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“Catholic TRC Healing Response Appeal”

Dear Clergy, Religious and Lay Faithful of the Catholic Dioceses and Eparchy in Saskatchewan, Citizens of the Province of Saskatchewan:

Following our notification of July 3, 2021, we write to announce a new province-wide Appeal for Support of Healing and Reconciliation – sponsored by our dioceses and eparchy here in Saskatchewan. The overall goal of this campaign is to support Residential School survivors and their communities, and to engage more deeply in our own ongoing commitment and response to the Truth and Reconciliation process.

The practical work of administering the fund will be facilitated by the Diocese of Saskatoon Catholic Foundation and oversight will be provided by members of each diocese. Donors will have the opportunity to donate a one-time amount or make a pledge for ongoing support over a five-year period. You can visit the following website for information and ongoing updates on the appeal and the funds collected:

<https://dscf.ca/catholic-trc-healing-response/>

The funding priorities are as follows:

- 1) Healing and Reconciliation
- 2) Cemeteries on the sites of former residential schools
- 3) Education and Cultural Support

Funds would be allocated to national and local initiatives responding to the Truth and Reconciliation Commission’s Calls to Action involving a financial commitment, as guided by Indigenous communities here in Saskatchewan (cf. *Calls to Action* #61, #73-76; #82).

To maximize the effectiveness of such an effort, we are collaborating with various potential participants, and consulting with Indigenous dialogue partners, including Survivors, Elders, Knowledge Keepers, Chiefs, and other community members. Out of these conversations, each diocese and eparchy will discern and communicate separately how they will proceed with the Appeal in their respective dioceses and communities.

We look forward to announcing our province-wide goal and timeline by September 2021.

As we noted in our July 3rd letter, we are deeply grateful for the signs and indications of encouragement and commitment that we have been hearing from the people of Saskatchewan and beyond. It is for all of us to rise to the occasion to be instruments of healing and reconciliation, moving forward in humility, truth, and justice.

Sincerely in Christ,



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