

# STATEMENT



ROMAN CATHOLIC  
**DIOCESE**  
*of Calgary*

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SUBJECT The Commitment and Contribution of the Diocese of Calgary to Reconciliation and Healing

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Bishop William McGrattan has been in consultation with other bishops and diocesan collaborators to be in solidarity with the Indigenous Peoples and their leaders on the next steps in supporting survivors and in addressing the intergenerational harm caused by the Residential Schools.

The Diocese of Calgary is committed to providing a monetary contribution to a forthcoming local/regional financial appeal. This expresses the commitment of the Diocese to the ongoing work of justice and healing in our country with the Indigenous Peoples and their communities.

The amount of this monetary contribution and the details of the diocesan pastoral plans related to this initiative will be announced in September 2021.

There were 25 residential schools in the Province of Alberta. Four of these operated by the Oblates of Mary Immaculate (OMI) were within the boundaries of the Diocese. The Roman Catholic Diocese of Calgary did not operate any of the residential schools.

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Pastoral Letters of the Most Rev. William T. McGrattan, Bishop of Calgary

- July 2, 2021 - <https://www.catholicyc.ca/blog/bishops-message-re-recent-vandalism>
- June 4, 2021 - <https://www.catholicyc.ca/blog/a-message-from-bishop-mcgrattan-regarding-residential-school-grave-sites>