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5th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Day of Prayer for Compassionate Healing
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To Clergy, Religious, & Lay Faithful of the Diocese of Saskatoon:

On Sunday, February 8 the Roman Catholic Diocese of Saskatoon and the Catholic Health Association of Saskatchewan (CHAS) together celebrate our commitment to the healing ministry of Jesus Christ at the “Compassionate Healers’ Mass” at Holy Family Cathedral.

This celebration is in solidarity with the National Catholic Health Care Week, which is recognized this year from Sunday, February 1 to Sunday, February 8.

Catholic health in our country serves over five million Canadians each year, and employs over 88,000 people. The contribution of Catholic health care is significant in our country, and continues a strong tradition of caring for the sick – a tradition that goes back to the arrival and hard work of the first apostles of Catholic health care in Canada: the many religious men and, in particular, religious women, who established hospitals and care centres, – usually when responding to situations of need and crisis.


Our Catholic faith tradition is directed and inspired by multiple passages from Sacred Scripture regarding care for the sick. For example, in Matthew 14:14 we see how Jesus is constantly moved with compassion to care for persons who are sick. St. Paul directs the early Christian community to, “Bear one another’s burdens, and in this way you will fulfill the law of Christ.” (Gal. 6:2)

Our world of today is in great need of many witnesses to God’s special care and concern for persons who are sick, suffering, and are neglected or even forsaken. Let us reaffirm our commitment to care for those who are sick and suffering in our midst- through our various health care institutions, and in the many environments we find broken humanity calling our for the compassionate healing and care of Christ Jesus. *I ask that all of our parishes on this Sunday have some way of praying for the sick, praying for those who care for the sick, and making our own prayerful commitment to provide support to the sick and suffering in our midst.*

Sincerely in Christ,

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✠ Most Rev. Mark A. Hagemoen

 In all things we are *rooted in Christ*,
in His desire to bring God’s love to all peoples.