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MEMORANDUM

To: All Parishes

From: Archbishop Richard Gagnon + R. G.

Date: September 9, 2021

Re: National Day for Truth and Reconciliation

Thursday, September 30, 2021, is Canada's National Day for Truth and Reconciliation. This day is meant to honour the victims and survivors of Canada's residential school system along with their families. This day is also a day that marks the importance of the relationships between the First Peoples of this land and the non-Indigenous People of Canada. It also presents an opportunity to listen to and reflect on the stories within our Indigenous and First Nations communities. I would encourage everyone to take part in community-organized activities marking this first National Day for Truth and Reconciliation.

I will preside at Mass on September 30, 2021, at 11:30 a.m., at St. Kateri Tekakwitha Parish in Winnipeg. The celebration will be live-streamed and will be made available through our Archdiocesan YouTube Channel (search, "Archdiocese of Winnipeg").

I also suggest that at Masses on this day, parishes use, from the Roman Missal, under Masses and Prayers for Various Needs and Occasions, Mass #16 (on page 1258) "For Reconciliation" or Mass #30 (on page 1286) "For the Preservation of Peace and Justice".

Finally, please be advised that the Catholic Centre will be closed in observance of the National Day for Truth and Reconciliation.

Thank you very much.