

Roman Catholic Diocese of Whitehorse Indigenous Reconciliation Fund Announcement

As you may be aware, Catholic dioceses across Canada, in their continuing journey of seeking reconciliation with Indigenous Peoples of Canada, have voluntarily committed to contributing \$30 million to facilitate further reconciliation efforts. This is new funding that will be distributed across Canada, including within the Catholic Diocese of Whitehorse which encompasses the Yukon and northern BC. The Indigenous Reconciliation Fund (IRF) will help fund local projects determined in consultation with our Indigenous brothers and sisters, in order to move forward together on the path of healing.

The local IRF Adhoc Committee, appointed by Bishop Vila for the Diocese of Whitehorse is now accepting applications for projects within Yukon and northern BC that support the following goals and criteria:

- Healing and reconciliation for communities and families;
- Culture and language revitalization;
- Education and community building;
- Dialogues for promoting indigenous spirituality and culture; and/or
- Youth leadership.

Projects should be Indigenous-led and/or be supported by an Indigenous community. Priority will be given to projects which will have, or contribute to, a lasting impact on reconciliation within communities.

We invite you to visit the Diocese of Whitehorse webpage at www.rcdw.ca/irf for more information.

We thank everyone who contributed to the local Indigenous Reconciliation Fund during the past three years. We are pleased to tell you that through your generosity, the Diocese of Whitehorse has met its funding target and also, that we have received invitations from larger dioceses to partner on projects thus broadening the scope of initiatives which can be supported here. Donations are still being accepted through the national IRF website. To contribute to the fund, you may do so by visiting <https://irfund.ca/en/donate/>.

May our Lord Jesus continue to guide us in this path towards reconciliation and healing with our Indigenous Brothers and Sisters.

Diocese of Whitehorse IRF Adhoc Committee



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