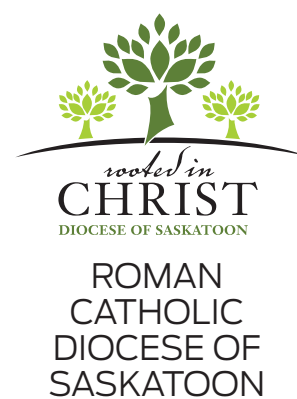


OUR MISSION

TO PROCLAIM CHRIST AND GOD'S KINGDOM TODAY



GOALS:

“Have the same mind and heart as Christ Jesus” (Phil 2:5)



Draw People into a Deepening Intimacy with the Lord!

Supporting a deepening friendship and intimacy with Jesus Christ

- Help people pray; and provide support and tools for growth in discipleship and holiness
- Provide regular opportunities for gathered prayer, including Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament
- Implement and strengthen evangelization programs in parishes and schools, emphasizing the Sacraments; the Sacred Scriptures; Life in the Church; Works of Mercy
- Provide for more lay and clergy spiritual directors
- Provide retreats and workshops for men, women, and youth addressing the art of accompaniment, to deepen their relationship with Christ

Make Every Sunday Matter

Sunday celebrations

- Effective preaching
- Beautiful music: promote through training, workshops, performances
- Excellent liturgy: *full and active participation!* (see *Sacrosanctum Concilium*: #14)
- Effective feedback from parishioners
- Hospitality and welcoming
 - Collect and share best practices re: hospitality, engagement
 - Sunday gathering as opportunity for sending, outreach

Promote the Healing Journey in the Lord

Healing, growth, serving, ongoing conversion

- Promote and make available the Sacrament of Reconciliation
- Promote “listening, caring, accompanying” to provide support for those struggling with emotional and mental health, addictions and/or grief recovery
- Provide healthy and safe church communities, free from trauma and abuse
- Promote network of local Catholic counsellors, Catholic health care providers
- Build the relationship between Indigenous and non-Indigenous peoples of our communities
- Provide opportunities for women and men to recover from trauma and dysfunction
 - Healing opportunities addressing TRC Calls to Action, UNDRIP
 - Reverence for Life initiatives (ex. Rachel's Vineyard)
 - Anger and grief

“Embrace Your Priesthood”

Discerning God's call to each person to share in the mission and life of the Lord

- Equip and support Church members re: ways to provide ministry and service in our parish
- Provide vocations support for priesthood, religious life, marriage, lay ministry leadership and service
- Promote discipleship paths: Madonna House Apostolate; NET Ministries; FacetoFace; Pure Witness Ministries; Catholic Christian Outreach (CCO); St. Therese Institute, etc.
- Provide academic, human and spiritual formation for candidates for the priesthood, permanent diaconate, religious life, lay ecclesial ministry
- Provide responsive marriage preparation and ongoing support
- Provide strong catechetical support for effective sacramental preparation strategies
- Provide opportunities for adults to reflect on the vocation of the lay Catholic faithful in their roles in the market-place: professionals, business leaders, service providers

Build and Support Family and Community

Strengthening and supporting families and marriages, vocations support

- Programs, initiatives for strengthening relationships among children, parents, grandparents
- Help parents and community members (schools, lay groups) address important relevant topics, including:
 - Children's Internet and technologies safety
 - Child and adolescent sexuality
 - Parenting in a digital age
- Establish programs and supports for crises: especially for persons dealing with separation or divorce

Move from Maintenance to Mission

Helping parishes proclaim Christ in everything

- Training and support to Parish Pastoral Councils and Finance Councils – *pastoral planning*
- Training and support to parish ministries: children, youth, adults, seniors
- Addressing features of rural communities
- Best Human Resources practices ‘tool kit’ to support and develop parish employees and volunteers
- Best financial and administrative practices ‘tool kit’ for parishes



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