

COLLECT SPÉCIALE POUR LE FOND DE RÉCONCILIATION AVEC LES AUTOCHTONES

SPECIAL COLLECTION FOR THE INDIGENOUS RECONCILIATION FUND

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Envelopes from  
Archbishop  
Vienneau are at  
the parish office!

### Annual collection for the Indigenous Reconciliation Fund



A sincere thank you for your donations to the Indigenous Reconciliation Fund. There is still very much to be done to repair the legacy of the past, to overcome deep-seated systemic racism, and to establish an equal footing between reconciled indigenous and non-indigenous peoples. No measure can fully erase the pain of the survivors or that of the people living with intergenerational trauma. However, by listening to and cultivating trusting relationships with our indigenous peoples, we hope to learn to walk together on the path leading to truth and healing.

The projects we will be able to support locally, thanks to your generosity, will be concrete signs of our commitment to accompany our indigenous brothers and sisters on the long road to reconciliation. For those who may not have had the opportunity to contribute to the Reconciliation Fund, there are envelopes still available in the churches. You can pick one up and make your donation whenever you wish. Thank you very, very much. May God bless us and sustain us in our efforts to bring people together leading to reconciliation.

*Archbishop Valéry Vienneau*  
May 7<sup>th</sup>, 2023



**From the Parish Office - Gifts to the Reconciliation Fund can be made at any time during the calendar year. Cheques should (always!) be made payable to your church. Indicate the fund on your envelope or the memo line of your cheque. Please give generously – donations to the fund are added to your annual receipt.**

## Annual collection for the Indigenous Reconciliation Fund

First, I would like to express my sincere gratitude for your great generosity during last year's collection, which allowed our Archdiocese of Moncton to raise \$34,820. A big thank you to all the faithful who contributed and the people who organized fundraising activities.

The Catholic Bishops of Canada have committed to raising \$30 million within five years. Last year, the collection across Canada raised \$9,594,986. The funds are managed by a national board of directors composed of leaders, half of whom are Indigenous. This Board is responsible for implementing measures to ensure the proper functioning and transparency of the administration of the collected funds.

I am pleased to inform you that the funds collected in our parishes last year will be used for local projects in collaboration with our four local Mi'gmaq communities: Elsipogtog First Nation, Bouctouche MicMac, Fort Folly First Nation, and Indian Island First Nation.

Special envelopes will be distributed to parishes for this year's collection, which will take place on May 6<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup>, 2023. I invite you to continue to support this fund. Thank you.

*Archbishop Valéry Vienneau  
April 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2023*



I am pleased to inform you that the funds collected locally in our parishes last year (\$34,820) will be used in funding local projects in collaboration with our four local Mi'gmaq communities: Elsipogtog First Nation, Bouctouche MicMac, Fort Folly First Nation, and Indian Island First Nation. We will work in the coming months to identify projects based on the priorities of these communities. In addition, we hope to encourage initiatives in the following areas:

- 1) healing and reconciliation
- 2) revitalization of culture and language
- 3) education and early childhood development
- 4) promoting Indigenous spirituality and culture



I know that no process can erase the pain of survivors and those who experience intergenerational trauma. However, by staying attentive, cultivating trusting relationships, and working collaboratively on joint projects, we hope to learn to journey together on the path of truth and healing. Special envelopes will be distributed to parishes for this year's collection, which will take place on **May 6<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup>**. May the Lord help us in our efforts of reconciliation and rapprochement with our Indigenous sisters and brothers.

*Archbishop Valéry Vienneau  
April 30<sup>th</sup>, 2023*