



CONSEIL PASTORAL FRANCOPHONE INTERDIOCÉSAIN DE LA SASKATCHEWAN

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The mandate of the Conseil pastoral francophone interdiocésain de la Saskatchewan (CPFIS) is to represent French speaking Catholics of this province, informing the Catholic Bishops of their pastoral and liturgical needs and fostering the development of French and bilingual parishes in Saskatchewan.

Furthermore, the CPFIS:

- works to strengthen the ties between Francophone and bilingual parishes;
- facilitates the exchange of ideas and resources between the three dioceses;
- encourages the sharing of pastoral initiatives at all levels; and,
- fosters faith development of Catholics of French language and culture.

CPFIS continues to support the organization and implementation of grassroots projects targeting financial support of francophone and bilingual Catholic parishes in Saskatchewan. In 2023-2024, CPFIS supported the following projects:

- ✓ Each deanery/association of the dioceses may receive up to \$10,000,00 to organize activities that will deepen the faith of the francophone Catholic faithful, according to their strategic plan and followed by a financial report to justify the expenses;
- ✓ The collaboration with the CÉF and the Myriam Family to organize a one-day retreat for students of grades 6 to 8 in Regina on May 9th, 2023 and on November 1st 2023. A retreat similar to the 2nd retreat in Regina was held in Saskatoon on November 28, 2023;
- ✓ The collaboration with the Conseil Culturel Fransaskois to organize a mass during the Festival Fransaskois on July 9, 2023;
- ✓ The support to La P'tite Pasto program in Saskatoon;
- ✓ The support to the parishes for streaming the Sunday masses online;
- ✓ The management of the Abbé Raymond Carignan Fund to offer bursaries to support the development of the Catholic faith, Catholic pastoral services in French, language for priests and seminarians who wish to learn French, and the translation in French of certain diocesan documents;
- ✓ The reimbursement for the new Roman missal for the altar for francophone and bilingual parishes who applied to the Fonds Abbé Raymond Carignan;
- ✓ The promotion of the French resources and activities developed by CÉFFA such as the « Prayer Guide » and the introductory video available online;
- ✓ The development of a series of videos describing the role of the francophone parishes in Saskatchewan;
- ✓ The maintenance of a Facebook account.

Le CPFIS anticipates supporting many other parish and diocesan-based projects in 2024-2025, depending on the demand for such projects. The number of projects is limited only by the desire of the francophones to get involved in organizing the activities and participating in them. The CPFIS wishes to encourage collaboration between parishes and local francophone schools in the province by investing in our youth and in the vitality of our francophone and bilingual parishes.

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