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2025 Annual Report

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ, and all who take the time to read this Annual Report of the Archdiocese of Regina, warm greetings to you all.



In times of difficulty and tumult, a biblical passage I turn to often is 2 Cor. 4. St. Paul begins by noting that “since it is by God's mercy that we are engaged in this ministry, we do not lose heart.” He notes how we hold a treasure in the proclamation of Jesus, but we hold that treasure “in clay jars,” in the ambiguities and challenges of our humanity. At the heart of the meditation is a litany of encouragement and perseverance: “We are afflicted in every way, but not crushed; perplexed, but not driven to despair; persecuted, but not forsaken; struck down, but not destroyed;

always carrying in the body the death of Jesus, so that the life of Jesus may also be made visible in our bodies.... So we do not lose heart.”

The year 2025 carried its fair share of challenges in the world around us. Escalating armed conflicts in several parts of the world, complicated relations with our American neighbours and the threat of destabilizing tariffs, a summer of wildfires leaving us covered in smoke for prolonged periods, and societal grappling with the risks and opportunities of artificial intelligence, all significantly shaped our lives in 2025.

In the universal Church, we witnessed the last days in the life of Pope Francis, who died early on Easter Monday. As my life had been deeply impacted by the leadership of Pope Francis, I attended his funeral, and was moved by the global outpouring of affection and gratitude for his ministry. Just over two weeks later, the priests of the Archdiocese of Regina, gathered while on retreat at Campion College, came together when we heard the word that white smoke was coming from the Sistine Chapel, and watched as Pope Leo XIV emerged from the balcony at St. Peter's Basilica.

I encourage you to read the pages below, detailing the work carried out by the various departments operating out of the Archdiocese of Regina. Much good work has been done, and continues to be done, by our staff, our clergy, and in the parishes of the Archdiocese. I am grateful for the opportunity to continue to serve as archbishop, and profoundly grateful for those who I have the blessing of working with on a weekly basis, and for the faithful of the Archdiocese. My own ministry became a little more challenging, as I was unexpectedly elected as Vice President of Canadian Conference of Catholic Bishops in September of 2025.

Mindful of the many challenges and blessings that marked the year 2025, I invite you to persevere with courage as we strive to walk together into a future held in God's hands.

“God is our refuge and strength, an ever-present help in trouble. Therefore we will not fear, though the earth give way and the mountains fall into the heart of the sea, though its waters roar and foam and the mountains quake with their surging.... Be still and know that I am God, supreme over the nations, exalted over all the earth.” (Ps. 46:1-3, 10)

Yours in Christ,

+Donald Bolen
Archbishop of Regina



Department of Pastoral Services

by Lisa Polk, Director of Pastoral Services

This has been a year marked by both significant change and renewed commitment in the life of the Church, locally and globally. Through moments of sorrow, transition, dialogue, and hope, we continue to seek the guidance of the Holy Spirit in all that we do.



Ministry Updates

In 2025, we were pleased to welcome the Sisters of Our Lady of the Missions (RNDMs) to Lebret. Their presence is a blessing to the Archdiocese, and we are grateful for their witness of prayer, community life, and missionary service.

Synodality

This year was marked by profound developments in the universal Church. We mourned the death of Pope Francis with gratitude for his pastoral leadership and tireless call to mercy, accompaniment, and synodality. We also welcomed the election of Pope Leo XIV and hold him in prayer as he begins his ministry.

In July 2025, we received Pathways for the Implementation Phase of the Synod, along with a renewed call to spiritual renewal and structural reform within the Church. This document offers both encouragement and challenge as we seek to embody synodality in concrete ways.

Locally, we renewed a diocesan committee to assist with the implementation phase of the Synod. This group will help guide reflection, discernment, and practical steps so that synodality becomes more deeply rooted in our parishes, ministries, and leadership structures.

ArchRegina Congress 2025

Our 2025 Congress focused intentionally on synodality. A highlight of the gathering was a panel discussion titled, What Can We Learn from Religious Communities about Synodality? We were grateful for the wisdom and witness shared by Sr. Veronica Dunne, RNDM, Charlie Cavanaugh and Renee Sylvain of Madonna House, Pierre Ducharme, OFM, and Sr. Teresita Kambeitz, OSU. Their reflections offered concrete examples of communal discernment, shared leadership, and life in the Spirit.

Those gathered also engaged in Conversations in the Spirit on several important topics: Listening to Those Hurt by the Church, Youth and Young Adult Ministry, and Parish Pastoral and Finance Councils. Although it is still a relatively new practice for many, these conversations were marked by honesty, attentiveness, and a sincere desire to listen to the voice of the Spirit speaking through one another.

Gratitude

I extend my appreciation to all staff and volunteers who carry out the many ministries and areas of work in the Archdiocese of Regina. Your generosity, faithfulness, and willingness to serve are a profound gift to our local Church.

As we move forward, may we continue to grow as a synodal Church—one that listens deeply, discerns prayerfully, and acts courageously for the sake of the Gospel.

We Are Here to Serve You

(list as of June 1, 2026)

Adewale, Muyiwa.....	Refugee Support
Ainemon, Rev. Amédée Guy.....	Personnel
Andree, Rev. Ron.....	Liturgy
Barr, Robert.....	Catechesis Support
Beaudin, Susan.....	Indigenous Relations Consultant
Bender, Sharon.....	Parish Pastoral Support Services
Bolen, Most Rev. Donald.....	Archbishop
Braden, Michelle.....	Office of Youth and Young Adult Ministry
Burkhart, Leona.....	Parish Pastoral Support Services
Dziaduck, Cary.....	Health Care Chaplaincy
Fitzgerald, Jerry.....	Health Care Chaplaincy
Garchinski, Lori.....	Donor Services Coordinator
Garchinski, Taran.....	Donor Services Coordinator
Geiger, Cliff.....	Health Care Chaplaincy
Gorospe, Sr. Amelia SIHM.....	Marriage Tribunal
Gurash, Rev. Mr. Eric.....	Director of Communications and Evangelization
Gurash, Melissa.....	Pastoral Services and Archbishop's Office Administrative Support
Hilbig, Theresa.....	Visitation House
Jacob, Rae.....	Archives
Jesson, Nicholas.....	Ecumenism & Interfaith Relations
Juchacz, Rev. Chris.....	Co-Director of Vocations
Kress, Chelsey.....	Financial Officer
Kuntz, Braden.....	Office of Youth and Young Adult Ministry
Lipoth, James.....	Director of Development
Love, Rev. Parker.....	Co-Director of Vocations
Luka, Lukose.....	Finance
Meredith, Very Rev. Brian.....	Vicar General
Miller, Marlene.....	Spiritual Direction
Moser, Barb.....	Pastoral Services Admin Support - Reception
Murphy, Laurie.....	Administrative Assistant
Nguyen, Very Rev. Thomas.....	Judicial Vicar
Okai, Rev. J.B.....	Health Care Chaplaincy
Owolagba, Very Rev. James.....	Chancellor
Polk, Lisa.....	Director of Pastoral Services and Operations
Salkeld, Brett.....	Theologian and Diaconal Formation
Surkan, Lisa.....	Donor Services Associate
Trainor, Amanda.....	Archbishop's Office Administrative Support
Walsh, Pamela.....	Victims' Services and Advocacy
Ziegler, Karen.....	Spiritual Direction

Communications and Evangelization

by Deacon Eric Gurash, Director of Communications and Evangelization

“Go into all the world and proclaim the good news to the whole creation.” (Mark 16:15)

Communications: Proclaiming the Gospel in a Digital Age

Our communications efforts continue to expand across a range of digital platforms, enabling us to share the life of the Church in the Archdiocese of Regina with both our local faithful and a broader audience. Through our website, social media, YouTube channel, podcast, and direct email communications, we strive to provide timely information, faith formation, and opportunities for encounter with the Gospel.

In 2025, our digital reach continued to grow:

The Weekly Report now reaches 780 subscribers, providing regular updates on diocesan life.

Seasonal email series such as Journey Through Advent (430) and RENEW Lent (630) continue to support prayer and reflection during key liturgical seasons.

Our YouTube channel, with 3.14K subscribers, averages 4,000 views per month, with messages from Archbishop Donald Bolen consistently drawing the highest engagement.

Facebook engagement remains strong, with 3,200 followers, generating approximately 30,000 monthly views and 1,200 active engagements.

The Thinking Faith Podcast averages 750 unique downloads per month, with popular episodes exploring themes such as suffering, the relationship between faith and science, and synodality.

