



**STATEMENT FROM THE PERMANENT COUNCIL  
TO THE CATHOLIC FAITHFUL  
on the occasion of the 2025 National Day of Truth and Reconciliation**

Through prayer and reflection, the Permanent Council of the Canadian Conference of Catholic Bishops continues to recognize the painful legacy of the former Indian Residential Schools and reaffirms its ongoing commitment to walking with Indigenous Peoples on the journey of reconciliation. On the 2025 National Day of Truth and Reconciliation, in this Jubilee Year of Hope, we recall the late Pope Francis' words during his 29 July 2022 visit to Iqaluit, NU, "It is my hope and prayer that, by listening to your Elders and drawing from the richness of your traditions and your personal freedom, you will embrace the Gospel preserved and handed down by your ancestors".

It is this hope that calls the Catholic faithful in Canada to listen with open minds and hearts and move forward together on the road of truth and healing. As we walk together, may the Lord lead us by His grace, bringing us understanding, healing, and ongoing hope for a better future.

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