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St. Cecilia parish is located on Treaty 4 Territory, the traditional lands of the Nêhiyawak (neh HEY o wuk), Nahkawé (NUK ah way), and Nakota, and homeland of the Dakota, Lakota, and Métis peoples.

Twenty-Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time, October 3, 2021



“So out of the ground the Lord God formed every beast of the field and every bird of the air, and brought them to the man to see what he would call them; and whatever the man called every living creature, that was its name.” (Genesis 2:19)

The creation story reminds us of two important points. First, since the start, God has put the entire world into our care. Second, stewardship has been around since the beginning of mankind, it isn't something recently invented by the Church. Just as past generations built our Church, it is now our responsibility to continue to nurture and develop these gifts for future generations.

This Week's Masses

Monday	October 4	No Mass.
Tuesday	October 5	7 pm – RIP Christopher Boorman requested by Terry and Marina Boorman.
Wednesday	October 6	10 am – RIP Bway Bway requested by Mary Elda-Kelln.
Thursday	October 7	10 am – Intentions of the Wah Ta children requested by Hser Gay Paw.
Friday	October 8	9 am – RIP Dennis Zatylny requested by Bernadette Gettis.
Saturday	October 9	7 pm
Sunday	October 10	10 am

Livestream Masses

Sunday

If you are not able to join us for Mass in person, join us online at 10 am for our livestream Mass.

Use one of these ways:

- [St. Cecilia YouTube Channel](#).
- St. Cecilia Website stcecregina.com.
- On the YouTube App, search for St Cecilia Regina.

Friday

Mass at 9 am is livestreamed as part of the Archdiocese Weekday Mass schedule.

If not attending, you can watch on the [Archdiocese YouTube Channel](#).

Masks Required

Masks must be worn in every indoor public space according to the September 16 Saskatchewan Public Health Order. This applies to all areas of the church building. Children under the age of two years are exempt. More information on the [Saskatchewan Government website](#).

Communion for Shut-ins

If you or someone you know is not able to attend Mass and would like to receive Holy Communion, call Amber in the office 306-545-4051 for more information.

Cookies and Muffins for Marian Centre

The Marian Centre is serving bag lunches for those in need and is very grateful for donations of muffins, cookies, or other baked goods.

Because of the Covid situation, they will continue serving bag lunches and not return to indoor hospitality and meals at this time.

If you can help, package the baked goods in a container or bag that you do not need returned and bring them to the church during regular office hours by Friday 9:30 am.



Clothing for Carmichael Outreach Centre

Seasonal clothing and footwear (all ages, sizes, and genders) is being accepted. If you can help, package the clothing in bags or boxes and drop them off on the steps by the front doors of the church during regular office hours.

Fr. John's 50th Anniversary of Ordination

October 2 marks 50 years that Fr. John has been serving Christ and others. Due to the Covid situation, celebrations are not being planned at this time. If you wish to recognize the occasion, cards may be dropped off in the Welcoming Area or the Church office. If you are thinking of a gift, Fr. John has suggested a donation to Visitation House in his name would be appreciated.

Turkey Dinner Raffle – St. Francis School

Win a turkey dinner and all the fixings delivered to your door.

\$1 a ticket. 10 tickets in a booklet.

Get your tickets after Masses this weekend or contact Amber in the parish office at 306-545-4051. Deadline October 4.

Sacrament Preparation for Children 2021-2022

The Sacraments of Confirmation and Holy Eucharist

- Students in Grade 2 and older are invited to attend with a parent/guardian.
- Classes will be held in St. Cecilia Church on these Thursdays in 2022: January 13, February 17, March 10, March 24, April 7, and May 5 at 7:00 pm.
- The date of the Confirmation/First Eucharist mass is to be determined.
- To register, email Betty at sacraments@stcecregina.com or if you do not have email, call Amber in the parish office 306-545-4051 by November 18.
- Please note that changes to in-person lessons may be made to meet SHA regulations.



The Sacrament of Reconciliation

- Students in Grade 4 and older are invited to attend with a parent/guardian.
- Classes will be held in St. Cecilia Church on these Thursdays in 2022: February 10 and February 24, at 7:00 pm.
- The First Reconciliation Celebration will be on Saturday, March 5, 2022, at 11:00 am.
- To register, email Betty at sacraments@stcecregina.com or if you do not have email, call Amber in the parish office 306-545-4051 by January 7, 2022.
- Please note that changes to in-person lessons may be made to meet SHA regulations.