In 2025, the podcast transitioned to a new hosting platform, resulting in significant cost savings and a more streamlined workflow. We also began producing the podcast in both audio and video formats, which has been well-received. Due to increased production demands, the podcast schedule shifted from weekly to a bi-weekly seasonal format, running from September through May.



Across all platforms, our communications efforts reflect an ongoing commitment to producing compelling, faithful, and accessible content, strengthening our ability to proclaim the Gospel and share the lived experience of faith in our diocese.

The Lay Formation Program: Disciples in Mission

In 2025, our Lay Formation Program entered a year of important discernment and renewal. Following several “gap years” during and after the COVID-19 pandemic, the formation team evaluated the structure of the program and implemented a transition to a single-cohort, three-year model. This new format aligns with other diocesan formation programs, including those for Permanent Deacons and Spiritual Directors.

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Office of Communications and Evangelization (cont'd)

Our current cohort of 12 participants, now in their second year of formation, began under this renewed structure in Fall 2025. Early indications suggest that this format has been both effective and sustainable, allowing for deeper formation and stronger community among participants. It also provides additional time for promotion and discernment ahead of the next cohort, scheduled to begin in Fall 2027.

This year's participants reflect encouraging trends within the diocese. The group is younger and more ethnically diverse, with an average age of 45 compared to a previous average of approximately 55.



As always, the program continues to welcome a balanced representation of men and women from both urban and rural communities.

The formation of lay leadership remains central to our mission. Through theological formation, spiritual growth, and the development of practical evangelization skills, participants are equipped to foster transformative encounters with Jesus Christ in their families, parishes, workplaces, and communities.

Mental Health Ministry: A Mission of Accompaniment and Hope

In Spring 2025, Mental Health First Aid (MHFA) facilitator training was completed through the Mental Health Commission of Canada, enabling the expansion of this important ministry.

Two MHFA courses were offered in 2025, with additional sessions planned. Ongoing workshops continue to support parishes in developing local mental health ministries.

Our growing network of spiritual peer support groups provides safe spaces for individuals and families experiencing mental health challenges. Increasingly, parishes are recognizing that mental health accompaniment is an essential part of pastoral care, and we are encouraged by the growing openness to this ministry across the diocese.



Looking Ahead: A Church of Encounter and Hope

Through expanding digital outreach, renewed lay formation, and growing mental health ministry, we continue to form missionary disciples and strengthen the Church's presence in our communities. In a changing cultural landscape, we remain committed to proclaiming the Gospel and creating spaces of encounter, accompaniment, and hope for all.

Chaplaincy and Spiritual Care

by Jerry Fitzgerald

The spiritual care ministries at Regina General Hospital, Pasqua Hospital, and Wascana Rehabilitation Centre (WRC) have remained active and dedicated in their service throughout the past year.



Spiritual care, fundamentally, is the care of the human spirit. Within a healthcare context, this involves meeting patients and residents in their present circumstances and responding to experiences of illness and suffering with compassion, understanding, and respect. Chaplains, spiritual care providers, and trained volunteers accompany patients, residents, and their families, assisting them in seeking meaning, hope, and peace during times of vulnerability.

This ministry is carried out through the ministry of presence, attentive listening, and unconditional acceptance. It also includes prayer and the provision of sacramental ministry, including the Sacraments of Reconciliation, the Eucharist, and the Anointing of the Sick. In urgent situations, Baptism is administered to children in danger of death, and when appropriate, adults may be offered the Rite of Christian Initiation for the Dying. At Wascana Rehabilitation Centre, Sunday Mass or a Sunday Celebration of the Word is celebrated on a weekly basis.

The Archdiocese currently employs three lay chaplains and one full-time priest chaplain. During the past year, there was a change in personnel, as Jennifer Holtslander left the service to accept a position at Santa Maria. The current lay chaplains are Arnel Daliva (Pasqua Hospital), Jerry Fitzgerald (Regina General Hospital), and Joan Rink (Wascana Rehabilitation Centre). The priest chaplain, Fr. J. B. Okai, is assisted by Fr. Jerlin and Fr. Abadu.

Gratitude is extended to the many local parish priests who faithfully visit their parishioners in hospital and respond to sacramental needs when the chaplaincy team is unavailable. Appreciation is also offered to the on-call relief team—Cliff Geiger, Bonnie Thiele Hunt, and Joan Schwartz—who provide essential weekend coverage.

An ongoing challenge within this ministry is the timely identification of Catholic patients admitted to hospital. Frequently, patients are not referred to spiritual care until their condition has become critical. Patients and their families are therefore encouraged to make direct contact with spiritual care services to ensure that appropriate and timely support can be provided.

This vital ministry is supported through the Archbishop's Annual Appeal.

Spiritual Direction

by Karen Ziegler

The Archdiocese of Regina has 23 active spiritual directors on the website with a total of 35 directors connected to this ministry.

Spiritual directors are:

- Leading directees in the spiritual exercises.
- Seeing directees in all walks of life, some in formation programs (diaconate, LMFP, religious, SDFP), even their own spouses.
- Not only from the Archdiocese of Regina, but also from different Christian traditions, other provinces, and even other countries. They see people for spiritual direction in a Christian retreat house of prayer, hospitals, in non-organized ways as they accompany people spiritually, in CoSA groups, in formal and informal ways, via Zoom, over the phone, facetime, in person.
- Facilitating group prayer and discernment, providing prayer experiences for parishioners during Advent, Lent and Easter time.
- Continuing to meet with their own spiritual director.
- Contributing to the SDFP through presentations, support as needed, being part of the team.

There are now 7 candidates in their last year of the two year Spiritual Direction Formation Program. The beginning of the second year came with changes and challenges. With the passing of Dennis Ziegler and Karen's stepping back from coordinating for a few months, Terry Harty and Susan Askin courageously stepped up to the plate to keep the monthly formation weekends going. Stephanie Molloy also stepped in to help with the weekends. Dennis' passing was felt deeply by all participants.

All spiritual directors continue to support the program through prayer, presentations, and support of any kind.



Fr. Frank and the Paschal Mystery



Blessing David



Dennis Ziegler

Personal Input from various directors:

I am so grateful for the formation I have received. I love to serve others in this way with this calling.

I would like to pursue formation a little more for myself as a spiritual director, also would like to continue learning and growing as a facilitator with retreats if possible.

The practice of spiritual direction is a constant learning process. We are all teachers as well as learners, therefore - discernment, honing listening skills, spiritual reading are all relevant and ongoing. Often, it is the directee's interests that keep me engaged in the learning process.

I am truly grateful for the opportunity to be a conduit for God's love.

Because of my participation in the Spiritual Direction program, enriched by my adaptation of the Examen exercise, I have been able to focus on my spiritual development, which then positions me to listen and respond to others in their own struggles.

Archives

by Rae Jacob

The spirit of the Archives Department this year is best articulated by Isaiah 43:19; “Do not lose hope in times of trouble, for God is working in the unseen. His hand is steady, and His timing is perfect in bringing good out of difficulty.”

There remains a lot to tackle on a day-to-day basis, in addition to endeavoring special projects, and providing wider diocesan support. It remains a profound privilege to be the steward of the diocesan archives, and to be able to serve both the general public, and the staff and volunteers of the parishes and the pastoral center. It has been a heavy year of pushing forward in many respects. To reflect on all that has been accomplished does bring some satisfaction. It is precisely by being attentive to the ways that the Holy Spirit guides me through the work of my ministry, that I am able to say that, in some real challenges, there was a lot of good to celebrate.



The year began with preparations for Saskatchewan Provincial Archives Week, which was celebrated February 2-8, 2025. I had the great blessing of the opportunity to connect with some grade five and six students in Regina, to discuss what archives are and demonstrate how to use them. The students had an opportunity to become archive technicians and accessioned some photographs for me.

I continue to serve as a member of the Board of Directors for the Saskatchewan Council for Archives and Archivists, building valuable networks and participating in collaborative efforts to support the field of archiving across the province.

A parish record digitization project began this year after the purchase of some new equipment. The goal of the project is to complete a digital duplication and inventory of the records attributed to specific parishes, additionally making them digitally searchable, and storing them securely in a second form. This project will result in a significant increase of functional efficiency and ease of access to support research and inquiries once the project is completed.

Support to parishes for different records and information management projects were welcome field trips for me to make throughout the year. From presenting training modules, to culling overgrown collections, to assisting with record processing, it is the work in support of the local parishes that I particularly enjoy.

