Circles of Dialogue and Reconciliation:
Responding to the Truth and Reconciliation Calls to Action

Four-session series led by facilitator,
Sister Priscilla Solomon, CSJ includes:



October 25: What is Reconciliation? What is Dialogue?
November 8: What Can a Maple Tree Teach Us about Reconciliation?
November 29: The Blanket Exercise: Learning the Untold Story
December 6: How Might We Move Forward Together?

Held in the Pro-Cathedral Parish Hall from 7:00 to 9:00 PM. Registration requested to prepare room and materials. **Call the Mother house at 474-3800 to register.** Attending all four sessions is the preferred option to facilitate dialogue and learning. Free will offering toward expenses accepted.

~ PLEASE REGISTER SOON ~

Sr. Priscilla Solomon is an Ojibway woman and a Sister of St. Joseph of Sault Ste. Marie. She is the coordinator of the Faith and Justice ministry in her congregation with special attention to ecological justice, human trafficking and poverty issues.

The Catholic Church's involvement in the Indian Residential Schools is a deeply controversial issue. For more than 120 years, tens of thousands of Aboriginal children were sent to Indian Residential Schools funded by the federal government and run by the churches. They were taken from their families and communities in order to be stripped of language, cultural identity and traditions. The federal government's attempt to wipe out Aboriginal cultures failed. But it left an urgent need for reconciliation between Aboriginal and non-Aboriginal peoples.

In 2015, the Commissioners of the Truth and Reconciliation Commission of Canada announced 94 Calls to Action for churches, governments, businesses, and all parts of Canadian society to address the history and legacy of residential schools. For congregations, the Calls to Action can be helpful in discerning ways to live out the spirit of Confession.

Georges Erasmus, former National Chief of the Assembly of First Nations, said: *"Where community is to be formed, common memory must be created."* Understanding the past tells us why we need to seek and build new relationships. Call to Action 59 is about providing ongoing education on the Church's role in colonization and Indian Residential Schools. By learning more about how we can respond to the Truth and Reconciliation Calls to Action we can develop a sense of common memory that can ground us and draw Indigenous and non-Indigenous people together to envision a better future.

PLEASE PLAN ON ATTENDING THESE VERY IMPORTANT EVENINGS.

TICKETS ON SALE THIS WEEKEND

AFTER MASS IN THE PARISH HALL!

GET YOUR TICKETS NOW!!!

YOU CAN PURCHASE AT THE DOOR BUT FOR PLANNING PURPOSES—PLEASE PICK UP FROM OUR VOLUNTEERS THIS WEEKEND OR CALL ONE OF OUR CONTACTS BELOW FOR YOUR TICKETS!!!



OKTOBERFEST AT THE CATHEDRAL!

Saturday, October 27 ~ 6 PM – Parish Hall

Beer (licensed bar), German Sausages, Soft Pretzels, Strudel, Music & Games!

Get Out Your Lederhosen & Come and Have a Great Time!



Admission: $18.00/ person (19 Years and Older Only)

(Includes a beer stein to keep!)



Tickets sold at the door and in advance.

FOR ADVANCE TICKETS CALL:

Carol Ann DiBartolomeo (474-8963), Peter Jamieson (494-4736), Shirlene Condie McVeigh (493-0718) or Lisa Henry (493-4164)