



## TRUTH AND RECONCILIATION – FACT CHECK

Truth and Reconciliation is a priority for Christ the King Elementary School Council. To help the school community on this journey, Council will start by focusing on the “Truth” component in order to educate ourselves. Each CKES Chronicle for the remainder of the year will include a fact about the history of residential schools and information generally about First Nations in the Yukon.

If you have questions or suggestions please contact [ckescouncil@gmail.com](mailto:ckescouncil@gmail.com).

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### **Current Church Efforts towards Truth and Reconciliation**

Here is what the Roman Catholic Diocese of Whitehorse has done towards Truth and Reconciliation since the Pope’s visit to Canada in 2022.

1. “First Nations 101” course from Yukon University is included as part of the enculturation program for new priests and staff working in the Diocese.
2. An ad-hoc Indigenous Reconciliation Fund committee was formed to receive and process grant applications for funding towards Indigenous-led programs (<https://www.irfund.ca/>). The Diocese of Whitehorse partnered with the Diocese of London, Ontario in order to have the possibility to fund more programs.
3. A mass was offered at Sacred Heart Cathedral on National Truth and Reconciliation Day, September 30, 2022, followed by a lunch event with sharing of experiences from survivors of Residential Schools.
4. Indigenous Ministry for Catholic Funerals was created in which specifications and cultural adaptations are included in our diocesan Guidelines for Funeral Liturgies to guide our clergy and staff to better welcome, accompany and assist in the planning of celebrations for First Nations and Metis families.
5. The pastoral letters from the Canadian Conference of Catholic Bishops, of which the Diocese of Whitehorse is a part, was published on the diocese website: “[That we may walk together](#)”.

For more information: <http://www.whitehorsediocese.ca/indigenous-reconciliation.html>