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Archives (cont'd)



The archives supported two major research projects that required a comprehensive review of a substantial number of records. I subsequently prepared extensive reports of the findings. This work will continue.

One of the most interesting projects in the archives this year was an art appraisal of some pieces in the diocesan collection. Consultation to understand art restoration and next steps for conservation brought a lot of value to being able to discern the work required to care for pieces in the collection. I took some shadowing opportunities and specialized tours to enhance my aptitudes for navigating matters of conservation.

Collaboration continues to be a strategic pillar of the department. Some shared interests brought the archives together with the Provincial Archives of Saskatchewan, and other diocesan archives in the province to work in search of a process to assist researchers and inquirers with navigating requests for information that overlap between the different archival institutions and their collections. I had a wonderful opportunity to meet new parish staff and volunteers at the annual Administrators Workshop. And, management of the surplus collection of religious objects is an ever-evolving effort as well. Our working collection of in-use items meant transferring both records and religious materials to and from parishes and locations throughout the diocese.



In my spare time, I work to stay current on best practices and field standards; paying special attention to offering a safe, accessible, and informed level of service available for anyone requiring support from the department. Making time to pursue professional development opportunities took me to Ottawa, ON, where I was able to tour a rare book collection and archive at Saint Paul University.

The workings of a pastoral centre records management committee were also established through the department to help moderate the diocesan archive collection. The committee will be a platform for directing day-to-day organization of records produced in operations, and other materials, with attention to their lifecycle, and in preparation for assessing their value for permanent retention in the archive.

Additionally, I continued to answer inquiries from the public, and support internal requests for information and support. I solved some real mysteries this year, and in doing so was able to provide assistance to 208 inquiries made to the archives at the Archdiocese of Regina this year.



It is because of your generosity to the Archbishop's Annual Appeal that the diocesan history is collected, protected, and maintained. Your donations preserve the past, while at the same time affording the supports necessary to empower people presently. The advancement of special projects and ongoing processing of the collection backlog are essential work today that builds the foundation for the future, that the archive may be brilliant in function and operation.

Thank you for the opportunity to serve you and meet the various needs you made known to the department this year. I pledge to continue a high level of service, and output of deliverables in full force for the coming year.

Parish Pastoral Support Services

by Sharon Bender and Leona Burkhart

We spent a lot of time on the road during 2025. As we toured the Archdiocese, we visited with 63 parish communities, most outside of the city of Regina, driving close to 9000 kilometers. When one gets off the number 1 highway the Saskatchewan landscape is beautiful. In addition to these personal visits, we had the opportunity to communicate with many more parishes through emails, phone calls and visits in the Archdiocesan office.



Sharon Bender



Leona Burkhart

It was a year in which a significant number of Protocol Audits were due. We completed 30 audits and were extremely pleased with how diligently parishes are continuing to properly screen volunteers. Screening volunteers helps our parish communities be vigilant in ensuring the safety of our parishioners of all ages and circumstances.

We also led approximately 10 workshops in 2025. They included Horizons of Hope, Care Giving workshop and parish revitalization. We also had our annual workshop for the office staff who work or volunteer in parishes. This workshop allows the people who generally work in isolation in parishes to connect with people who are in the same circumstances while providing a network of support for them.

We hope in 2026 to complete the work on Parish Constitutions. We invite parishes who have not completed their constitutions to contact us so we may help you finish the process.

As members of the Organizational Facilitation Committee, we have assisted two parishes, Vanguard and Benson, with the process of closing their churches. It is always a sad time when churches are closed. We helped provide the support needed to make closure happen as smoothly as possible. Both parishes had beautiful decommissioning ceremonies that helped them say good-bye to their church while looking at ways to keep their spiritual community connected.

Throughout the year, we have continued to update our Employment Policies as new legislation is enacted or the needs of our archdiocese requires. We plan to review our Employment Policies and our Protocol document early in 2026.

We are blessed to have the opportunity to work with such wonderful people in the Archdiocese of Regina. We look forward to continuing to grow relationships in 2026.

***Horizons
of Hope***



Archdiocesan Theologian & Permanent Diaconate

by Dr. Brett Salkeld

Since I started working at the Archdiocese in 2011, the permanent diaconate program has been the single largest portion of my work. In 2025 that shifted. Having ordained our most recent cohort in June 2024, the program has moved into a discernment phase regarding when to begin a new cohort. Please pray for us and for any men discerning a call to diaconate in our Archdiocese at this time.



By God's providence, this slower time in diaconate formation has allowed me to commit more time and energy to my growing ministry to Catholic educators. Since the publication of my most recent book *Educating for Eternity: A Teacher's Companion for Making Every Class Catholic*, I have been blessed to travel across North America working with dioceses and schools to equip teachers to approach every subject they teach from a Catholic point of view.

Of course, when I am not on the road, I am still busy supporting various initiatives throughout our Archdiocese, like presenting for our lay formation and spiritual direction formation programs, helping parishes out with OCIA and marriage preparation, and doing presentations and Q & A in Catholic high school classrooms. Serving on the vocations committee and interviewing potential seminarians for our Archdiocese is always exciting and edifying. I was also privileged to be invited to address the annual National Assembly of the Canadian Federation of Presbyteral Councils in Winnipeg in September on Transgender Questions in Catholic Perspective.

Our Archdiocesan Podcast, ***Thinking Faith!***, which I continue to cohost with Deacon Eric Gurash, is going strong, having added a video format to expand our reach. Listeners seem to especially appreciate our many episodes based on the questions Deacon Eric and I have each received when visiting high school classrooms.



Finally, Archbishop Bolen has given me an exciting new task, appointing me as Archdiocesan liaison to a group of Catholic parents working towards starting a classical Catholic high school in Regina. The school will be part of the Chesterton Schools Network. To date, this initiative has been blessed with an exceptional board and a wonderful working relationship with Regina Catholic Schools with Director Kelley Ehman serving as a liaison with the Chesterton Board. Before an anticipated start in the fall of 2027, it will also need a building, a headmaster, teachers, students, and plenty of financial support. Please pray for its success.

Social Justice

by Tashia Toupin, Social Justice and Refugee Sponsorship Coordinator

The past year has been marked by new and exciting projects, some of which are highlighted here in this report. Many of the opportunities in the past year have been due, in large part, to my position on the Development and Peace Caritas as Canada's (DPCC) Board of Directors. This remains an integral and strong connection, and I am so thankful for the ongoing support from both the administration at the Archdiocese of Regina and DPCC.

The synod has permeated much of the work that we are doing in the Social Justice Office, which includes the formation of the Women's Commission in the Archdiocese of Regina. We are exploring the richness of the traditions of the Church, where God is spoken of with various titles which expand our concepts, biases, and the language that we use to speak of, worship, and respond to our infinite and ineffable Creator. We are seeking a path rooted in the Catholic faith that doesn't rely on the theology of empire, patriarchy, or superiority, so that we might expand and encompass all in our beautifully rich and diverse Church.

DPCC co-hosted the People's Forum during the G7 in Calgary. Members from [Kairos](#), [Citizens for Public Justice](#), the [Canadian Religious Conference's](#) Justice, Peace, and Integrity of Creation (JPIC) Network, [Jesuits International](#), and many others were present at this gathering. We learnt about the global debt crisis, the history of what the Churches did for the last [Jubilee debt reduction](#) and how the international debt is now about five times greater than it was in 2000, despite 99% of the debt being forgiven for many countries. This international issue continues to be the focus of many NGOs. If you have not already, please consider signing the petition to [Act for Debt Justice](#).

Political advocacy is always tricky, but very needed. The Archdiocese of Regina has been invited to the provincial MLAs' prayer breakfast for the last two years. It has been a time of dialogue and prayer, which is always a good thing. We continue to pray for so many of our politicians and strive to work together where we can and challenge where we must.

In March, the Archdiocese of Regina welcomed [Amanda Achtman](#) to give several presentations throughout the diocese. Her work is focused on Medical Assistance in Dying (MAiD). You can check out her website here: [Dying to Meet You](#). Our Reverence for Life Commission was then able to capitalize on her visit and create a comprehensive campaign that was shared with the CCCB. These materials were also utilized in all dioceses in Nova Scotia! To find these resources, please check out the 2025 materials on our [R4L Website](#). This was a great opportunity to work with the CCCB, [CDMA](#), and [CHAS](#). The impact of our pastoral ministry here in Regina is having national effects, thanks for your support with this!

