

PWRDF Montreal Unit

September 2022

Dear Friends,

September 30th is Canada's National Day for Truth and Reconciliation. PWRDF Montreal is launching our annual education and fund-raising project for 2022-2023 on Sunday, October 2nd. Attached you will find some links and a few suggestions. If October 2nd doesn't work for your ministry, you are of course encouraged to choose another date.

A diocesan project brings us together with a shared goal. You will find attached, on the diocesan website and other media posters, an educational leaflet to print, and many links in the email to available resources: videos, liturgies, information.

PRAYERS: You could use prayers from the attached links in your liturgy that day. If you create something different, and/or translate any to French, we'd be so happy if you shared it with us.

FUND-RAISING: We have until summer 2023 to raise funds. You might want to hold a pancake day fund-raiser as St. Stephen's, Lachine, often does. Bake. Sponsored walk or bike ride. Ask everyone for a loonie or toonie. Put spare change in a jar through the year at home or at church. The sky is the limit. Encourage young people to get involved and to provide ideas.

IDEAS and PHOTOS: Please share your ideas, photos, encouragement, and more. We can all learn from each other. PWRDF Montreal has a facebook page and we would love to display what you send.

Our cathedral has a brilliant idea we could use: Bertrand asked folks to find an orange shirt (from the closet or, for instance, from Village des Valeurs) and hang it/them outside the church on the 30th until the 2nd. If you purchase t-shirts, please check that they come from sites that are managed by and benefit Indigenous groups.

We look forward to hearing from you and doing this project together!

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