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Dear Faithful of the Diocese of Whitehorse

RE: Indigenous Healing and Reconciliation Initiatives

Following the meeting of the Plenary Assembly of Canadian Bishops in September 2021, and the subsequent CCCB news release of a \$30M national pledge to support healing and reconciliation initiatives in Canada, I would like to announce that here in the Diocese of Whitehorse, we are beginning our five-year campaign towards this fund.

I invite you all to join in this nation-wide collection in support of residential school survivors, their families, and their communities. These funds will be used to fund local projects determined in consultation with our indigenous brothers and sisters in order to move forward together on the path of healing.

For more information, I invite you to read the Statement of Apology by Canadian Bishops and the CCCB announcement of the \$30M National Financial Pledge which were released on September 27, 2021. Both these documents are posted on our website (www.whitehorsediocese.ca).

We would be grateful for any assistance you can give. Donations made be made directly to the Chancery or through the Canada Helps donation button on the Diocese of Whitehorse website (*Indigenous Healing & Reconciliation Initiatives*).

I thank you in advance for considering this worthy cause and for your ongoing prayers for the indigenous peoples in your communities. I remain,

Yours in Christ,

Bishop Héctor Vila