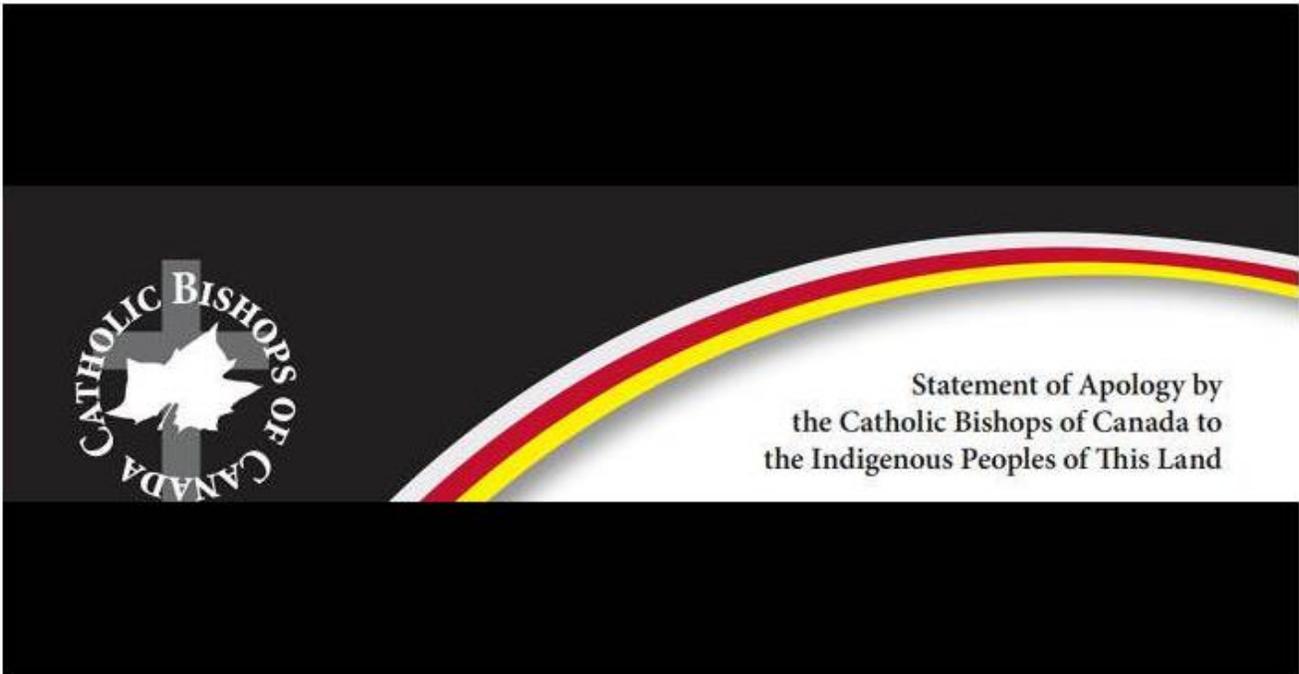


Vaccine Mandates and Exemptions Town Hall

Recent developments have led to many questions about vaccine mandates, exemptions to those mandates, and the policies of the Archdiocese.

Please join us on Monday, October 4 at 7 pm to hear from Archbishop Bolen, joined by our theologian, Dr. Brett Salkeld, to learn about our Archdiocesan approach to these questions. [Register to attend this online event.](#)

Statement of Apology by the Catholic Bishops of Canada to the Indigenous Peoples of This Land



September 24, 2021

We, the Catholic Bishops of Canada, gathered in Plenary this week, take this opportunity to affirm to you, the Indigenous Peoples of this land, that we acknowledge the suffering experienced in Canada's Indian Residential Schools. Many Catholic religious communities and dioceses participated in this system, which led to the suppression of Indigenous languages, culture and spirituality, failing to respect the rich history, traditions and wisdom of Indigenous Peoples. We acknowledge the grave abuses that were committed by some members of our Catholic community; physical, psychological, emotional, spiritual, cultural, and sexual. We also sorrowfully acknowledge the historical and ongoing trauma and the legacy of suffering and challenges faced by Indigenous Peoples that continue to this day. Along with those Catholic entities which were directly involved in the operation of the schools and which have already offered their own heartfelt apologies¹, we², the Catholic Bishops of Canada, express our profound remorse and apologize unequivocally.

