

Every Child Matters



ORANGE SHIRT DAY

Thursday, September 30th, 2021

September 30th has been declared Orange Shirt Day annually, in recognition of the harm the residential school system did to children's sense of self-esteem and well-being, and as an affirmation of our commitment to ensure that Every Child Matters.

The Canadian Catholic Bishops have urged all Catholics to commit to continuing our walk together with Indigenous Peoples to build a more just society seeking greater healing and reconciliation for the future.

We come together in the spirit of reconciliation and hope for generations of children to come. We commit to walking alongside Indigenous sisters and brothers seeking justice, and we encourage all Canadians to take actions that bear witness to the grief they are experiencing.

The date was chosen because it is the time of year in which children were taken from their homes to residential schools, and because it is an opportunity to set the stage for anti-racism and anti-bullying policies for the coming school year.

