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### **Delegation of the Archdiocese of Ottawa-Cornwall on route to Quebec City**

OTTAWA, ON – A delegation of residential school survivors and their relatives, from territories served by the Archdiocese of Ottawa-Cornwall, are preparing to go to Quebec City to witness the events organized for the papal visit to Canada.

They are financially and spiritually supported by the Archdiocese. Archbishop Marcel Dampousse of the Archdiocese of Ottawa-Cornwall, Auxiliary Bishop Yvan Mathieu, clergy, and a few staff members will also participate in this pilgrimage by making their way to Quebec City to support this effort of hope, healing, and reconciliation.

A few activities have also been organized locally by parishes to highlight this moment of reconciliation and penance. Canadian Martyrs parish prepared a prayer service (24 July), Holy Redeemer parish of Kanata will livestream the Commonwealth stadium mass (26 July starting at noon), and St. Joseph's parish of Ottawa will host a mass and prayer service (28 July at noon).

Archbishop Marcel Dampousse encourages all the members of the clergy and the faithful of the Archdiocese to offer prayers so that this pilgrimage becomes a key step toward reconciliation for all and a moment that will lead to healing for all people who suffered and still suffer. "Let's pray incessantly for peace and healing of First Nations, Inuit, and Métis peoples who have been affected in one way or another by the harmful effects of residential schools and their legacy. May us all, Catholics and non-Catholics, take advantage of this time to reconcile with them and prepare a road that is more harmonious and reflects what Jesus asked us to do."

You can follow the delegation throughout the pilgrimage by visiting:  
<https://en.archoc.ca/papal-visit> and [papalvisit.ca](http://papalvisit.ca)

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