We are fully committed to the process of healing and reconciliation. Together with the many pastoral initiatives already underway in dioceses across the country, and as a further tangible expression of this ongoing commitment, we are pledging to undertake fundraising in each region of the country to support initiatives discerned locally with Indigenous partners. Furthermore, we invite the Indigenous Peoples to journey with us into a new era of reconciliation, helping us in each of our dioceses across the country to prioritize initiatives of healing, to listen to the experience of Indigenous Peoples, especially to the survivors of Indian Residential Schools, and to educate our clergy, consecrated men and women, and lay faithful, on Indigenous cultures and spirituality. We commit ourselves to continue the work of providing documentation or records that will assist in the memorialization of those buried in unmarked graves.

Having heard the requests to engage Pope Francis in this reconciliation process, a delegation of Indigenous survivors, Elders/knowledge keepers, and youth will meet with the Holy Father in Rome in December 2021. Pope Francis will encounter and listen to the Indigenous participants, so as to discern how he can support our common desire to renew relationships and walk together along the path of hope in the coming years. We pledge to work with the Holy See and our Indigenous partners on the possibility of a pastoral visit by the Pope to Canada as part of this healing journey.

We commit ourselves to continue accompanying you, the First Nations, Métis and Inuit Peoples of this land. Standing in respect of your resiliency, strength and wisdom, we look forward to listening to and learning from you as we walk in solidarity.

[1 Indian Residential Schools and TRC - Canadian Conference of Catholic Bishops \(ccb.ca\)](https://www.cccb.ca)

[2 The CCCB website has a link to several apologies previously offered by Catholic bishops, including those offered by bishops at national TRC events](#)

Canadian Bishops Announce \$30M National Financial Pledge to Support Healing and Reconciliation Initiatives



27 September 2021 – Ottawa – The Bishops of Canada, as a tangible expression of their commitment to walk with the Indigenous Peoples of this land along the pathway of hope, are making a nation-wide collective financial commitment to support healing and reconciliation initiatives for residential school survivors, their families, and their communities.

With a target of \$30 million over up to five years, this will include initiatives in every region of the country. The commitment will be achieved at the local level, with parishes across Canada being encouraged to participate and amplify the effort.

Bishop Raymond Poisson, President of the Canadian Conference of Catholic Bishops (CCCB), expressed hope that these efforts will support meaningful projects across Canada and make a significant difference in addressing the historical and ongoing trauma caused by the residential school system.

“When the Bishops of Canada came together in Plenary last week, there was universal consensus that Catholic entities needed to do more in a tangible way to address the suffering experienced in Canada’s residential schools. Comprised of local diocesan initiatives, this effort will help support programs and initiatives dedicated to improving the lives of residential school survivors and their communities, ensuring resources needed to assist in the path of healing.”

Funding for projects will be determined locally, in consultation with First Nations, Métis and Inuit Peoples in each region. The Bishops of Canada have committed and tasked themselves to develop national principles and strategy, timelines, and the public communication of these collective initiatives this November.

Bishop William McGrattan, Vice President of the CCCB, articulated the importance of working together with Indigenous Peoples on local goals, timing, and distribution of funds. “The Bishops of Canada have been guided by the principle that we should not speak about Indigenous People without speaking with them. To that end, the ongoing conversations with local leadership will be instrumental in discerning the programs that are most deserving of support. There is no single step that can eliminate the pain felt by residential school survivors, but by listening, seeking relationships, and working collaboratively where we are able, we hope to learn how to walk together in a new path of hope.”

Today’s news follows a [national apology](#) that was issued by the Canadian Bishops on Friday, 24 September. In the weeks and months ahead, the CCCB will continue to provide updates on this work, as part of a long path towards healing and reconciliation.

Open Letter from the Catholic Bishops of Saskatchewan to Catholics of Saskatchewan and the Indigenous Peoples of This Land



September 28, 2021

To all Catholics of Saskatchewan and the Indigenous Peoples of this land.

Warm greetings. As the Catholic Bishops of Saskatchewan, we begin by joining with Bishops from across the country in the September 24, 2021 statement which offered an unequivocal apology to the Indigenous Peoples of this land.

Two months ago, as we began a new Truth and Reconciliation Healing Response Appeal, we indicated that we would provide more information in September. As an expression of our commitment to fostering healing relationships with Indigenous peoples, the Appeal offers a way to respond to current needs, provide ongoing support for residential school survivors and their communities, and engage more deeply in our own ongoing commitment and response to the truth and reconciliation process.

