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WEEKLY BULLETIN

Deacons' Corner

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Canadian Bishops Announce Financial Pledge to Support Healing and Reconciliation Initiatives

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."

Catholic Bishops of Canada Apologize to the Indigenous Peoples of This Land

The announcement by the Canadian Bishops of a financial pledge to support healing and reconciliation initiatives with Indigenous Peoples follows a national apology by the Canadian Bishops issued on Friday September 24.

As Catholic Bishops of Canada, gathered in Plenary last week, they took the opportunity to affirm and acknowledge to the Indigenous Peoples 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. They acknowledged the grave abuses that were committed by some members of our Catholic community; physical, psychological, emotional, spiritual, cultural, and sexual. They also sorrowfully acknowledged 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 apologies, the Catholic Bishops of Canada expressed their profound remorse and apologized unequivocally.

Together with the many pastoral initiatives already underway in dioceses across the country, the Bishops ...invited the Indigenous Peoples to ...educate our clergy, consecrated men and women, and lay faithful, on Indigenous cultures and spirituality. They further committed to continue the work of providing documentation or records that will assist in the memorialization of those buried in unmarked graves.

A delegation of Indigenous survivors, Elders/knowledge keepers, and youth will meet with the Holy Father in December 2021. Pope Francis will encounter and listen to the Indigenous Peoples, 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. The Bishops of Canada have pledged 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 are committed to continue the journey with the First Nations, Métis and Inuit Peoples of this land.

Full Statement of apology from the Canadian Bishops of Canada:

[https://www.archtoronto.org/siteassets/media/archdiocese-of-toronto-main-site/files/resources/statement from cbc to indigenous-en.pdf](https://www.archtoronto.org/siteassets/media/archdiocese-of-toronto-main-site/files/resources/statement%20from%20cbc%20to%20indigenous-en.pdf)



To view the Prayer Service with Cardinal Thomas Collins that took place on September 30, the National Day for Truth and Reconciliation, click:

<https://www.youtube.com/c/stmichaelscathedralbasilica/videos>



Today is
ShareLife Sunday

"Live the Gospel" on ShareLife Sunday

"Dear friends,

Betty was not prepared to be single again in her seventies. She had immigrated to Canada with her family decades ago, but remained very dependent on her husband – she worked as a cleaner and relied on his greater command of English.

He left her, and then COVID hit. She felt more isolated, vulnerable, afraid, and depressed than ever.

Her family doctor recommended she contact Catholic Family Services of Toronto. She participated in a series of video counselling sessions to help manage her depression and address the grief associated with her separation. She also joined the agency's New Beginnings program, which provides group support for those dealing with relationship loss. The group gave her a sense of belonging, knowing she is not alone in her struggle. Betty no longer feels overwhelmed by sadness, and now knows how to cope if these feelings arise.

Betty received the help she needed thanks to you, a ShareLife supporter. Catholic Family Services (CFS) agencies never turn anyone away due to financial need and have continued to provide care throughout the pandemic. This work is made possible through your gift to ShareLife." Arthur Peters, Executive Director



Today is our third ShareLife collection. We encourage you to give during this weekend's special collection. By doing so, you'll be making a real difference in the lives of poor and marginalized members of our community.

Monthly Pre-Authorized Giving (PAG) is a convenient way to spread your ShareLife contribution throughout the year. Simply submit a void cheque in a ShareLife envelope to the parish office or drop it in the large wooden collection box at the entrance of the church.

ShareLife is more than a collection. It's a way we collectively say "we care." In solidarity with our fellow parishes, ShareLife demonstrates the strength of the archdiocese. We show the entire community the Catholic Church is actively providing social services in our archdiocese and the greater world.

If you have not done so, please consider making a gift to the campaign today. Over the past several months, we have shared many examples of how our support not only helps those in need, but expresses our love for neighbour by "living the Gospel."

Please give generously.



Blessings on your Marriage

As a parish community,
we keep in prayer

David Cardi & Natalie Zmak
who will be married
on October 8, 2021.

Be completely humble and gentle; be patient, bearing with one another in love. Ephesians 4:2



Sunday Offering: \$ 4,241
St. Benedict Debt to the Archdiocese \$ 90,000
Thank you for your ongoing generous support!

MASS SCHEDULE & INTENTIONS

Parishioners wishing to participate in mass from home are encouraged to view the mass of the day at home on TV: (Salt & Light, EWTN or Vision TV) or online: <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCY8MWUNQLcqEILmb9kFtRA>

TO REQUEST A MASS INTENTION FOR THE REMAINDER OF THIS YEAR

Contact Susan: speresso@stbenedicts.ca /416-743-3830 X0

MASS INTENTIONS

Monday, October 4

8:00am Deceased members of the Sala family by Sala family

Tuesday, October 5

8:00am Maria Irene Soysa by Darrick Silva

7:30pm Viola Marietta & Francesco Filippo by Rosario & family

Wednesday, October 6

8:00am Maria Fung by Clara

Thursday, October 7

8:00am Living Intention for Patients and Staff at Etobicoke General Hospital by Ivan Canjar

Friday, October 8

8:00am Albert Edward Engel by Fr. Jim & Parish Community

7:00pm Visitation led by the Youth

Saturday, October 9

8:00am Personal Intention by Jack & Vita Paties

5:00pm Fabio Cavicchia by Antonella Scaccia

Sunday, October 10

8:00am Maria Pham by Thiep Nguyen

9:30am Nicola & Pasqua D'Andrea by Aldo & Marisa D'Andrea

9:30am For the People

11:00am Luigi Tatangelo by Celio family

12:45pm Remigo Bartolini by Takaoka family

CAMPAIGN LIFE COALITION PRESENTS:

LIFE CHAIN
SUNDAY, OCTOBER 3, 2021

join in at our parish location:

2:00 pm -3:00 pm

Corner of Kipling & Dixon

Invite family, friends, parishioners and neighbours to join you.

For more about Life Chain click here:

<https://www.campaignlifecoalition.com/life-chain>

Don't be an invisible pro-lifer. Be counted.

