

Overview

Dioceses across Canada, in their continuing journey of seeking reconciliation with the Indigenous Peoples of what is now known as Canada, have voluntarily committed to contributing \$30 million over five years in new funding to facilitate further reconciliation efforts. Dioceses have voluntarily committed to contributing these funds annually or in lump sums to the Indigenous Reconciliation Fund.

The goal of the Indigenous Reconciliation Fund is to enable local Dioceses to assist in the facilitation of meaningful reconciliation work as determined by the Diocesan Reconciliation Committee.

Pledge

The Diocese of Pembroke pledges a total of \$250,000 to the Indigenous Reconciliation Fund (IRF) established by the Canadian Conference of Catholic Bishops, to be paid in amounts of \$50,000 per year for five years.

The Diocese welcomes additional donations to the Indigenous Reconciliation Fund (IRF). Inquiries can be made at the Chancery Office (Office of the Diocese).

Reconciliation Committee

As called for by the IRF, the Diocesan Reconciliation Committee comprises the Bishop, Diocesan Finance Officer, a member of the Diocesan Action Circle, and a minimum three Indigenous members representing First Nations, Inuit, and Métis peoples living in the geographic area of the Diocese of Pembroke.

Members of the committee are appointed on a yearly term.

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Project Proposal Guidelines

The Indigenous Reconciliation Fund has established the following general criteria and granting guidelines. The Diocesan Reconciliation Committee will review grant applications and disburse funds to projects and initiatives that meet the guidelines and are within budget of the monies contributed to the Fund by the Diocese of Pembroke.

1. All grants are to be made in support of projects and initiatives within the geographic region of the Diocese of Pembroke¹ and focus on one or more of the following:
 - Healing and reconciliation for communities and families.
 - Culture and language revitalization.
 - Education and community building.
 - Empowerment of Indigenous spirituality and culture.
2. All non-Indigenous grant applications are to be made in partnership with Indigenous people, organizations or groups or with Indigenous collaboration or consultation based upon an assessment of project merit and local value.
3. Due to federal tax regulations, all grant applications must be received by a registered charity or in partnership with a registered charity. If a grant application is submitted by a charity on behalf of an individual, group, or organization, all funds must be directed to the proposing entity.
4. Projects or initiatives must be completed within the given timeline. Proposals can include phases of a larger project or initiative, but are subject to yearly review and approval.
5. Applicants can request any or all of the \$50,000 yearly commitment.

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6. Grant applications must be received no later than May 15th 2023 at 12pm at the Chancery Office (Office of the Diocese) in one of the following ways:
 - By mail: Diocese of Pembroke
P.O.Box 7
Pembroke, ON.
K8A 6X1

Attn: Indigenous Reconciliation Fund
 - In person: 284 Trafalgar Road
 - By email: donnabiggs@pembrokediocese.com
7. Applicants invited to the second round of reviews may be asked to provide recent audited financial statements or the latest financial information provided to the CRA Charities Directorate.
8. Questions or concerns about this application may be directed to Father Peter Proulx at petergproulx@outlook.com.