

Dear Parishioners of the Pro-Cathedral and to all who have been affected by the discovery at the former Kamloops Indian Residential School:

I have asked the Spirit to be with me as I write these words and I ask that the Spirit be with you as you read them.

My first reaction to the revelation of the finding of the remains of 215 children found at the former residential school was shock. I experienced a numbness that comes from an inability to process what I was reading. In the few days since, I have found myself cycling through shock and sadness and anger.

Often when something of magnitude happens in our lives, it takes time to discern the fullness of the Voice of the Spirit.

I know that I want to be an instrument of God at this time. I make the commitment to you that in the time I have remaining at this parish that I will try my best to bring about healing. I know that others are also going through the same shock, sadness and anger that I am and I hope to be there for them.

With the Bishop, I welcome the little shoes being placed on our stairs. The Spirit is speaking through them.

I am aware that I need guidance. To that end I have reached out to Elders of the Anishinaabe. I will humbly listen to their advice and will allow their wisdom to direct my actions.

I do not know what events lie in the future, what I do know, is that the Spirit who is beyond time and space is already at work.

Your Brother in Christ,



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