



Office of the Bishop

24 September 2021

Dear Rev. Fathers and Dear Parishioners,

Greetings in the Lord!

As announced earlier by the Catholic Bishops of British Columbia, and today, by the Catholic Bishops of Canada, the Diocese of Nelson will commit to raise funds to support healing and reconciliation between Indigenous and non-Indigenous people, especially the Indian Residential School survivors. All of the contributions made to the Diocese of Nelson for the Healing and Reconciliation Appeal will be used for this purpose. Projects for healing and reconciliation will be carried out in consultation with Indigenous leadership, survivors, elders, and other community members. It is our hope that this Appeal will help to restore trust and further the ongoing journey to truth and reconciliation.

Although the Healing and Reconciliation Appeal is separate from POF, you can contribute by e-transfer at etransfer.pof@nelsondiocese.org, or by cheque or through the diocesan website. Please note "Healing and Reconciliation" on your donation.

God bless you and thank you for your generosity in supporting the Healing and Reconciliation Appeal for our Indigenous brothers and sisters.

Sincerely in Christ our Lord,

✠ Gregory J Bittman
Bishop of Nelson