

Truth & Reconciliation Events

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Greetings all,

I am very excited to introduce this bulletin, an initiative from the OPC Truth & Reconciliation Working Group.

From the submissions received from our members, it was clear that September 30th, National Truth and Reconciliation and Orange Shirt Day was filled with prayer and reflection throughout our province. From small gatherings of family and friends to zoom events filled with prayer, the day was celebrated with reverence.

These two pages cover only a few of the activities that took place but I do hope that we've captured the spirit of the day and councils are inspired to organize their own activities throughout the year.

With your help, I hope to produce a bulletin regularly so that we can all continue to learn and grow together.

Remembering and Honouring



Carlo and Lucia Vacca with Paul and Mary Tuccitto gathered for reflection and prayer.



Rick and Lorraine LaCroix drumming on September 30th.



St. Catharines' Diocese arranged a walk of education and prayer ending with the Rosary led by Deedee Alexandre, Diocesan Spiritual Development Chair



Star of the Sea in St. Catharines held a Mass for Indigenous Children. Messages were written on orange hearts and hung in Mary's Garden.

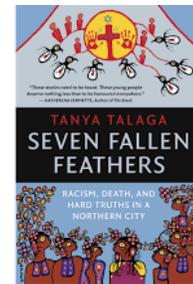
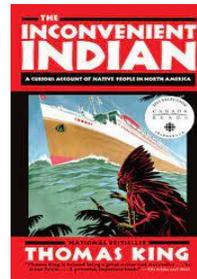
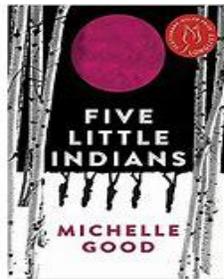
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HIGHLIGHTS

On National Truth and Reconciliation Day, a group from Peterborough gathered to pray, light candles, meditate and sing as the orange ribbons fluttered in the wind.



Book Recommendations



Please let us know if you have any book recommendations you would like to share.



Saint Kateri Tekakwitha, our elder sister in the Lord, discreetly, you watch over us. May your love for Jesus and Mary inspire in us words and deeds of friendship, forgiveness, and reconciliation. Pray that God will give us the courage, the boldness, and the strength to build a world of justice and peace among ourselves and among all nations.