In our reflection on this past year's reverence for life month, we have decided to take on the task of living synod in a more concrete way. We are travelling out to deaneries and holding our R4L meeting in parishes throughout the diocese. We hope to listen and build up a stronger network of people who are committed to caring for all and upholding a reverence for all life in all of its stages and forms. If you are interested in connecting with us and getting occasional emails (quarterly or thereabouts), please [SIGN-UP](#) for our email list.

Finally, we have been invited to several Regina Catholic Schools Division events. I have been a part of the new teachers' Catholic training program. Discussing ways that Catholic Social Teachings can permeate their classes and schools. I always introduce them to DPCC Schools and the rich resources they have. I was also invited to speak at the Administration Days in August. This was a great learning experience for me, and I have a new passion for supporting our clergy to work with and support the schools we are called to serve.

Refugee Sponsorship

by Tashia Toupin, Social Justice and Refugee Sponsorship Coordinator

The refugee sponsorship program continues to be an area that is constantly changing and in desperate need of public support. The federal government continues to reduce the number of allocations available to refugees and immigrants this year, by 54% for Privately Sponsored Refugees, while extending the moratorium on the Group of 5 and Community Sponsored Refugees. This is particularly concerning, considering the global context we are currently in. We have more refugees currently than ever before in history, and fewer and fewer countries that are providing haven and asylum. The USA has obliterated their international aid and collaboration with the UN, cutting billions of dollars from foreign aid. Several countries in Europe and the UK have reduced their foreign aid budgets and acceptance of refugees as well. Wars, conflicts, and famine, natural and manmade, are ravaging the poorest places in the world, and there are less aid and resources available to them. For more information on some advocacy pieces, check out: [Canadian Council for Refugees](#).

We had the honour of welcoming the Abune Kidane, one of six Geez Catholic bishops, to the Archdiocese of Regina. We have just started a Geez Catholic Church community in Regina with a bi-ritual priest, Fr. Abadu, who is serving the community in Tigrinya. The Geez Catholic Liturgy is probably older than the Roman Catholic Liturgy and is one that is rich with chanting, responses, and beautiful traditions. This is one of the good fruits of the work that we do in supporting refugees here in the archdiocese to see one of our beautiful Eastern Sister Churches have a new life here in Regina. The Parish is bursting with life. If you are interested in experiencing or learning more about this ancient branch of the Catholic Church, please reach out.

This past year, we were able to sponsor 25 refugees: 13 Eritreans, 7 Syrians, 3 South Sudanese, 1 Afghan, and 1 Sudanese. This small group represents over 180 million people who are displaced. Your support enabled us to reunite families separated for years, and to bring young girls out of precarious situations, to the love and safety of family here in Canada. If you would like to help us grow our capacity to walk alongside, welcome and support new Canadians, we would love to connect and have a conversation about how to match your time and interests with people who would love to meet you. It could be something as simple as having tea/coffee with someone once a week to practice English, making connections for workers in the job market, donating clothing or household items, renting out a room at a reasonable rate, or praying with and for those in these situations. To further discern and discuss, please email Tashia Toupin: ttoupin@archregina.sk.ca



Victim Services and Advocacy

by Pamela Walsh

The VSA continues to support victims/survivors of clergy sexual abuse. Each person determines what support looks like for them, and the VSA provides support, accompaniment, and a listening ear in various ways. This also includes attending events in different areas. There were also opportunities that did not directly support victims but gave others a chance to hear or learn about what supporting a victim could look like.

Prayer services supporting victims of clergy sexual abuse continued in the diocese in 2025. The VSA attended services at Regina's Holy Child in March, when it hosted Light in the Darkness, and in September, Moose Jaw's St. Joseph hosted The Light Shines Through Broken Places. In April, Resurrection Parish hosted the 4th annual English Live Stream Way of the Cross: Through the Voice of Victims, and St. Jean Baptiste in Regina hosted the 3rd annual French Live Stream Way of the Cross. The livestream events remained popular, both in person and online.

The synod process continued with workshops in April and November. The VSA attended meetings at Holy Rosary Cathedral and at the ArchRegina Congress, "Towards a Synodal Church: Pathways for Implementation." The VSA was asked to produce a one-page document on hurts in the church for conversations in the spirit and to facilitate those conversations at the Congress. Given strong interest in the topic, the VSA asked two other people to help facilitate smaller groups. The conversations were engaging.

As part of continuing education, the VSA completed an online certificate program in Trauma and Restorative Dialogue through St. Paul's University in Ottawa. The program comprises six day-long workshops featuring presentations and practical applications, preparing participants to engage in conversations in the spirit. This will be valuable as the VSA continues to engage with people on the topic of clergy sexual abuse.

Other areas where the VSA contributed included the pastoral misconduct policy, discussions about creating a new workshop on trauma and accompaniment, and participation in orientation for new clergy. There was an opportunity to meet with the newly appointed Archbishop's delegate and a member of the new Archdiocesan Pastoral Misconduct Office to collaborate on shared areas and support the distinct work of each under the Core Working Group. This initial meeting was successful.

Catechetical Support for Parishes

by Robert Barr



“Catechists are men and women of the memory of God.”

– Pope Francis

Pilgrims of Hope was an especially meaningful theme for catechists. In a most unique way, our catechists are on a constant journey alongside pilgrims as they pass along the faith with great faith and hope.

In 2025, rural and city parishes received visits from our office, either with the Archbishop while on Confirmation tour in rural areas, or from me alone. There was a notable number of new catechists across the diocese, and when a new catechist starts, I make a visit to welcome them and offer support.

The year 2025 largely included the recruitment and promotion of the Catechist Formation program. Considerable progress was made, and the result was preparing fifty catechists to enter into Catechist Formation in January 2026. The Catechist Formation program is open to all catechists within the Archdiocese, and we were pleasantly surprised to welcome new potential catechists who were thinking of becoming catechists, but they didn't know how. This exercise of recruitment for Catechist Formation brought new people out of the woodwork who would not have normally stepped forward. The Catechist Formation program gives both new and seasoned catechists confidence to flourish in their ministry while looking forward to accessing the Catechist Community through learning, workshops and retreats. Many may have seen the tag line on my email messages: “Catechesis is Faith in formation, not faith information”.

To continue in the spirit of the Synod of 2024, our office made extra efforts to embrace the listening spirit so that catechists are served in a way that speaks to them. In 2024, the catechist section of the synod report was clear. The people of the Archdiocese wish to see more catechesis. Ongoing catechesis for the entire parish is still a priority. Similar to the icon of the Virgin Mary, we would do well to try making our eyes larger to see and hear better, while our mouths and lips remain small so that we may speak less, all the while holding Jesus close to our ear.



The Jubilee year had many different Jubilees for various ministries of the Church. The vocation of Catechist was elevated to an official ministry by Pope Francis a few years back. During the Jubilee of Catechists in September 2025, many men and women answered the call to the vocation of Catechist. Pope Leo then installed catechists at St. Peter's from countries worldwide...indeed a pilgrimage for catechists around the world!

Thank you always bears repeating – Thank you. We give thanks to God and to our generous donors who support Catechesis within the Regina Archdiocese; with special thanks to donors who earmark for rural catechesis. It is an honour to serve the Catechists of the Archdiocese. My daily prayers include the Catechist Prayer for our catechists and for myself, so that I may continue to do my best to serve the Archdiocese in this capacity.

Visitation House

by Theresa Hilbig

Blessings to all those who support, visit and donate to Visitation House! We had an interesting 2025. Early in 2025, our Advisory Board participated in strategic planning sessions were led by Lisa Polk, Director of Pastoral Services and Operations at the Archdiocese of Regina. We had ongoing dialogue regarding the vision we had for the future of Visitation House. There were many factors to consider. Since our lease was coming up for renewal in October, we discussed whether to move to another location or propose that our landlord agree to some major renovations if we decided to renew the lease. We also discussed a “rebranding” of the centre, and what that should look like.

We revisited our mandate and discussed whether we had strayed from our original Mission Statement. Our Mission Statement read: “Visitation House is a drop-in centre that offers practical, emotional and spiritual support for women by women.”

Meanwhile, I continued to be assisted by a team of volunteers in our weekly reception of ladies and children. Meals were created and served. We also continued to accept donations of everything but large furniture items.

We closed the centre, as usual, in July and early August, for holidays. We then reopened in August to prepare the women for an extended closing in September. This closing was needed for the landlord to renovate the main space of the centre.

