



## Statement on Indian Residential Schools in Canada

We are profoundly saddened by the finding of the remains of 215 children at the former Kamloops Indian Residential School on the lands of Tk'emlúps te Secwépemc, and we extend our deepest condolences to the families and communities who are grieving this terrible loss. The findings of unmarked graves at other former Indian Residential Schools in Canada causes us deep grief.

As a Catholic health care provider, Mount St. Mary Hospital is dedicated to the healing ministry. We care for the frail, vulnerable, and elderly with compassion and kindness. We believe in the process of Truth and Reconciliation with Indigenous Peoples and communities. We recognize that there is still much work to do by the Catholic church and Catholic health care. We are committed to deepening our understanding and acknowledging our connection to this tragedy.

As a Catholic health care provider, we acknowledge that we serve on traditional territories of the Indigenous Peoples who have stewarded these lands since time immemorial. We honour their spiritual and practical relationships to the land that create a rich heritage for our learning and our life as a community. These spiritual and practical relationships also help inform our health care approach.

As health care leaders, we are committed to cultural safety and humility. As an organization, we are committed to the path of Truth and Reconciliation and recognize the steps we take must be authentic and thoughtful. We embrace the role we play in creating a respectful, inclusive, and equitable society.

For those requiring supports, we encourage you to contact:

- 24-hour KUU-US Crisis Line at 1-800-588-8717
- Tsow-Tun-Le-Lum Society at 1-888-403-3123
- Indian Residential School Survivors Society at 1-800-721-0066 or 604-985-4464

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