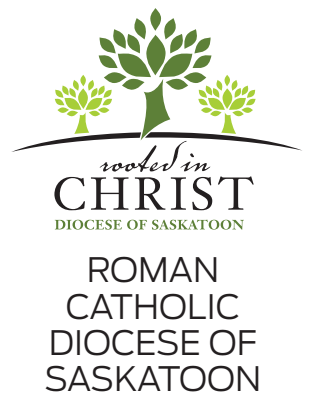


OUR MISSION

TO PROCLAIM CHRIST AND GOD'S KINGDOM TODAY



PRIORITIES & GOALS:

“Have the same mind and heart as Christ Jesus” (see 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, promote conversion and healing
- To promote understanding each other and growing in love for one another – *the synodal way*

Make Every Sunday Matter

Sunday celebrations

- Effective preaching, multi-faceted proclamation
- Beautiful music: promote through training, workshops, performances
- Excellent liturgy: *full and active participation!* (see *Sacrosanctum Concilium*: #14)
- Effective feedback re: homily; preaching
- Hospitality and welcoming
 - Collect and share best practices re: hospitality, engagement
 - Sunday gathering as opportunity for sending, outreach
 - Sharing experiences, resources – *from the rural to the urban*
 - Focus on significant sacramental ‘celebrations’, such as Baptisms; Funerals

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 (*United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples*)
 - Reverence for Life initiatives (*ex. Rachel's Vineyard*)
 - Anger and grief
- Build awareness and relationship with Creation: foster Stewardship
- Address exploitative societal and cultural problems: ie, human trafficking

“Embrace Your Priesthood”

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

- Provide vocations support for priesthood, religious life, marriage, lay ministry leadership and service
- Provide strong support for effective ecclesial lay ministry: lay catechetical support; sacramental preparation strategies
- Promote discipleship paths: Catholic Christian Outreach (CCO); FacetoFace Ministries; Madonna House Apostolate; NET Ministries; Pure Witness Ministries; 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; ongoing marriage support
- 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 relationship among children, parents, grandparents
- Help parents and community members (schools, lay groups) address important relevant topics, including:
 - Children’s Internet and technologies safety; Parenting in a digital age
 - Child and adolescent sexuality
- Establish programs and supports for crises: especially for persons dealing with separation or divorce



Move from Maintenance to Mission (Orienting our Parishes and Church Organizations from Bureaucracy to Pastoral Effectiveness)

- Training and support to Parish Pastoral Councils and Finance Councils – *pastoral planning*
- Training and support to parish ministries: children, youth, adults, seniors
- Address features and challenges of Rural parishes/communities; foster awareness of and relationship with Rural parishes.
- Parish and Diocesan re-structuring as an experience of the *paschal mystery* (*New Pentecost* vs. dying & death)
- Support and develop parish employees and volunteers
- Best financial and administrative practices ‘tool kit’ for parishes



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