The renovations took longer than we had anticipated. We downsized, giving our excess items to many women as well as other agencies. We were delighted to give religious items and bedding to The Myriam Family for their new Retreat Building!



The centre was made ready just in time to celebrate our Annual Christmas Party. We offered a lovely turkey dinner, handed out women and children’s gifts and caught up on all the news!

Throughout this disruption, many people offered help as well as prayers and encouragement! We officially reopened in January 2026.

Thank you so much to all our benefactors, who continue to provide financial donations to keep Visitation House viable. Thank you to our Advisory Board, and Fr. John Weckend who will once again run a team in the QCM. This financial support from his sponsorship has gone a long way to helping the centre operate successfully! I would like to extend my deep appreciation to all the CWLs, K. of C.s, RC Schools, RC Churches, individual Priests and lay people who have given us so much support, in so many ways!

Going into the New Year, we have taken on a new vision. We have invited and received groups to enjoy our newly renovated space. We pray the Rosary most Thursday mornings and have invited all women interested, to join in. Of course, we still welcome the women who have made VH their community over the past 25 years.

We invite all interested individuals and groups to come and enjoy our facility! We hope Visitation House will continue to be a support to all those who are in emotional need or just want company.

Vocations

by Fr. Parker Love

In the Book of Samuel, the young man Samuel hears his name called several times; although Samuel originally thinks it's his teacher, Eli, when confronted, Eli denies it and instructs the young boy to respond, the next time it happens, with the words "Speak, Lord, for your servant is listening" (1 Samuel 3:9). There are many in the Archdiocese of Regina who are being called, but fewer are responding to the call of the Lord with the faith of Samuel.



Fr. Parker Love



Fr. Chris Juchacz

It's a challenging thing to respond to your Vocation, whether that Vocation is to Priesthood, Religious Life, Married Life, or the Consecrated Life, and it is challenging precisely because Vocations ask us to step out of our comfort zone of self-directed living and focus entirely on what God wants for us and how that can be concretely lived out on a moment by moment basis, not just in the big moments of our lives, but in the small moments too.

We must learn how to listen to the Lord, as Samuel did. Currently in the Archdiocese, we have three seminarians faithfully continuing their formation, but in 2025 we did not have an Ordination. These small numbers are a call to each of us to remember that everyone plays a role in Vocations, from the Parish Priest to the family, from the Vocations Director to the single widow whose prayers are heard greatest in heaven. Each of us needs to be praying for Vocations so that we can continue to have a vibrant Church filled with servants who understand that God is calling us in every moment of our lives.

The call to listen is not limited to priesthood. Every vocation begins in attentiveness to God's voice. Marriage, too, requires a discerning heart. In a world filled with noise and distraction, the ability to hear and respond to a call to lifelong love is increasingly countercultural. Families play a role similar to Eli in the life of Samuel. They are often the first to help a young person recognize God's voice. When parents foster prayer, openness, and trust in God, they create an environment where vocations—of every kind—can be heard and embraced.

As a Church that continues to respond to Pope Francis' call to be a Synodal Church, a Church that listens and responds to the voices that are often ignored, Vocations work must be prepared to do the same. Although we have a committed team of people working towards promoting and accepting candidates of Vocations, we too, need to strive to be a listening Church just as Samuel was a listening Disciple.



Receiving of Holy Oils at the Chrism Mass

Indigenous Relations

by Susan Beaudin

The year 2025 was filled with many beautiful blessings for the Truth and Reconciliation Committee (TRC) co-chaired by Bishop Bolen and Susan Beaudin. The Archdiocese of Regina is walking together with First Nations and Metis people to hear the truth about what happened in RC run Indian Residential Schools and to be honest about the church's part in acknowledging the abuses that took place in them and their legacy.



The Indigenous Reconciliation Fund was established by Canada's Bishops in September 2021 to advance healing and reconciliation projects that are locally based and survivor led. These survivor-led projects address TRC Call to Action #61 which includes healing and reconciliation for communities and families, culture and language revitalization, education and community building and dialogues involving Indigenous elders, spiritual leaders and youth with focus on Indigenous spirituality and culture.



The Regina Urban Community Healing Project is led by the Regina Survivors Circle established in 2024. Many projects have been funded to establish a community that heals together by reclaiming and reviving the Indigenous ways of knowing and doing held by its members. Some activities include Cree and Saulteaux worldviews and the natural laws and principles their ancestors lived by for thousands of years. A pipe ceremony, feast and sweat lodge ceremony were held to honour the Creator and to ask for guidance and wisdom so that all efforts in developing this healing community would be fulfilled with love, kindness and caring for all those who would be led to participate now and in the coming years.

The secondary purpose of projects will be to engage Indigenous and non-Indigenous people in walking and working together. An on-going urban project, the Circle of Allies was established for Indigenous and non-Indigenous peoples to build positive and engaging relationships. A number of activities to learn the Cree and Saulteaux teachings and protocols includes Ribbon Skirt Making, Saskatoon Berry and Sage Gathering during the summer months. The members who made ribbon skirts proudly wore them in a small Round Dance held at the Neil Balkwill Civic Arts Centre during the winter. We are blessed to have the Kawacatoose Boys founded by Joe and Sandra Littlelent who have been invaluable to learning about powwow regalia, dances, and the protocols that go with attending these events.



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Indigenous Relations (cont'd)

The Regina Survivors Circle, Circle of Allies and the City of Regina planned for the National Day for Indigenous Peoples in June and the National Truth and Reconciliation Day (Orange Shirt Day) on September 30. Working and walking together has been a great experience.



An Outreach Committee was established to assist 26 rural First Nations communities in planning survivor-led projects. Many survivor-led projects like the Pheasant Rump Nakota First Nation Nakota Kunis project gave members an opportunity to participate in Nakota ceremonies and learn the teachings and protocols. Kawacatoose First Nation held the Kinkawina Askiy Kiskaywena Camp - Mother Earth Teachings Camp to teach the children and youth the spiritual connection to Mother Earth and the role and responsibilities as stewards of the land and its natural resources.

Survivor-led projects in First Nation communities address the impacts of loss of language and culture and how this impacts families and communities. The survivors are committed to providing members of their communities with opportunities to learn their language and cultural customs and teachings.

The work of the TRC is important and the members continue to honour survivors by addressing the past and focusing on the needs of survivors and intergenerational survivors. This important work will continue to bring healing and hope that is greatly needed in these times.

Valley Ministry Centre

by Sr. Helen and Sr. Binita

On July 15, 2025 RNDM Sisters Jacinta, Helen and Binita arrived in Lebret. We were filled with deep joy and heartfelt gratitude as we stepped into our new mission at the Valley Ministry Centre. RNDM Srs. Thuong and Pricilla from Regina, and Sr. Sandra Stewart from Winnipeg, joined us for a few days, offering support and accompaniment and we got to cleaning, tidying, organizing and setting up the new home.



On July 17th, Lisa Polk, director of Pastoral Service and Operation for the Archdiocese of Regina visited us. Through Lisa's introductions, we had the privilege of meeting the pastor, Fr. Augustine Ebido O.P., parish councillor Lenard Busch from Sacred Heart Church in Lebret as well as Rick Englot from St. John the Baptist church in Balcarres. On the following day Lisa introduced us to the good people in Lebret operating the thrift store, Too Good To Be Threw, and the Toonie Lunch, as well as showing us around the village of Lebret. It was a meaningful time of building relationships and friendships within the community.

On August 30th many gathered to have our house blessed by Fr. Augustine. We truly appreciated the presence of parishioners, neighbours and RNDM Sisters from Regina and Winnipeg. It was a simple and beautiful celebration!

Through out the past months, we have participated in different ministries around the areas - visiting the elderly and sick, participating in funeral services, and attending Indigenous gatherings and ceremonies in Peepeekisis, Regina, and Fort Qu'Appelle. We have gathered with the Circle of Allies in Regina, joined the Deanery and parish meetings, attended masses in the four parishes covered by Valley Ministry Centre. Every second and fourth Sunday we join the community at Peepeekisis First nation for mass. We have also had the joy of visiting the Catholic community at Sakimay First Nation. The weekly lunch gathering every Friday at "Too Good to Be Threw" has been a source of immense joy and we volunteer to arrange the lunch space and tidy up afterwards. We also join the choir at Sacred Heart Church in Lebret on Sundays which enriches our worship experience with music, spiritual nourishment and friendship.

