

Dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ:

Each year on Divine Mercy Sunday, the Church proclaims this great truth: Mercy is the heart of the Gospel. Yet mercy is not only something we receive or proclaim, but it is something we are called to live.

For generations, our priests have been ministers of mercy. Through the Sacrament of Reconciliation, the Anointing of the Sick, the celebration of the Eucharist, and countless moments of quiet pastoral care, they have made God's mercy tangible. They have stood with us in our failures and our grief, our doubts and our hopes, always pointing us back to Christ. These men gave their lives generously in service to the People of God. Many did so with little thought for personal security, trusting that the Church they served would remember them in their later years.

I acknowledge and thank God for the priests of the Diocese of Saskatoon who seek to serve the Lord and the People of God. Our clergy come from our own Diocese and also from other dioceses in other countries. They commit to serve the people that make up our parishes, along with many others who seek the ministry of our priests. While many retire from about age 68 to 75 years, they never retire from fulfilling Sacramental ministry, and continue to assist our parish communities and also other settings – including our health care facilities.

Today, many of our priests are retired or approaching retirement. As their strength diminishes, our responsibility grows. Supporting priest pensions is not simply a financial matter; it is another work of mercy. It ensures compassion, dignity, and care for those who spent their lives caring for us.

As your bishop, I thank you for contributing \$198,000 last year and ask you to prayerfully and generously support the Priest Pension Campaign in 2026. Your gift, offered according to your means, is a concrete expression of gratitude and a living witness to the mercy we celebrate this Easter season.

Please give as generously as you are able to this year's collection. Your gift will be invested in the Clergy Pension Fund. With your help, our retired and elderly priests will have a reasonable pension, health and dental benefits, and an annual retreat.

Your prayers are vital. I ask you to pray for our priests, and for vocations to the priesthood. Be assured that our priests are praying for you. As we celebrate God's mercy, we extend it to those who serve us in His name.



Sincerely in Christ,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Mark A. Hagemoen". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Most Reverend Mark A. Hagemoen
Bishop of Saskatoon



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