Our financial commitments, which will form a part of the \$30 million financial commitment of the Catholic Bishops of Canada, will focus on three areas: healing and reconciliation, cemeteries on the sites of former residential schools, and education and cultural support. Together, we hold at the heart of all of our steps the TRC Call to Action #61, which has been an ongoing guiding principle for all of us on this path, as it calls upon churches to establish funding for projects related to healing, culture and language revitalization, education and relationship-building. Our Catholic TRC Healing Response is a continuation of efforts and initiatives over the past few decades in journeying with Indigenous communities, listening to the voices of survivors, and those who have been impacted by the legacy of residential schools and the effects of colonization. We recognize that consultation and collaboration with Indigenous Peoples are vital, and we are committed to continuing these essential dialogues.

Catholics in Saskatchewan can anticipate statements in the near future from each diocese and eparchy on how this appeal will be approached in their particular region, given their particular circumstances and abilities. See our eparchial/diocesan statements on the following websites: [Ukrainian Catholic Eparchy of Saskatoon](#), [Diocese of Prince Albert](#), [Diocese of Saskatoon](#), [Archdiocese of Regina](#), [Archdiocese of Keewatin-Le Pas](#).

May we continue to learn to walk together and to dwell peacefully on this land that the Creator has given us, in the words of treaties signed long ago, for "as long as the sun shines, the grass grows, and waters flow."

Sincerely yours in a spirit of humility and respect,

Most Rev. Donald Bolen
Archbishop of Regina

Most Rev. Murray Chatlain
Archbishop of Keewatin-Le Pas

Most Rev. Stephen Hero
Bishop of Prince Albert

Most Rev. Bryan Bayda
Ukrainian Eparchial Bishop of Saskatoon

Most Rev. Mark Hagemoen
Bishop of Saskatoon

Reflections on Walking Together on the Journey to Right Relationships: A Message from Archbishop Don Bolen

September 28, 2021

Over the past week, the Catholic bishops of Canada have sought to take some steps on the long journey towards right relationships with the Indigenous Peoples of this land. While many previous apologies had been offered, they hadn't been presented collectively on behalf of all the Catholic Bishops of Canada, and for many survivors of residential schools, they weren't seen as all that helpful. Friday's unequivocal apology was accompanied by a renewed commitment to assist with documentation as able, and to work with the Holy See and Indigenous partners on a possible visit of Pope Francis to Canada. Yesterday, a further communication of a nation-wide collective financial commitment of 30 million dollars over 5 years was announced, to support healing and reconciliation initiatives for residential school survivors, their families, and their communities.



The Truth and Reconciliation Final Report, and many Indigenous people, have noted that apologies are a starting point, not an end point, and that they need to be followed by real commitment. When a relationship is wounded and we seek to make right a relationship that has gone wrong, it takes time, and many steps. Failures need to be acknowledged; apologies made; a deep listening to those who have been hurt; a willingness to change, to make amends; and finally, to walk with the other in solidarity on the path of seeking justice on a societal level, to be an ally in the pursuit of right relationships. It should not surprise nor hurt those in the church when we hear Indigenous people and others say 'seeing is believing.' I learnt a saying a while ago: if you want to know if an apology is real, watch the feet. We know and appreciate that people will be watching our feet to see whether we are able to meet the commitments we make.

Here in the Archdiocese of Regina, we look forward to continuing and building upon the work we have already begun in our diocese in seeking to foster relationships of healing, listening, and education with the First Nations and Métis Peoples, and especially with survivors. I reiterate our commitment to take steps in close consultation with Indigenous Elders and with survivors of the residential school system. We have heard and resonate with the message, "nothing about us without us."

Since announcing on a provincial level a Catholic Truth and Reconciliation Healing campaign in July, there have been several opportunities to meet with survivors and Elders, to listen to their needs and hopes, and to ask what solidarity and support would look like from their perspective. We have heard a strong request for financial support of initiatives which respond directly to the needs of survivors and which prioritize their concerns and needs. We heard of the desire to build relationships and to draw on the assistance of Indigenous spiritual leaders in facilitating a way forward with the various First Nations communities within the boundaries of the Archdiocese. We heard of the need for an initiative in the city of Regina which would be guided by survivors and present practical steps which would bring healing for survivors and assistance with intergenerational trauma experienced by many as a result of the residential school system. We heard a request to assist in work related to the cemeteries of the Catholic-operated residential schools within our region. And we heard the importance of educating and engaging the people of our Catholic parishes, especially those who are near to First Nations communities, so that they too can play a role in the rebuilding of relationships and become allies in the pursuit of a better, more respectful and more just way to live together.