These moments of togetherness have a profound impact on us and the people we meet, fostering a deep sense of community and connection. As we break bread and share stories, we find ourselves bound together by a shared sense of purpose and belonging. Each conversation, each laugh, and each gathering gives us the beauty of connection. Through these experiences we are reminded of the power of community to uplift, support and transform each one's life.

Office of Youth and Young Adult Ministry

by Braden Kuntz and Michelle Braden

"We recall that the purpose of the Synod is not to produce documents, but to plant dreams, draw forth prophecies and visions, allow hope to flourish, inspire trust, bind up wounds, weave together relationships, awaken a dawn of hope, learn from one another and create a bright resourcefulness that will enlighten minds, warm hearts, give strength to our hands."

-This quote is an excerpt from Pope Francis's address at the opening of the Synod of Bishops on Young People on October 3, 2018. It was later also formally included in the Preparatory Document (#32) for the Synod on Synodality (2021–2024) to define the spiritual objective of the synodal process.

The year 2025 saw the Church continue to place a great emphasis on the importance of synodality, on learning to live out this way of "being church" together. A Synodal approach is at the heart of all good ministry but has always been especially important in our walk with young people. It is in this spirit of going out to meet young people where they are, (both literally and figuratively), of seeing young people not as a problem for our church, but as a gift, that we seek to inspire, train and equip the adults of our diocese to love our young people well.

While EVERY DAY graces us with the privilege of walking alongside someone on their journey of faith, the list below highlights some of the more comprehensive efforts that filled the 2025 ministry season.

Retreats

Facilitating school retreats is one of our favorite things to do. However, the number of requests for retreats in recent years has exceeded our ability to keep up. In November of 2025, we were blessed to have the National Evangelization Team with us for an entire month to help cover some of these requests. We were blessed with the presence of a dynamic team of 8 young adults who spent a whole month meeting with young people literally where they are at, to pray for and with them and encourage them to dream about God's great plan for their life.



My Gen remains a highlight each year, bringing together multiple generations from across the Southern part of the province to journey in faith together. Our theme for the rally was "Choose Adventure" and had a focus on reframing life's many challenges as not just a sad or painful aside, but as an important part of our journey of growth. We had 165 teen attendees and 100 adult volunteers who learned, sang, served and grew alongside each other. It was the first time in My Gen history, that we had a waiting list for registrations.



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Youth Ministry (cont'd)

Catholic Camps

It was one of the joys of our office to be able to work closely this year with our four diocesan Catholic Camps, assisting with training and formation of counsellors and working directly with camp leadership and camp boards to ensure that our camps are mission fields for the sharing of the gospel. The summer of 2025 we were able to spend some time out at Camp Lemieux offering some direct, on-site support in launching their summer camp programs.

Leadership Camp

Every year (usually in August) our office runs a leadership camp for those ages 12-18. This camp endeavors to help young people learn about their gifts, their faith and their community and helps them to develop those gifts into leadership skills that will serve their families, communities and parishes. The summer of 2025 saw us minister to and with about 50 teens and young adults.

Variety Night

Each Spring our office sponsors an amazing show called Variety Night, which serves as a fundraising event for various good causes. It is also an amazing opportunity to build community, raise up leaders and build bridges. Last year's amazing show was called the "The People's Voice Awards" and the funds raised helped to support a December journey to the Cuernavaca Project in Mexico.

Solidarity Experience

In November of 2025, the Office of Youth and Young Adult Ministry facilitated a journey to Cuernavaca, Mexico for 15 young adults. It was an amazing week of hard work, new friendships, cultural exchange and of course amazing Mexican food!



Youth Ministry Training

We had the honor of spending several training days with various workers/volunteers from around our Archdiocese who bravely enter the world of youth ministry. We LOVE offering these workshops and are always excited when we are invited to do so by those looking to serve well the young people in their communities.

Ministry to Youth and Young Adults Youth ministry in our current time is not for the faint of heart. It is our goal to form, equip and inspire as many adults as possible to journey with those young folks who so desperately need what we have to offer them and to seek new, fresh and innovative ways to reach young people and their families with the message and hope of the gospel.

Ecumenical & Interfaith Relations

by Nicholas Jesson



In the Archdiocese of Regina, there has been a strong interest in **synodality** over the past four years, and this has some synergies with our ecumenical work. Being part of our diocesan Synod Team since 2021 has allowed me to bring some attention to the ecumenical aspects of the Synod's reflections. I am particularly interested in how the "exchange of gifts" and a focus on dialogical listening have infused many of our local pastoral initiatives. I have also been intrigued to see how our ecumenical partners have developed their own reflections on synodality in response to our questions and reflections. As we have moved into the Implementation Phase of the Synod, I have stepped back from the leadership role on the Synod Team because our Director of Pastoral Services is better situated to enact implementation strategies, but I remain an active part of the Team. The Synod's Pathways for the **Implementation Phase of the Synod, 2025-2028¹** and the Final Document² have significant implications for local ecumenism. Please see the Synod page on the Archdiocese's website.

In September 2025, the Canadian Conference of Catholic Bishops (CCCC) approved a new **National Ecumenical Strategy** with significant input from Archbishop Don and me. Over the next year, I hope to have a series of synod conversations in the Archdiocese on ecumenical topics. The purpose of these is to evaluate our ecumenical programs and assist us in developing an **archdiocesan ecumenical strategy**. These synod conversations could lead to a renewed Ecumenical Commission and will inform the archdiocesan Synod Team as we plan for an Evaluation Assembly in spring 2027. Ecumenism and Interfaith Relations are two of 17 priorities for the Archdiocese that we have identified in our study of the Synod's Final Document.

At the same September meeting, Archbishop Don Bolen was elected as vice-president of the CCCC. It remains to be seen how much this will impact his availability for ecumenical projects, but he has indicated that implementation of the National Strategy for Ecumenism will be a priority. In the Archdiocese, I will be working to strengthen our own ecumenical formation projects, which should contribute to helping the Episcopal Commission for Ecumenism to develop a national framework for ecumenical formation.

If you would like to learn more about the Catholic principles of ecumenism, the search for full visible unity, or the work of the ecumenical dialogues, please consider hosting a workshop in your parish or deanery. I am available to provide a variety of educational and formation activities.

In March, together with a few colleagues in Europe, UK, and the USA, I convened a synodal consultation with **interchurch families** on sacramental sharing (communicatio in sacris). This consultation was at the request of the Synod Study Group 10, which is tasked with holding consultations on various ecumenical topics. The Synod explicitly asked that this Study Group consult interchurch families on sacramental sharing. The current practice of sacramental sharing is outlined in canon 844 and the Ecumenical Directory, but several ecumenical developments since the 1983 Code of Canon Law have necessitated some further reflection.

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Ecumenical & Interfaith Relations (cont'd)

The **1700th anniversary of the Council of Nicaea** was a continuing focus of our ecumenical work in 2025. Beginning with the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity theme in January, the anniversary also gave direction to the De Margerie Lecture series in January with Dr. Sandra Beardsall. I promoted a variety of webinars on Nicene themes by ecumenical groups in North America and Europe, including the Anglican Centre in Rome, the North American Academy of Ecumenists, the World Council of Churches, and the International Council of Christians and Jews.

At the end of October, I assisted the **Prairie Centre for Ecumenism** in offering “watch parties” to accompany the 6th World Conference on Faith & Order that was held outside Alexandria, Egypt. The WCC took notice of our local initiative and is looking at ways of promoting similar participation in future WCC work.

I was an observer at the CCCB’s **Commission on Faith & Witness (CFW)** for three years, but in 2025, I was appointed by the CCCB to be one of three Catholic members of this theological dialogue. The CFW has just finished its triennial work on “The Church in a Digital Age,” with a report that should be released soon. It has also published the work of the previous triennium, “Towards Wellbeing: Mental Wholeness in Church, Person, and Community.”³ In October 2024, we began our new triennium project on **Christian Citizenship**. We have made considerable progress during 2025, and we hope to finish our work later this year or early next.

I have also been a member of the **Anglican-Roman Catholic Dialogue of Canada** for several years. We have just published our work on the “Theology of Church Apologies”. At the end of October, we began discussing our next project, on diaconal ministry in the Catholic, Anglican, and Lutheran churches. We are focusing on **the renewal of the permanent diaconate** in each of these churches over the past several decades and looking for ways that we might learn from each other’s experiences. A key resource for our dialogue is the collected papers from a 2018 international conference hosted by the Archdiocese of Regina and organised by Anglican Deacon Michael Jackson and our own Dr. Brett Salkeld.

