



The Roman Catholic
**DIOCESE OF
PRINCE GEORGE**

Wednesday Weekly

June 16, 2021



12th Sunday in Ordinary Time

June 20, 2021

*"Who then is this, that even the wind
and the sea obey him?."*

Mark 4.35-41

When Applicable - please ensure that the following items are in your bulletin and/or are also announced.

This will ensure that the same information is being heard across the diocese. Thank you

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Apology Letter from Bishop Jensen



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"We've been grieving our whole lives. We've been born into sorrow." Those heartbreaking words were spoken recently by a young indigenous woman at a memorial in Surrey, BC for the children whose unmarked graves were discovered at the site of the former Kamloops Indian Residential School.

Her words capture the suffering inflicted on generations of indigenous people – the students who attended the residential schools in BC and across the country, their families and descendants and entire communities of First Nations. As I listened to her voice on the radio, I thought of the faces of the many indigenous men and women I have come to know in the parishes of the dioceses. It is impossible for us who are non-aboriginal to appreciate the depth of the wound that is carried by our indigenous brothers and sisters.

It was certainly wrong of the Church to cooperate in policies that aimed to deny native children their language and culture and destroyed their family life. Even worse, members of the Church committed abuse on innocent children entrusted to their care, which was an assault on the human dignity of these students. These crimes were a betrayal of the faith and the religious vows of the perpetrators.

Thirty years ago, in 1991, the Oblates of Mary Immaculate, the congregation that operated many of the residential schools in BC, made a four-page apology "for the part we played in the cultural, ethnic, linguistic and religious imperialism that was part of the mentality with which the peoples of Europe first met Aboriginal peoples and which consistently has lurked behind the way the Native peoples of Canada have been treated by civil governments and by the churches." Similarly, the Sisters of St. Ann, who supplied teachers to some residential schools, also apologized, as did the bishops of the dioceses of BC as part of a Truth and Reconciliation gathering in Vancouver.

Since 2007, the diocese has sponsored and fully participated in multiple "Returning to Spirit" workshops to promote healing and reconciliation between indigenous and non-indigenous persons. Our diocesan Catholic schools continue to address this tragic history in their curriculum.

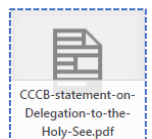
"We've been grieving our whole lives. We've been born into sorrow." The eloquence of that young woman reminds us of the ongoing urgency of reconciliation and healing. In the hope of contributing to that, on behalf of the diocese I add my own sincere regret and apology to those who suffered and continue to suffer the effects of the residential schools and ask their forgiveness for our failures. The diocese remains committed to the path of reconciliation with those who have suffered and to a continuing dialogue with First Nations' leadership.

Last Friday an important initiative finally became public. For more than two years, a small committee of Canadian bishops has been working with the national indigenous leadership and officials in Rome to organize a visit of indigenous leaders, elders, residential school survivors and youth from across Canada for a meeting with Pope Francis at the Vatican. This will allow the pope to hear the voices of aboriginal peoples directly about the terrible history of residential schools and the Church's complicity. It will give him the chance to respond to those voices. I am sure he will offer his own apology as pastor of the universal Church.

Bishop Stephen Jensen

CCCB statement on Delegation to the Holy See

Please find enclosed the CCCB statement on delegation of Indigenous people to the Holy See to foster meaningful encounters of dialogue and healing. →



National Indigenous People's Day

June 21st is the 25th annual National Indigenous Peoples' day, a time to recognize and celebrate aboriginal cultures and achievement.

The tragic news about the Kamloops Residential School has renewed the suffering of victims and families, casting a pall over our country.

Bishop Jensen is inviting everyone in the diocese to join him in marking this year's Indigenous People's day by prayer and penance. Our intercession and fasting can be an offering to God to implore healing for the victims of the residential school system. It can also be a way for all non-aboriginal Catholics to express solidarity with those who suffered and a motive to take action to promote reconciliation in our country.

Shepherd's Corner Needs You

Shepherd's Corner is a ministry and outreach of the Diocese. Our purpose is to be a Christ-like presence in the downtown amongst homeless and street people. On account of Covid 19, we are unable to invite people inside. However, we are still able to provide services of drinks, snacks, clothing (when available) along with the warmth and presence of Jesus. We are open Monday to Friday from 10:00 A.M. to noon.

As Catholics, Shepherd's Corner allows us an opportunity to do as Jesus asked in Matthew 25: 35 & 40. Many cannot be directly involved in Shepherd's Corner. However, you can be an important participant in our ministry by making donations of: snacks (such as muffins purchased from the store - Dad's Cookies are always popular); styrofoam or paper cups; sugar and cream; coffee; tea; toiletries, etc. As always, cash donations are welcome. Please consider supporting us. If you wish to help, please contact **Sister Marife Macalam** at mmacalam@pgdiocese.ca or (778) 675-6547 or **Peter Ranson** at p-ranson@shaw.ca or (250) 552-8980.

SHEPHERD'S CORNER



Employment Opportunities

1. Catholic Independent Schools - Prince George:

- a) Principal of Learning Services
- b) Full-time teaching vacancies in Beautiful BC

➤ *If you are interested or know someone that may be a good fit for one of the positions, please visit the CISPG website [Careers | Catholic Independent Schools \(cispg.ca\)](#) for more details and job descriptions. Questions can be directed by email to cis@cispg.ca*

2. St. Mary's and Immaculate Conception are looking for a Book Keeper

➤ *Please click the link for details – [Book Keeper Ad](#)*



Young Adults

The UNBC JP2 Catholic Club's Weekly Event "BECOME WHO YOU ARE" - a Friday night ZOOM Gathering

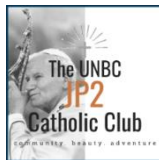
An online night of fellowship, games, prayer and discussion on the 'Theology of the Body'

Date: Every Friday night, 7:30-9pm **(ongoing)**

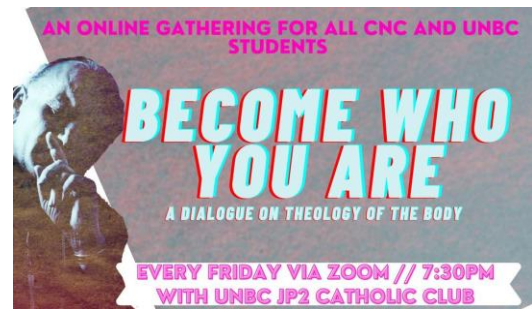
For all CNC and UNBC students

Check us out on Facebook and Instagram
(and to access the ZOOM link!)

Instagram:



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