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A Home for History

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"Pollinating Policy" will introduce new administration policies for the Archives, or highlight existing policy changes.

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St. Lawrence, patron saint of archives, pray for this ministry.



Buzzfeed

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As I continue to embrace my role as archivist here at the diocese, I find myself constantly submersed in the potential of the collection, particularly the unique opportunity it has to be relational. Many new projects are underway, and while those tasks can be overwhelming, and challenging (largely in a positive way), a lot of fun is also being had in building new connections for the archives; this very publication is an example. My professional philosophy is to allow the holdings here to tell the stories they keep. As an archivist, I value the useful element of the collection and enjoy celebrating the ways that the collection can be shared.

One of the things I have been up to lately is pondering the ways that I can incorporate education into my work, and turning some of the materials in the collection into creative learning experiences. Most people assume that I spend my days among stacks of papers, talking to dust bunnies. I actually spend my days recording and organizing the memories in the life of the diocese, both institutionally, for the church, and personally, for the faithful in the pews. I get to 'meet' people, and projects, and places every day, and learn about their accomplishments, their struggles, their worries, their celebrations. I get to witness the changes they go through in their thinking, and in how they act. The truly special aspect of my job, are the moments I witness the presence of the Holy Spirit. Whether on the joyful faces of people in a photograph, the raw emotion of a person writing a letter; or the debate of a matter in the notes of a meeting. While some things can only be shared in due time, there is so much richness in the collection that can be made available to inform, and inspire now.

In November, 2023, I was contacted by a Regina Catholic teacher looking to communicate a Religious Education unit about saints to her grade five-six classroom. I was warmly invited into a classroom of very clever students to discuss relics and to help inspire the students using the spiritual enrichment of the lives of the saints.

What a marvelous time we all had. At first, the students were rather quiet as they took in my presentation; curiosity adorning their faces as they processed the content of my instruction. They were hard to read at first, perhaps because this was a new area of exploration for them. When the time came to view the relics, and ask questions, there emerged a lively and excited energy around the room. The ways they were aspiring to wrap their minds around what they were learning was inspiring for me. I reflected on the last time I would have pursued a deeper understanding about something with such gusto as these students did. The students maximized every moment of our time together viewing and discussing the relics. Some studied the curves of the reliquaries very closely. Some furrowed their eyebrows with intrigue. But all waited with a true patience for their chance to hold and observe the relics as they circulated in the classroom. It was my first public presentation about something in what is now 'my' collection. What a great privilege it was to share the patrimony of the church.









Work continues on policy directives in the archdiocese with respect to record processing and access. Any new information, friendly reminders, or changes to existing practices will be communicated in this section of the newsletter.

How does the catalogue of religious items work?

- 1) If you are in need of something for your parish, this catalogue will allow you to consult the pictures of items available for use, which are currently in the care of the archives at the archdiocese. Each item contains an inventory identification number. Simply contact the archivist and communicate the corresponding inventory number(s) for the item(s) you want. The item(s) will be pulled from storage and available for pick up within office hours. The archivist will be in contact with you throughout the process of acquiring religious items.
- 2) If you are a parish with a surplus of items of which you wish to make available as part of this program, you may send photos of the items to the archivist. The items will be given an inventory number, and be entered into the catalogue, which is then communicated throughout the archdiocese. The archivist will facilitate the transferring of religious items between parishes for consistency, and to ensure the most up-to-date information about what is available for use.
- 3) If you are a parish that is in need of religious items that are not available in the catalogue, you may contact the archivist to be put on a waiting list in the event the item does becomes available.

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Photo Inventory	Item Description	Item No.
	Candlesticks	RI 003
	Advent Candle Holders	RI 005
	Candle Sticks	RI 007

Candlestick Holder	RI 009
Candlesticks	RI 010
Easter Candle Bases	RI 016
Electric Sanctuary Lamp	RI 017

Torch Candle Bases	RI 025
Candlestick Bases (Small)	RI 035
Altar Candle Bases (2)	RI 042

Candle Holder	RI 049
Chalice	RI 011
Chalice	RI 012

Chalice	RI 014
Chalice	RI 040

Chalice and Case	RI 043
Chalice	RI 054

Chalice	RI 059
Chalice	RI 061

Chalices (2)	RI 071
Chalice	RI 072
Ciborium	RI 013

Ciborium	RI 033
Ciborium	RI 036

Ciborium	RI 037
Ciborium	RI 047

Ciborium	RI 053
Ciborium	RI 057

Ciborium	RI 058
Ciborium	RI 060

Ciborium	RI 062
Ciborium	RI 063

Ciborium	RI 068
Ciborium	RI 069
Ciborium	RI 070

B	Communion Plate (A, B)	RI 067
	Paten Burse	RI 023
A B B	Paten (A, B, C, D, E, F)	RI 039

A B	Paten (A, C, D) B Not Available	RI 066
	Freestanding Metal Crucifix	RI 001
	Freestanding Metal Crucifix	RI 002

Freestanding Metal Crucifix	RI 004
Holy Water Vessel and Sprinkle Wand	RI 046
Holy Water Vessel and Sprinkle Wand	RI 056

Monstrance with Case (2" Luna)	RI 019
Monstrance (2" Luna)	RI 021
Monstrance (2" Luna)	RI 022

	Thurible	RI 065
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	Stool Stand	RI 024



***VESTMENTS – The Archdiocese of Regina has a small collection of vestments available for keeping as well as for short term loan.

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