

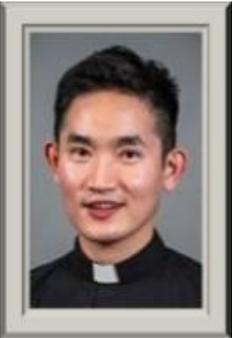
Roman Catholic Diocese of Prince Albert Vocations Commission

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Bishop Stephen Hero



Deacon Tai Le will be ordained at 7:00 pm, Friday, June 10, 2022, at Sacred Heart Cathedral in Prince Albert.

My First Year as Bishop

It's hard to believe that I have been Bishop of Prince Albert for almost a year now! I was ordained on June 11 at Sacred Heart Cathedral in the midst of Covid-19 restrictions and troubling news stories in the media. To tell the truth, I felt a little like a paratrooper who lands during a battle and 'hits the ground running.' There was nothing else to do but find my feet and move forward as quickly as I could.

As you can imagine, everything was new for me. I had spent over 40 years of my life in Edmonton (21 years as a priest), so moving to any different place would have involved a sort of uprooting and adjustment. Our faith teaches us, however, that if God calls us to a special mission, then he will give us the grace we need to carry it out. I have to say that I have experienced the truth of that. Even if there have been challenges and difficulties this year, I would say above all that this has been a year of great grace and many beautiful consolations. I have been often brought up against my limits and weaknesses, but I have also seen how God truly provides for us and answers heartfelt prayer.

I have tried to travel around the Diocese this year and let the people themselves show me how to minister to them. We start to get to know where people are at and what their needs are simply by listening prayerfully and getting to know them. A great grace of this year has been meeting so many people and communities in the Diocese, including many Indigenous people. Because a Bishop travels around and tries to be in touch with all the communities in his Diocese, he eventually starts to get a bird's eye view of a region which helps keep the bigger picture in mind and hopefully discern God's will. I think that I am on my way towards that.

A Bishop does all the usual ministry that a Priest does, but he is also the ordinary minister of Confirmation. I get to preside over the initiation of many young people who are taking these important steps in the life of faith: Confirmation and first Holy Communion. It is sort of like being in the center of things: at the place where the Church is being born and growing powerfully. These sacraments then are always powerful moments of grace for me too, the smell of Chrism on my hands and clothes a reminder of what God is doing in people's lives. The life of a Bishop or Priest gives us so many opportunities to help others and try to bring them closer to God, but it also allows us to witness God's grace and action.

I would say that it was about Christmas time that I really started to feel that I was home in Prince Albert. Christmas midnight Mass at the Cathedral was a very special moment for me as was the Easter Triduum again a few weeks ago. There are so many memories of these sacred days with family and friends from my life somewhere else: it is a powerful, new sort of 'arrival' to start celebrating those special days here.

Please continue to pray for me as I journey with you as your Bishop and know that I am praying for you too. On Priests' anniversaries, we often say in Latin: *ad multos annos!* For many (more) years! That's my prayer too for my life as Bishop here: *ad multos annos!*

Check out the Good Shepherd Sunday Video Featuring a conversation between Most Reverend Stephen Hero and Fr. Travis Myrheim on Vocations at the following link:
<https://youtu.be/KGGZisBicXQ>

**THE SISTERS OF THE PRESENTATION OF MARY
1405 BISHOP PASCAL PLACE
PRINCE ALBERT, SK
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**Notre œuvre est toute de Dieu; elle a été
Fondée uniquement pour sa gloire et
le salut du monde.**

**The heart of Jesus is the heart
of the Church. (Marie Rivier)**

**Welcome to all friends, clergy, collaborators, students, parents,
On December 13, 2021, we received a long-awaited GOOD NEWS!
Pope Francis recognized the miraculous healing of Angel Marie Degamo, from the Philippines, obtained through the
intercession of Marie Rivier.**

**Our Foundress Mother Marie Rivier is proclaimed SAINT by Pope Francis.
The canonization will take place on May 15, 2022, in Rome.
The celebrations will be Live streamed on the Vatican Site.
Saturday, May 28, 2022, you are all invited to join the Sisters for a Prince Albert Diocesan Celebration for the Canonization of
Marie Rivier to be held at Sacred Heart Cathedral at 11:00 am officiated by Bishop Stephen Hero.
Following the Eucharistic Celebration, a buffet lunch will be served in the basement of the Cathedral.
To honor our Foundress, a musical program will be held
at the auditorium of Bishop Pascal Place at 2:00 pm.**

**Please register with your parish secretary
or call the Sisters at (306)764-3445
by May 22, 2022**

**Sister Lise Paquette
Provincial Superior**



✦ Come and pray and walk with us for vocations
and to discern your vocation ✦



He was buried, and he was raised from the dead
on the third day, just as the Scriptures said.

1 CORINTHIANS 15:4

Vocations Prayer Walk

COME JOIN US AS WE PILGRIMAGE ON FOOT FROM
DUCK LAKE TO OUR LADY OF LOURDES SHRINE.
FRIDAY JULY 15, 2022
MEET AT CATHOLIC CHURCH DUCK LAKE AT 1:00PM
SUPPER AT THE SHRINE AT 5:30PM
ROSARY AND CONFESSIONS AT 6:00PM
MASS AT 7:00PM

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The Catholic Women's League from the Regina Archdiocese has encouraged us to pray for our priests and adopt them as our Priest-sons. We believe it is much easier to pray for those that we know. To ignite the flame, Our Lady of Consolation Parish Melfort hosted a Meet and Greet Event on March 9, 2022, for the Religious of Deanery 2. The Religious present were Bishop Stephen, 5 Priests and 1 Deacon. The event followed a Concelebrated Mass. Thank you to all parishioners who attended! We wholeheartedly encourage everyone to pray for and support the Religious as a small token of our appreciation for their lifelong commitment of service to God and us. Will you adopt a priest-son and uphold him in prayer?

The following is a passage from the Abiding Together Podcast, 'This Present Paradise', by Claire Dwyer:

"If the Eucharist is the source and the summit of our faith, we have to be praying for our priests. And it is really easy to be critical of them, but our first posture has to be to pray and guard them. If men stop saying yes or men leave the priesthood, the world ceases to exist as we know it."

Have Priests and seminarians ever needed our prayers more? Have these men in the front lines ever needed spiritual backup as they do now? Have they ever faced such cultural hostility, pressures from within and without the church, incessant temptation from the enemy of souls who seeks to distort the image of Christ in the priest? It is our job to beg down graces on these men, to preserve their vocations, to multiply the fruits of their labour and to strengthen their resolve and call them to greatness. I recently heard a young priest answer the question, what do priests need today? And he answered, we don't need comfort. We need courage. Teresa of Avila says, behind each priest, there is a demon fighting for his fall. Let's start praying and fasting for them for they're men who have real stories and real lives and real brokenness and real beauty. The most important thing we can do is to pray for them because they're in Persona Christi on earth.

They love in a way that nobody else can love and without them the world as we know it ceases to exist.

"Pray without ceasing" (1 Thessalonians 5:17)

Celine Morberg
Our Lady of Consolation Parish Melfort Council President

Pray the Rosary

1. Sign of the Cross
2. Apostles' Creed
3. Our Father (big bead)
4. Hail Mary (next 3 beads)
5. Glory Be
6. Decade pattern:
announce the mystery,
Our Father -> 10 Hail Marys -> Glory Be -> 0 my Jesus (Fatima Prayer)
7. Repeat the pattern for the remaining decades
8. Hail Holy Queen prayer
9. Sign of the Cross

