

## **DIOCESE OF CHARLOTTETOWN**

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## OFFICE OF THE BISHOP

September 24, 2025

To: The Faithful of the Diocese of Charlottetown

Re: Indigenous Reconciliation Fund Annual Collection 2025

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

In 2021, the Bishops of Canada <u>Canada's Bishops</u> made a national pledge of \$30 million over five years to support healing and reconciliation with Indigenous Peoples. This led to the creation of the Indigenous Reconciliation Fund (IRF), <u>IRF website</u>, which continues to support local and national projects of healing, culture and language revitalization, education, and dialogue.

Here in our Diocese, we are committed to doing our part. On the weekend of October 4–5, each parish will once again take up a special collection for the Indigenous Reconciliation Fund.

When Pope Francis visited Canada, he told us that the Lord calls us "to be artisans of a new history, weavers of hope, builders of the future, peacemakers." Your generosity to this fund is one way we can answer that call by fulfilling a financial pledge.

I invite you to support this important collection, and I also ask you to keep in prayer our Indigenous brothers and sisters, that together we may continue the journey toward truth, healing, and hope.

Our Lady of Guadalupe, Patroness of the Americas and Mother of us all, intercede for us as we walk together in truth and hope.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

Most Rev. Joseph Dabrowski, CSMA

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