

**Press Release**

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**Statement on Pope Francis's Apology to the Indigenous Peoples of this Land**

The institutional members of the Association of Catholic Colleges and Universities in Canada join together on the occasion of Pope Francis's apology to the Indigenous Peoples of this Land. We fully recognize that this apology will not undo the trauma and wounds experienced by Indigenous communities, particularly as a result of the residential schools that were owned and operated by Catholic religious orders. However, we believe this apology is an important step forward towards the goals of Truth and Reconciliation. In a spirit of prayerful and hopeful anticipation, we look forward to Pope Francis's promised visit to Canada in order to offer his apology to the Indigenous Peoples, as they have requested.

Link to Pope Francis's Remarks and Apology:

<https://www.cbc.ca/news/world/francis-apology-full-text-1.6404953>

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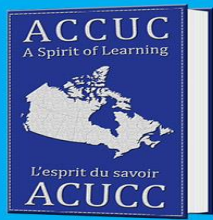
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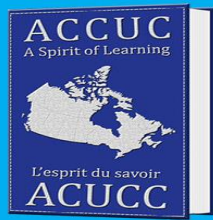
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