



Native Women's Association of Canada

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Msgr. Patrick Powers, P.H.
General Secretary
Canadian Council of Catholic Bishops
2500 Don Reid Drive
Ottawa, ON K1H 2J2

Dear Msgr. Powers:

I would like to thank you and the Permanent Council of the Canadian Conference of Catholic Bishops' initial response to the summary report and Calls to Action of the Truth and Reconciliation Commission that is being widely circulated to major religious superiors across Canada. NWAC is also pleased that the Calls to Action as recommended by the Churches by the Truth and Reconciliation Commission (TRC) will be on the agenda at the next Plenary Assembly of the Conference to take place in September.

NWAC is particularly pleased that you mention the important roles of women in the family and community and that the epidemic of murdered and missing Indigenous women warrants special attention. NWAC has been steadfast in calling for a national public inquiry to examine this matter in great depth and develop and implement solutions to respond to this crisis.

Once again, thank you for your work towards reconciliation. NWAC is hopeful that as a result of the TRC and its' findings and recommendations and your efforts, as well as other like-minded entities, the relationship between the Indigenous peoples and the rest of Canadians will improve.

Sincerely,

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Executive Director

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