KAIROS Regina is our local ecumenical justice network. It continues to focus on climate justice, which is a difficult issue to raise in oil-rich Saskatchewan. Yet they faithfully continue to call the churches to attend to the environment. There is substantial interest in the Season of Creation, and many churches use the resources from the website seasonofcreation.org. There is also interest in the proposed lectionary revisions related to the “**Feast of Creation in Christ**” on September 1st each year.

The Regina Multifaith Forum and the provincial body Multifaith Saskatchewan are two principal groups that promote active interfaith encounter. I encourage Catholics to connect to these groups and to find ways to develop healthy relations with faith communities in your neighbourhood. **The Catholic Church supports interfaith relations** to promote human fraternity, religious freedom, and the common good. If you would like to learn more about the work of interfaith relations, please consider hosting a workshop in your parish.

Development Office

Archbishop's Appeal - Celebrating 25 Years

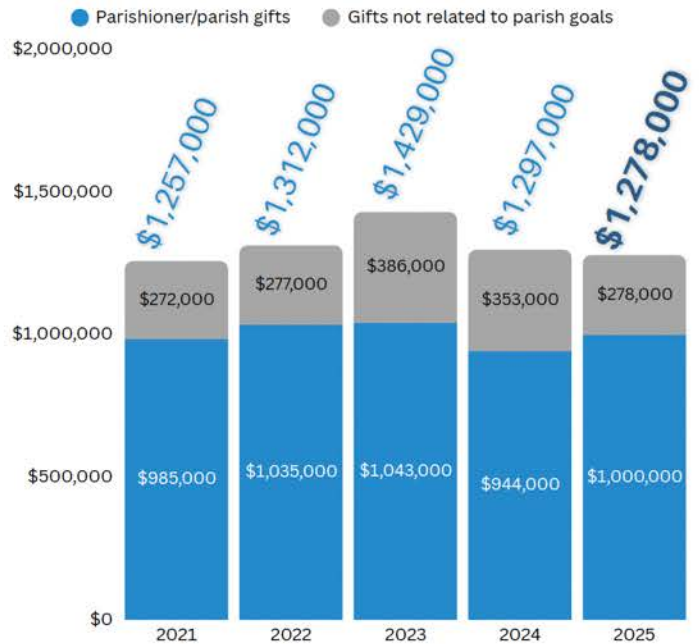
Every year, the Archbishop appeals to the faithful of our archdiocese to support essential pastoral, educational, and service ministries that no single parish can undertake alone.

Marking its 25th anniversary in 2025, and aligned with the Jubilee theme "Pilgrims of Hope", the Appeal invited us to ground our generosity in 1 Peter 3:15: "Always be prepared to give an answer to everyone who asks you to give the reason for the hope that you have." As Archbishop Don shared, "In a time when hope is hard to find, we seek as a Catholic community to be bearers of hope."

Giving Levels

GIVING LEVEL	#	TOTAL RECEIVED	AVERAGE GIFT SIZE	CHANGE FROM PREVIOUS YEAR (# OF DONORS \$)	
\$100K or more	1	\$150,000	\$150,000	-1	-\$100,000
\$10K - \$99K	7	\$169,000	\$24,143	0	-\$4,000
\$1K - \$9,999	250	\$419,000	\$1,676	+36	+\$57,000
\$500 - \$999	336	\$193,000	\$577	+34	+\$18,000
\$200 - \$499	824	\$220,000	\$267	+50	+\$45,000
\$100 - \$199	817	\$90,000	\$109	-36	-\$6,000
\$99 and under	894	\$37,000	\$41	+51	+\$2,000

Gifts Received with 5 year trend



Total gifts for the campaign reached \$1.278 million, down slightly from 2024. However, growth in mid-level giving (\$200 to \$9,999) helped steady overall totals.

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Participating in the Mission of the Church

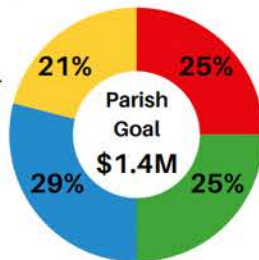
How Appeal Gifts Support Our Archdiocesan Priorities

Build: Vital and Viable Faith Communities by providing:

- Catechesis Support for parishes
- Lay Formation Program to build strong lay leadership
- Parish Support
- Support of Vocations by the Education for Priests and Seminarians

Live: Evangelization and Discipleship:

- Spiritual Direction
- Youth and Young Adult Ministry
- Healthcare Facility Chaplaincy
- Pastoral Services, providing support in all areas of parish ministry



Engage: In Dialogue for Outreach, Justice and Reconciliation:

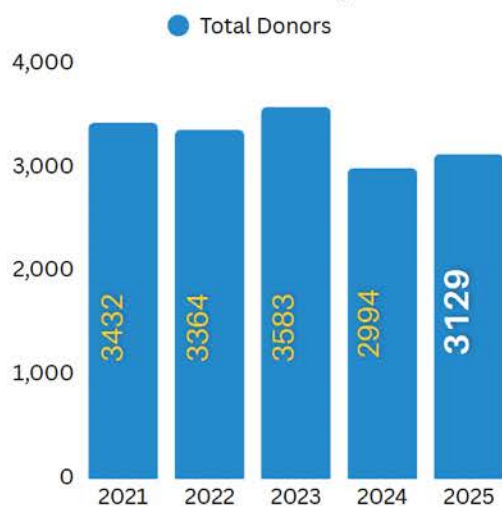
- Ecumenism
- Indigenous Relations
- Social Justice

Grow: In Faithful Stewardship:

- Providing Parish fundraising support
- Communications
- Cathedral and Co-cathedral disbursements
- Partnership support for Ministries throughout the diocese

Development Office (cont'd)

Total Donors with 5 year trend



The campaign saw an encouraging **16% rise in donor retention to 83%**, with total participation increasing to 3,129 donors. Parish-based giving saw a modest rebound to \$1,000,000, reaching 71% of the total parish goal.

Parish Gifts by Deanery

DEANERY NAME	GOAL	RECEIVED	% OF GOAL	CHANGE FROM PREVIOUS YEAR*
Qu'Appelle	\$60,000	\$27,000	45%	+7%
Swift Current	\$100,000	\$65,000	65%	+5%
Esterhazy	\$104,000	\$40,000	38%	+5%
Weyburn	\$115,000	\$70,000	61%	-8%
Yorkton / Melville	\$127,000	\$60,000	47%	+5%
Estevan	\$137,000	\$86,000	63%	-1%
Moose Jaw / Gravelbourg	\$140,000	\$67,000	48%	-2%
Regina West	\$286,000	\$289,000	101%	+12%
Regina East	\$326,000	\$296,000	91%	+7%
PARISH TOTALS	\$1,400,000	\$1,000,000	71%	+4%

*The 'Change from Previous Year' column compares this year's percentage of goal achieved to last year's. For example, if a deanery achieved 70% of its goal last year and 75% this year, the column will show +5%

Looking Ahead: Growing Our Mission Together

With an encouraging 83% donor retention rate and 3,129 active donors, our community showed remarkable dedication in 2025. Parish gifts reached \$1.0M (71% of our \$1.4M target). To fully bridge that gap and sustainably meet the growing needs of our ministries, our goal moving forward is to expand our donor family to between 4,500 and 4,800 supporters across all giving levels.



Together in Hope:

"People come to me with questions and concerns, and the reason I can help them is because of the people in Regina. I can't say how much support and assistance they have given me over the years, and continue to provide me with."

- Marianne Gordon

"I think it's just important to think beyond what we have here. I trust in God that he will help us through whatever may come our way. The archdiocese never forgets about us." - Eileen Tumbach

For St. Lawrence Parish in Maple Creek, the staff of the Archdiocese are companions on the journey, helping them walk forward in hope.



Bearers of Hope:

"La source de ma foi me vient de l'amour que Dieu a pour nous, que Dieu a pour ses enfants que nous sommes."

- Valery Mucowintore

"HOPE is very powerful. It's not just words, its also an action....the way we share our time, talent, and treasure. It's how we choose to live everyday with purpose, compassion, and trust in God." - Jo and Joel Ong



Cultivating Hope:

"Without youth and young adult ministry, I genuinely don't know where I would be in my faith today. I would not be the person I am today if I hadn't experienced things like MyGen Youth Rally, Variety Night and Source. These events help open doors to people like me who do not actively take part in their faith." - Sam Bloos

Sam's faith journey began at the Archdiocese's MyGen Youth Rally and continued through other diocesan youth and young adult events, leading to her Confirmation at the 2025 Easter Vigil.