We were also encouraged to draw on Call to Action 61 as a roadmap going forward, with its call for support of community-controlled healing and reconciliation projects; culture and language revitalization initiatives; education and relationship-building projects; and regional dialogues for Indigenous spiritual leaders and youth to discuss Indigenous spirituality, self-determination, and reconciliation. This is a helpful framework for what we have heard. As a church, we do not want to repeat the mistakes of the past by subtly cultivating a colonial mentality whereby we have the principal ideas and solutions on this road to healing and reconciliation. We pledge to continue to listen, and to walk together, with the critical guidance coming from Indigenous survivors, elders and spiritual leaders. This is a longer way of proceeding, but we believe it is also one that will build relationships along the way.

Some of the conversations over the Summer months were about how we as a diocese would make a significant financial commitment to the work of healing and reconciliation, and we came up with several steps. These include pausing aspects of our campaign for renovating our Cathedral and relocating our pastoral centre and drawing on our campaign team to assist with the TRC healing response; drawing on funds designated for justice related work; including a special donation

card with our Annual Appeal materials that have just been sent out; taking a pew collection some time before the end of the year; and supporting the provincial online appeal for the TRC healing response. In these and other ways, we will encourage our parishes and parishioners to do their part in engaging in this work of restoring right relations.

As noted by many others, there is no single step that can eliminate the burden carried by residential school survivors and more broadly by Indigenous communities, but we hope that these new steps will help us along the way. And we will continue the work that has been ongoing in various ways for many years. This now includes the work of the Archdiocesan Council for Truth and Reconciliation, which began four years ago, and doing everything we can to provide documentation about residential schools requested by survivors, or which may be helpful in work related to unmarked graves.

We are approaching the National Day for Truth and Reconciliation and look forward to marking it in various ways. But we are mindful that this is not the work of a day. We need to embark on an era of reconciliation which will ask much of us, but will allow us to take important steps on a path to justice, to healing, to living together in a good way, in right relationship with each other and on the land on which we are blessed to live.

May the Creator guide us all. Peace to you all.

[Watch Video Message here.](#)

Archbishop's Appeal

We are officially launching our Archbishop's Appeal "Unbinding Love". Giving is an incredible way to help growing the Church and deepening our spiritual lives. Your gifts make a difference in the lives of others through the support of ministries and programs of the Archdiocese. Our financial goal is \$1.6 million dollars. Let God's love unbind your hearts and guide you in your decision and generosity.

In today's readings, we see our God is a God of love. He has a deep love for man, involving man in the works of his creation from the very beginning, having man name the animals of creation. God has worked tirelessly from the beginning to bring mankind to himself in a loving relationship.

When man rejected God's love, God does not abandon mankind but works ever harder to bring us into relationship with himself. God has taken no small measures to restore us to himself, it has cost him dearly, to watch the suffering and death of his own Son, for our sake. God provided man with a mate to share God's loving blessings with in a deep loving relationship with each other and with God. A companion to journey with love through this world, until we are face to face with God in glory.

We have found that a loving relationship doesn't come without its challenges, hardships and sometimes sacrifices at seemingly high costs. But as in all things, should we not follow God's example to us, and continually make the sacrifices, look to each other with kindness and understanding to rekindle and continue our journey with love; in our marriages, our families and all whom we share this journey.

God continues his work to bring us all into a loving relationship with himself and provides each of us with many gifts and talents to be used in these works. Just as in the beginning God wants man to play a role in his creation. The Archdiocesan Appeal is one of the many gifts that God has made available to us to continue our active participation in his Loving Creation, in the Archdiocese of Regina.

Season of Creation - St. Francis of Assisi Feast Day

October 4 is the Feast Day of St. Francis of Assisi and close of the Season of Creation celebration. That all people everywhere may be inspired by the example of Saint Francis to make mature lifestyle choices. Choices that are selfless and sustainable. Choices that promote the care and safeguarding of ecosystems. Choices that guarantee access to all basic resources. That we encourage each other to live as St. Francis did and with Pope Francis truly respect the fundamental rights of every human person and every creature. Adapted by Linda Maddaford, from Franciscans for Ecology. Learn more about the [Season of Creation](#).

