

## INDIGENOUS RECONCILIATION FUND

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

I am pleased to provide this overview about the Indigenous Reconciliation Fund ("IRF") and the participation of the Roman Catholic Diocese of Peterborough. The Canadian Conference of Catholic Bishops at its September 2021 Plenary meeting announced a nation-wide collective financial commitment in the amount of \$30 million dollars to support healing and reconciliation initiatives for residential school survivors, their families, and their communities. The IRF serves as a tangible expression of the commitment to engage in truth, reconciliation, and healing with Indigenous Peoples and to address the trauma Indigenous Peoples experienced and continue to experience to this day due to the Residential Schools Policy. Each Diocese across Canada has pledged a sum of money to ensure that the national financial commitment will be met. The Roman Catholic Diocese of Peterborough was asked and has agreed to pledge the sum of \$400,000. The funds will be overseen by a local committee comprised of First Nations, Métis, and Inuit ("FNMI") representation and used for these purposes: • Healing and reconciliation for communities and families; • Culture and language revitalization; • Education and community building; and • Dialogues for promoting indigenous spirituality and culture. These Indigenous Peoples reside within the territorial boundaries of the Diocese: • Hiawatha First Nation • Magnetawan First Nation, Britt/2 P.O. Box 175, Peterborough, ON, Canada, K9J 6Y8; BishopMiehm@peterboroughdiocese.org Page 2 • Alderville First Nation, Roseneath • Wahta Mohawks First Nation, Bala • Moose Deer Point First Nation, Mactier • Henvey Inlet First Nation, Pickering • Shawanaga First Nation, Nobel • Wasauksing First Nation, Parry Sound • Curve Lake First Nation • Métis Nation of Ontario - Peterborough and District Wapiti Métis Council • Métis Nation of Ontario - Moon River Métis Council

The Diocese is engaging with the Indigenous Peoples residing here and establishing the local IRF Committee to oversee the collection and disbursement of funds in partnership with the national IRF Committee. The Bishop's Appeal in 2022 on July 3rd and 10th will be ear-marked for the Indigenous Reconciliation Fund and additionally, there will be two other collections in 2023 allocated for the IRF. The Diocese of Peterborough supports the CCCB effort to promote healing and reconciliation with our Indigenous sisters and brothers. With Jesus Christ as our model, the Church stands with those who suffer, those who mourn, and those who hunger for righteousness. May God bless our journey toward healing and reconciliation with Indigenous Peoples. *Yours in Christ,*

*†Most Reverend Daniel J. Miehm Bishop of Peterborough*

## OUR PARISH BULLETIN



**Our Lady of Mercy Church  
Honey Harbour**



**St. John the Baptist Church  
Port Severn**

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**Weekend Masses**

**Sunday 9 A.M. - Port Severn**

**Sunday 11 A.M. - Honey Harbour**

**Weekday Masses**

**(See inside bulletin)**

**Confession: 20 minutes before weekend Masses**

**Wedding and Baptism: Call the office**

## 6TH SUNDAY OF EASTER

MAY 22, 2022

**GOSPEL TODAY:** John 14:23-29 - Jesus is preparing his disciples in advance for his absence so that they will continue to believe in him and not feel all alone after his return to the Father. Jesus will remain with his followers in a very different way throughout the centuries. The liturgy reminds us that Jesus remains with us through the Holy Spirit, who teaches us everything we need to know, reminds us of all that Jesus taught, and brings us peace.



### COLLECTIONS Last Sunday, May 15, 2022



\$905 - Regular Sunday Offerings

### WEEKDAY MASSES (Honey Harbour Chapel)

Wed May 25, 11am Mass – For Peace in the world

Thurs May 26, 11am Mass – For Souls in Purgatory

Friday May 27, 10:30am Mass & Adoration – For end of war & pandemic

### WEEKEND MASSES

Sunday May 29, 9am Mass @ Port Severn – For the Soul of +Cassandra

Henderson by Wally & Pam Berko

Sunday May 29, 11am Mass @ Honey harbour – For the people of the parish



Happy Victoria Day! We hope everyone had a safe and fun long weekend! May you be greatly blessed as you spend a purposeful day with your family!

**SPRING FLING CRAFT & BAKE SALE**- Outside & inside St. Mary's Church, Victoria Harbour, June 4. Hotdogs for lunch, summer craft books, gently used stuffers, games for children & much more.

### BISHOP DANIEL MIEHM ANNOUNCEMENTS

\***DEACON PETER LUKOW** will be ordained to the Priesthood on Friday, May 27 at 7:00 p.m. at Peterborough Cathedral. Please keep him in your prayers as he prepares for Ordination and the sacred ministry of the priesthood. You are welcome to attend the Ordination Mass, which will also be live streamed on our diocesan Youtube Channel.

\***THE VATICAN FORMALLY ANNOUNCED** that Pope Francis will visit Canada from July 24 to 29, for a journey focused on healing and reconciliation with Indigenous peoples. The three hub cities for the visit will be Edmonton, Quebec and Iqaluit. These communities will serve as the centers for the papal visit, allowing the Holy Father to focus his travel while providing opportunities for encounters both public and more personal.

**VOTE! IT IS YOUR RIGHT** - People have died defending this right. Don't take it for granted! Voting is more than just electing a candidate, it's choosing the right policies and people who have your best interests in mind when making decisions that will affect our community, state and nation. When you vote, you are taking an active role in deciding issues regarding health care, immigration, equal opportunity, voting rights, infrastructure, jobs, education, social security, neighborhood safety, taxes, etc.

**PRIESTS ANNUAL RETREAT** – We, priests of the diocese of Peterborough, are going for our annual holy retreat on May 30 until June 3 at Queen of the Apostles Renewal Centre in Mississauga. Please say a prayer for the success of the said retreat and for us your pastors.

**CATHOLIC SAINTS WHO SUFFERED BRUTAL MARTYRDOM** – *A Christian martyr is someone willing to face death rather than deny Jesus Christ or his Gospel. Beheading, stoning, crucifixion, and burning at stake were some of the horrific ways they were punished for their beliefs.* **SAN LORENZO RUIZ**- He and his companions left for Okinawa, Japan at the time when the Tokugawa shogunate was persecuting Christians. The missionaries were arrested and thrown into prison, and later to face trial by torture. He was hung upside down in a pit by his tormentors until he suffocated to death in Nagasaki, Japan. Ruiz was subjected to water torture. Needles were inserted through his finger nails and was beaten until unconsciousness. Despite the torture inflicted on him, Ruiz did not renounce his Christian faith. His last words were, "I am a Catholic and wholeheartedly do accept death for God. Had I a thousand lives, all these to Him I shall offer". San Lorenzo Ruiz was canonized by Pope John Paul II in the Vatican City, Rome on October 18, 1987, making him the first Filipino saint and the first Filipino martyr.