Development Office (cont'd)

Rebuilding Our Church Capital Campaign

In January 2025, the Archdiocese celebrated a major milestone: the completion and formal blessing of Phase 1 at Holy Rosary Cathedral. Delivered on budget at \$2.6 million, this initial phase significantly improved cathedral accessibility and safety by introducing a new elevator, upgraded accessible washrooms, an upgraded entrance, and a completely replaced south stair.

With Phase 1 complete, momentum shifted throughout 2025 toward planning, fundraising, and receiving major gifts for the remaining stages of the cathedral's renewal.



Phase 2: Spire Replacement & North Façade

Urgent repair needs at the cathedral prompted a strategic shift in fundraising this past year. With the Pastoral Centre now settled in a secure rental location, Archdiocese staff sought permission from early donors to redirect approximately \$1.83 million originally earmarked for a future Pastoral Centre toward the cathedral instead.

Donors responded with overwhelming support. Combined with \$1.4 million in new gifts and pledges received during the year, and other funds to be allocated from Phase 1, Phase 2 funding is within \$530,000 of what will be needed for the critical replacement of Holy Rosary Cathedral's deteriorating spires. As a result, the Archdiocese is able to proceed with the critical replacement of Holy Rosary Cathedral's deteriorating spires.



An additional \$1.2M will still be required to complete the remaining elements of Phase 2 in the future: the north façade, belfries, masonry, and rose window restoration."

Phase 3: Infrastructure & Lower Level Renewal

Planning and design work progressed steadily alongside a parish-based campaign launched in the spring. In 2025, donors committed \$530,787 in gifts and pledges for vital infrastructure replacement and lower level renewal. In addition to the \$625,000 previously allocated from Phase 1 and \$320,000 allocated from the Holy Rosary Parish Building Fund, at the end of 2025 Phase 3 had \$1.45M towards the estimated \$4M needed.

Gifts Received Since Inception

Gift Level			# of Gifts	Total Gifts	Average Gift Size
\$1,000,000	to	\$3,000,000	3	\$4,000,000	\$1,333,333
\$500,000	to	\$999,999	2	\$1,000,001	\$500,000
\$100,000	to	\$499,999	11	\$1,359,489	\$123,590
\$50,000	to	\$99,999	10	\$502,024	\$50,202
\$25,000	to	\$49,999	22	\$596,320	\$27,105
\$10,000	to	\$24,999	49	\$679,243	\$13,862
\$2,000	to	\$9,999	79	\$331,418	\$4,195
\$1	to	\$1,999	257	\$112,972	\$440
All Gift Levels			433	\$8,581,467	

To date, the Rebuilding Our Church Campaign has received approximately \$8.5 million in total gifts and pledges since 2019.

Thanks to the extraordinary generosity of donors across the Archdiocese and beyond, this significant progress ensures that Holy Rosary Cathedral will continue to serve as the spiritual home of the Archdiocese of Regina for generations to come.

Development Office (cont'd)

Catholic TRC Healing Response



In response to Call to Action #61 of the Truth and Reconciliation Commission (TRC) of Canada, the Catholic Bishops of Canada pledged \$30 million to support healing and reconciliation initiatives alongside First Nations, Métis, and Inuit communities through the national Indigenous Reconciliation Fund (IRF).

Here in the Archdiocese of Regina, our \$2 million commitment to the TRC Healing Response Fund is how we answer that call. Gifts made through our Archdiocese are contributed to the national Indigenous Reconciliation Fund (IRF) and are granted back to support Indigenous Survivor-led initiatives both locally and across Canada. Whenever possible, donations received through our local fund are directed toward projects within our own region.

Guided by our local Truth and Reconciliation Committee, co-chaired by Susan Beaudin and Archbishop Donald Bolen, this work has grown out of deep listening. Through conversations with Indian Residential School survivors, Elders, and community leaders, we have heard a clear call for support rooted in the priorities of communities themselves. These funds directly empower spaces for healing, opportunities to revive and reclaim culture and language, education, and meaningful dialogues that strengthen relationships across generations and cultures.



Campaign Progress: By the end of 2025, our community has raised \$1.71 million toward our \$2 million goal, with the vast majority of these funds already forwarded to the Indigenous Reconciliation Fund to support active projects.  86%

For more information on funded projects and national progress, please visit the Indigenous Reconciliation Fund at www.irfund.ca

Gratitude and Responsibility: A Faith Community in Action

We are a single faith community bound together across southern Saskatchewan. The numbers in this report reflect far more than financial contributions. Our supporters bring our parishes to life every single day, faithfully offering their time, talent, and treasure out of a deep sense of gratitude and shared responsibility for our Church.

Whether through supporting local parish priorities, restoring our historic cathedral, or advancing the work of reconciliation, your generosity ensures that no parish or ministry has to walk alone. Thank you for your continued faith, partnership, and prayers.

"I was very honoured to be able to experience hope through a Eucharistic procession that we had at Trinity Manor. It was just an amazing experience getting together with this group of people that only wanted to bring joy to our residents. You could see the weight lifted off them as they watched the kids who participated and listened to the songs they were singing. It truly changed them, and it changed me, too, from that day on." - Melissa Gustafson



Supported by the Archdiocese Pastoral Centre, Trinity Manor residents welcomed grade four students for lunch and a Eucharistic procession, and later engaged in dialogue related to Catholic healthcare.

Financial Officer's Report

Chelsey Kress

Following a profound period of transition, 2025 marked my first full annual cycle as Financial Officer, bringing deeper clarity to the intricacies of our work.

Inspired by Jesus' parable of the new wine and new wineskins (Matthew 9:16-17), the year gave a time for reflection on the many areas entrusted to our care.

Jesus is inviting us to a fresh perspective in the way we carry out our responsibilities: focusing on systems, procedures and people.

As we strengthen these foundational areas in the years to come, we pray it will bear fruit in greater consistency, responsiveness, and overall faithful service to our Archdiocese.

Annual Report

FOR FISCAL YEAR JANUARY 1, 2025 - DECEMBER 31, 2025

REVENUE*

	2025	2024
Donations ¹	\$ 3,584,000	\$ 2,522,000
Diocesan Assessments	\$ 1,229,000	\$ 1,163,000
Investments	\$ 639,000	\$ 667,000
Recoveries	\$ 2,587,000	\$ 2,411,000
Other	\$ 423,000	\$ 177,000
TOTAL REVENUE	\$ 8,462,000	\$ 6,940,000

EXPENSES*

	2025	2024
Ministry & Pastoral Services	\$ 4,807,000	\$ 4,358,000
Management & Admin	\$ 1,250,000	\$ 1,215,000
Grants	\$ 1,587,000	\$ 496,000
Fundraising	\$ 96,000	\$ 100,000
Other	\$ 179,000	\$ 138,000
TOTAL EXPENSES	\$ 7,919,000	\$ 6,307,000

*Numbers are rounded to the nearest thousand.

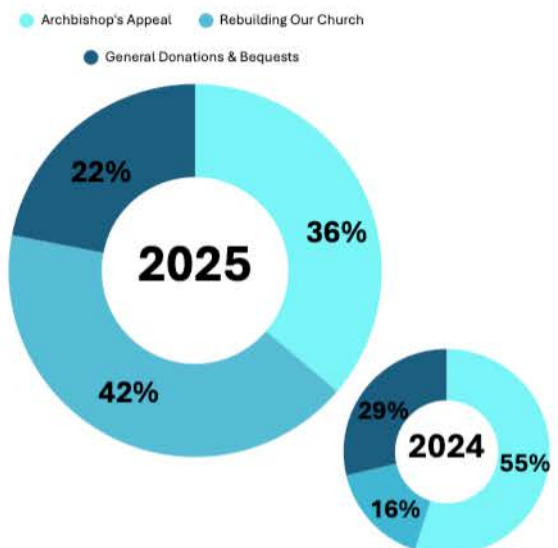


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Thank you to all of those who served during the 2025 year: Annette Polasek (Chair), Ron Kruzeniski (past Chair), Very Rev. Brian Meredith, Very Rev. James Owolagba, Rev. Harper Boucher, James Gustafson, John Dipple, Jim Graham, Christina Herauf, and Ray Arscott.

Thank You

¹Donations - Summary



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