



Diocese of Kamloops  
BISHOP'S OFFICE

Memorial of St. Teresa of Jesus, October 15, 2021

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

The National Day for Truth and Reconciliation on September 30, 2021 marked a significant moment for our lives both as Canadian Citizens and as members of the Church.

We prayerfully reflect upon the historical circumstances that led to the establishment and legacy of Residential Schools.

We know that members of our Church, operating within a federal government structure, participated in a system that caused generational harm. Out of a sincere sense of care and responsibility, the Canadian Conference of Catholic Bishops "are making a nation-wide collective financial commitment to support healing and reconciliation initiatives for residential school survivors, their families and their communities". In response to this initiative, the Diocese of Kamloops is reaching out in good faith to establish a Healing and Reconciliation fund to support local initiatives established through a consultative process.

This year a second collection will be taken throughout all the Parishes and Missions in the Diocese of Kamloops on the weekend of Nov. 6/7, 2021. This will, in some part, contribute to the target of \$30 million over five years outlined in the News Release from the Canadian Conference of Catholic Bishops on September 27, 2021. Each Parish and Mission will provide marked envelopes for this initial collection.

With profound humility and gratitude, I appeal to your prayer and generosity once again to support this essential outreach.

Sincerely in Christ,

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