What's happening in the Archdiocese of Grouard-McLennan

Sept. 15th to Sept. 30th, 2026

APC Meeting in Peace River

A meeting of the Archdiocesan Pastoral Council (APC) was held in Peace River on Sept. 19, bringing together priests and representatives of committees and Catholic Family Services.

The APC reviewed the terms of reference for the council and the future of the Faith Formation Committee. The 2026–2030 Archdiocesan Pastoral Plan was also reviewed, with particular attention given to the areas of evangelization and catechesis, youth, and vocations, providing a valuable opportunity for members to share ideas and perspectives.

The next meeting of the APC is scheduled for November 28 and will be held via Zoom.

Archbishop Charles Duval

CCCB Annual Plenary Assembly

From September 21 to 25, 2026, Archbishop Charles Duval joined the Bishops of Canada in Montreal, Quebec, for the annual Plenary Assembly of the Canadian Conference of Catholic Bishops (CCCB).

A key theme that was addressed during the meeting was the need of strengthening relationships with the bishops of Latin America and the Caribbean and exploring new opportunities for collaboration, emphasizing unity and solidarity within the universal Church. The bishops also called Catholics to prepare for the 2031 Jubilee of Our Lady of Guadalupe, highlighting evangelization and catechesis as essential to their ministry.

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Building and Properties Specialist Vacancy

The Archdiocese of Grouard-McLennan is advertising for the position of Building and Property Specialist. This is a full-time position of 40 hours per week, including some evenings and weekends.

Veneration of the 1ST Class Relic of St. Padre Pio

Parishioners from across the region gathered at Our Lady of Peace Parish in Peace River for a special opportunity to venerate a First-Class Relic of St. Padre Pio of Pietrelcina during the week of September 21-27.

The relic is a piece of cloth that was used to clean the wounds of the stigmata of St. Padre Pio. It was entrusted to Fr. Nel when he returned to the Philippines during one of his visits home.

Upcoming events in the Archdiocese of Grouard-McLennan

Sept. 30th to Oct. 15th, 2026

Archbishop's Dinner

The Archbishop's Dinner will take place in Deanery 4, on November 20, in High Prairie.

This special evening will offer an opportunity to meet Archbishop Charles Duval, enjoy fellowship with members of the communities, and support the Archdiocese's ministries and ongoing needs. In previous years, live and silent auctions have been held to raise funds.

Come and enjoy a fun and relaxed evening. Further details, including the venue, time, menu, program, and ticket information, will be announced at a later date.

The 2025 Archbishop's Dinner was hosted by Deanery 3 and held at St. Joseph Catholic Church in Grande Prairie.

Above: the ceremony and the reconstruction process.
Below: the interior of the church before the fire and the day of the tragedy.

St. Bernard's Church construction is underway

The people of Grouard and area are excited to see the progress being made in the construction of the new St. Bernard Church. Though the occasional rainy days has challenged the workers, it seems that building project is keeping close to schedule. It will not replace the artistic beauty of the original church building, but it will be a gathering place for a spiritual and sacramental encounter with our risen Lord.

The original church was built in 1902 by Brother Augustin Dumas to serve as Bishop Grouard's cathedral. Its heritage value is closely connected to the establishment and development of Roman Catholic institutions in northern Alberta.

Presbyterium and Annual Information Meeting

The Presbyterium is a quaterly gathering of the clergy of the archdiocese to receive information from the Archbishop as well as to question him on matters of ministerial and pastoral concerns. There is also time for prayer, fraternity, and study.

At the October 7 meeting, parish secretaries, staff, and volunteers will attend presentations on various areas of interest, including finances, insurance, property, maintenance, etc. Then, the clergy will join them in the afternoon. If you are unsure if you should attend as church volunteer, call the chancery at 780-532-9766.

More information here: