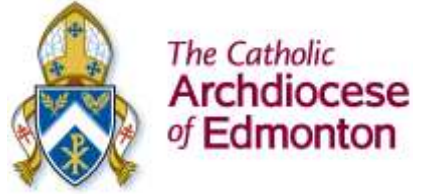


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The Archdiocese of Edmonton is aware of statements regarding residential schools made by Rev. Marcin Mironiuk, OMI, pastor at Our Lady Queen of Poland Parish, during his announcements following Masses on July 18, 2021.

As soon as the Archdiocese was made aware of these statements, they were reviewed and the YouTube video of Rev. Mironiuk's Masses was taken offline.

Rev. Mironiuk apologizes unequivocally and expresses deep regret for those statements. They cannot be justified in any way. Moreover, the statements have caused further pain to residential school survivors, the Indigenous community, and all Canadians at a time when we are trying to come to terms with the legacy of residential schools and the Church's involvement in them.

Edmonton Archbishop Richard Smith has accepted Rev. Mironiuk's apology. Rev. Mironiuk will also be making a public statement of apology during the Aug. 14-15 weekend Masses. He will also continue to work with the Indigenous ministry in the Archdiocese to further his own understanding and education on residential schools.

There is no reconciliation without truth. The Archdiocese of Edmonton remains committed to full transparency with respect to any relevant archives and records, sharing them with the National Centre for Truth and Reconciliation, working to support Indigenous peoples, and continuing to walk together with Indigenous people along the long road towards healing and reconciliation, justice and equality.

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