



Diocese of Kamloops
BISHOP'S OFFICE

September 22, 2023

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

September 30th is the annual National Day for Truth and Reconciliation which provides an opportunity for all Canadians to recognize and commemorate the legacy of residential schools, and continue our commitment of working for truth and reconciliation in the relationship between Indigenous and non-Indigenous peoples in our Country.

As Canadians pause to observe this National Day of Truth and Reconciliation, our Diocese of Kamloops will recognize September 30th, not only as a statutory holiday, but as a day to encourage our whole Catholic community to take up the work of prayer and reflection, of learning and listening, of reaching out and reaching forward toward a new relationship of healing and reconciliation with the Indigenous peoples of this land.

Reconciliation is a journey, which involves all of us and takes time. On September 30th all Parishes in our Diocese are invited to celebrate a Mass of Reconciliation to pray for truth, healing and reconciliation and are encouraged to reflect and study on our mission of Solidarity and Subsidiarity as this is our opportunity to demonstrate in a very practical way our response to the legacy of Residential Schools in solidarity with all dioceses in our country.

May the Immaculate Heart of Mary, St. Joseph, and St. John Vianney continue to inspire and guide us through this journey.

Sincerely in Christ,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, reading 'Joseph Phuong Nguyen'.

✠ Joseph Phuong Nguyen
Bishop of Kamloops