



**ARCHDIOCESE OF WINNIPEG**  
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**STATEMENT OF THE ARCHDIOCESE OF WINNIPEG CONCERNING PRAIRIE GREEN LANDFILL**

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The Archdiocese of Winnipeg recognizes the complexity of excavating the bodies of the Indigenous women believed to be in the Prairie Green Landfill north of the city of Winnipeg. We also acknowledge the deep trauma and grief of those who mourn the loss of these women- a grief shared by all. The Archdiocese of Winnipeg believes that if it is reasonably determined that the remains are in the landfill, and there exists the capacity to recover the remains, then it would be right and appropriate to do so. We hold that the proper and dignified interment of the deceased is one of the Corporal Works of Mercy mentioned in Scripture (Tobit 1:17-18).

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