

Message Board

Awaken adult faith program: "Gospel Encounters with Jesus" - Registration is underway for this series to be held at 7 p.m. on four Tuesday evenings in the New Year: **Feb. 18, Feb. 25, March 4, and March 11.** Cost is \$40 for all four sessions in the series.

- **Feb. 18 with Fr. David Tumback**, held at St. Patrick Parish, 3339 Centennial Drive, Saskatoon;
 - **Feb. 25 with Fr. Gerard Cooper**, held at the Catholic Centre, 123 Nelson Rd., Saskatoon (2nd floor, Holy Family Cathedral);
 - **March 4 with Bishop Mark Hagemoen**, Catholic Centre;
 - **March 11 with Sr. Marta Piano, VDMF**, Catholic Centre
- Register for this Adult Faith "Awaken" four-part series at: <https://form.jotform.com/SaskatoonDiocese/awakenwinter2025> or contact Adult Faith Coordinator Astrid Alas at (306) 659-5858 or amalas@rcdos.ca. (*Adult Faith formation is supported by gifts to the Bishop's Annual Appeal.*)

Search Retreat 2025 – The next Search live-in weekend retreat for Grade 10-12 students in the Roman Catholic Diocese of Saskatoon, will be held Feb. 21-23 at E.D. Feehan Catholic School in Saskatoon. Attending Search is a powerful way to deepen a close, personal relationship with God, make friends and forge lasting memories. Cost for the entire weekend including food and accommodations is \$100. Mark your calendars and watch for more information about this powerful experience for youth at saskatoonsearch.ca (*Youth ministry is supported by gifts to the Bishop's Annual Appeal.*)

Donations are requested for prison ministry's video bedtime story project - The diocesan Office of Restorative Ministry is seeking donations of new children's pyjamas (sizes newborn to size 8) and small backpacks, as part of a project to help fathers in prison improve parenting skills and stay connected to their families. Men approved for the program are video-taped reading bedtime stories, and the videos are sent to their children with the donated gifts of pyjamas/book in a back pack. Monetary donations for project supplies are also welcome. All donations can be dropped off or sent "Attention Dianne" to the Catholic Pastoral Centre, 2nd floor, Cathedral of the Holy Family, 123 Nelson Road, Saskatoon, S7S 1H1 (hours are: 9 am to noon, 1 p.m. to 4:30 pm weekdays). Please make cheques out to "DSCF - Restorative Ministry." **Donations of sturdy rosaries (metal chains)** are also requested for prison ministry: please drop-off / send to the Catholic Pastoral Centre or call Restorative Ministry at (306) 659-5845. (*Prison Ministry is supported by gifts to the Bishop's Annual Appeal.*)



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Week of Prayer for Christian Unity Jan. 18-25, 2025

Week of Prayer for Christian Unity resources are now available for download at weekofprayer.ca. The theme of the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity (WPCU) was prepared by the monastic community of Bose in Northern Italy, "**Do you believe this?**" (**John 11:26**), taking its cue from the dialogue between Jesus and Martha when Jesus visited the home of Martha and Mary in Bethany following the death of their brother Lazarus. On the 1,700th anniversary of the first Christian Ecumenical Council of Nicaea, Christians around the world are called to witness together to this faith in the resurrection, which is our source of hope and joy, to be shared with all peoples.

Planned celebrations in Saskatoon include:

- **Saturday, Jan. 18** - "Singing into Unity" event.
- **Monday, Jan. 20 to Friday, Jan. 24** - Prayer services and breakfasts at local churches.
- **Thursday, Jan. 23** - U of S Campus Service.
- **Sunday, Jan. 26** - Ecumenical Worship Service.

"Here Comes Nicea 2025" - DeMargerie Series for Christian Reconciliation and Unity

Named in honour of the late Fr. Bernard de Margerie, this annual series will be held during the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity, featuring guest speaker Rev. Dr. Sandra Beardsall, Professor Emeritus of Church History and Ecumenics, St. Andrew's College exploring "Nicea 2025".

DeMargerie Lectures online and live-streamed:

- **Saskatoon** - "Are We Ready for Visible Unity?" held 7 p.m. **Wednesday, Jan. 22** at St. Thomas More College, Saskatoon.
- **Regina** - "Are We ready to Share Apostolic Faith Tradition?" held 7 p.m. **Thursday, Jan. 23** at Campion College, Regina.

DeMargerie Public Workshop in-person only:

"Taking Nicea Home: Are We Ready to Let it Shape Parish Life?" will be held 10 a.m. to noon **Saturday, Jan. 25** at Holy Covenant Evangelical Orthodox Church, 1406 Alexandra Ave., Saskatoon (light lunch to follow.)

Watch for more details or contact the Prairie Centre for Ecumenism at (306) 653-1633 or admin@pccumenism.ca

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