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**Friday, March 28, 2022, Day of Prayer for the
Indigenous Delegation Meeting with Pope Francis**

To Clergy, Religious, and Lay Faithful of the Diocese of Saskatoon:

Our diocese joins with the other dioceses and eparchies across Canada in praying for God's abundant blessings on the Indigenous delegation that will be meeting with Pope Francis next week, beginning on March 28 and concluding on April 1, 2022.

The delegation has been planned through the dialogue with the Assembly of First Nations, Métis, Inuit, and other Indigenous partners. The Holy Father will participate in private meetings with delegates to hear their personal stories of the legacy of residential schools. Delegates will also be speaking with the Holy Father about their hopes and expectations for his eventual pilgrimage to Canada.

Centred around the principles of mutual trust, respect, and a shared desire to move forward for a more hopeful future, the Canadian Bishops and Indigenous Partners have agreed upon the theme, "*Indigenous Peoples and the Church: Walking Together Toward Healing and Reconciliation.*"


In prayerful support and solidarity with dioceses and eparchies across Canada, and in response to the request of the Our Lady of Guadalupe Circle, our Diocese will join in a time of prayer assigned to all dioceses and eparchies in Saskatchewan on **March 28, 2022, from 3 to 6 p.m.** Several sites will host a time of prayer before the Blessed Sacrament, during which a large candle or other fire will be burning for the intention of the Holy Spirit's blessing of this encounter.

At this point, i) *Holy Family Cathedral* and ii) *Queen's House Retreat Center* – with support from *Our Lady of Guadalupe Parish* - will be among the prayer sites on March 28 from 3 to 6 p.m. Other sites will be announced as we become aware of them.

We all join in prayer and solidarity for God's abundant blessings on the meeting of Indigenous delegates with Pope Francis.

Sincerely in Christ,

✠ Most Rev. Mark A. Hagemoen

 In all things we are *rooted in Christ*,
in His desire to bring God's love to all peoples.