Wicìhitowin Indigenous Engagement Online Conference

The 7th Wicìhitowin Indigenous Engagement Conference invites community organizations, governments, and businesses to learn about inclusive representation of Indigenous people as employees, volunteers, and decision-makers. Within the context of the Truth and Reconciliation Commission's Calls to Action, if you're working towards respectful Indigenous engagement and inclusion in a community-based setting, this conference is for you. Join us on the path to reconciliation.

This year's free online conference on October 5 to 7 will explore the Seven Sacred Teachings that guide Indigenous People's ways of knowing. Together, we can learn how these teachings can inform, heal, and support communities, organizations, governments, and businesses on their paths to reconciliACTION. [Register here.](#)

Dr. Brett Salkeld Speaking to Huron Perth School Division - Part 1

Thinking Faith Podcast with Deacon Eric Gurash and Dr. Brett Salkeld

This week on Thinking Faith, we begin a series of talks delivered by Dr. Brett Salkeld to the teachers of the Huron-Perth Catholic School Division. This four-part series will touch on areas of Truth and Reconciliation as well as Curriculum permeation in various subjects.

Show Snippet: "We're not used to silence very much these days. We don't have much of a practice of silence, we're connected 24/7, and maybe if silence is awkward, maybe that's good, maybe that's something to practice in your own life and develop a capacity to sit in silence and listen..." [Listen to the podcast.](#)

Encouragement to Consider Vaccination

Following the directives, guidance, and research carried out by the Vatican and other bodies of bishops world-wide, Archbishop Don supports efforts to provide vaccines to the people of Saskatchewan and encourages the faithful to seriously consider receiving the vaccine as it becomes available.

Further information can be found at the following links.

- Congregation for the Doctrine of the Faith "Note on the morality of using some anti-Covid-19 vaccines". [Link.](#)
- "Vaccine for all: 20 points for a fairer and healthier world" Vatican Covid-19 Commission in collaboration with the Pontifical Academy for Life. [Link.](#)
- Alberta and NWT Bishops OK vaccination for Covid. [Link.](#)
- How to Vaccinate Like a Catholic: A Guide Through the Prickly Covid-19 Issues. [Link.](#)

Life Chain

Please join us as we prayerfully witness to the dignity and importance of all life on Sunday, October 3, 2 to 3 pm. Please meet on the West side of Albert Street in the green space by the large grasshopper just off Leopold Crescent. We will maintain protocols, grab signs, and distance out along Albert Street for our hour of prayerful witness to LIFE. Please park on the West side of Albert Street on or around Leopold Crescent and not in the Museum parking lot.

Public Rosary

Sunday, October 10, at 3 pm, outside on the grounds of Holy Rosary Cathedral. We will unite our prayers with all other Rosary groups, including Rosary Coast to Coast. Thursday, October 7 is the feast of our Lady of the Rosary and Wednesday, October 13 is the anniversary of Our Lady's last visit in Fatima to the 3 children. Let us offer up this Rosary for the intentions of the Sacred Heart of Jesus and the Immaculate Heart of Mary and for HIS will to be done, as well as for peace and protection. Mary Conceived without sin pray for us who have recourse to thee. "To Jesus through Mary."

Pope Francis' Monthly Prayer Intentions - October

Missionary Disciples

We pray that every baptized person may be engaged in evangelization, available to the mission, by being witnesses of a life that has the flavor of the Gospel.

Couples For Christ

Couples For Christ (CFC) is inviting all couples to a Christian Life Program (CLP). It is an integrated 8-week online course to a renewed understanding of God's call as Christian couples.

CFC is a Catholic movement intended for the renewal and strengthening of Christian family life. CFC couples have committed themselves to the Lord and to one another so that they may grow in maturity as men and women of God and fulfill their primary vocation of raising families grounded in Christian values, in the service and love of God. The sessions are free and are all done via Zoom. It starts October 9, 2021, at 7 pm every Saturday, and ending November 27, 2021. For more information, contact Cho Andes at 306-737-3809 or Jun Arguelles at 306-541-3886.

Newcomer Resume Building Skills Workshop

Presented by Catholic Family Services Career and Support Services. The workshop includes, building personal data record, understanding resume format, strategies to customize your resume, making an Applicant Tracking System (ATS) friendly resume, best practices for resume writing.

Age group: 15 and over. October 5, 1:30 - 3.30 pm. Online. For registration and more details, email kavan@cfsregina.ca or call 306-525-0521.