



# ARCHDIOCESE *of* KINGSTON

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***Our Lady of Fatima***

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ:

We welcome the announcement of the scheduling of Pope Francis' visit to Canada from July 24 - 29, 2022, to meet with Indigenous Peoples. While he is in Canada, Edmonton, Quebec City and Iqaluit have been identified as the locations where the Holy Father will travel. While no one action can eliminate the pain felt by residential school survivors, this is an important step forward on the path to reconciliation, healing and hope. This visit is in response to the invitation extended to Pope Francis from Indigenous Elders and Knowledge Keepers, the Canadian Conference of Catholic Bishops, and the Government of Canada. We are deeply grateful for the acceptance of this invitation by the Holy Father, following his heartfelt apology to Indigenous Peoples of Canada in April.

We will know more details about the plans and schedule for this papal visit in the weeks ahead. Information will be shared with parishes and posted on the Archdiocesan website, as it becomes available. I ask that the faithful of the Archdiocese of Kingston pray for Pope Francis, our Indigenous Peoples and all involved in planning this important papal visit. May they be guided by the Holy Spirit.

With prayerful best wishes, I remain,

Sincerely Yours in Christ,

+Michael Mulhall  
Archbishop of Kingston