

Kateri Native Ministry of Ottawa

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July 2, 2025

To Whom It May Concern,

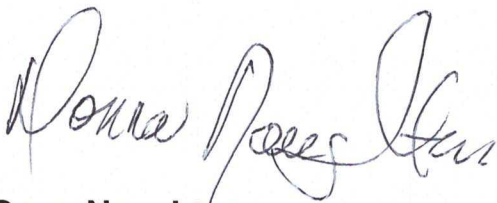
I am writing to offer my support for the renewal of the baptistry as a sacred space that honours the care of creation and the work of reconciliation between the Church and Indigenous Peoples.

This year marks the 10th anniversary of both *Laudato Si'* and the Truth and Reconciliation Commission's *Calls to Action*. These important anniversaries remind us of our shared responsibility to protect the Earth and to continue the journey of healing and right relationship with Indigenous Peoples.

Water is sacred in both Indigenous and Christian traditions. It gives life, connects us, and holds deep spiritual meaning. Renewing the baptistry with this in mind is a beautiful way to bring together our traditions and to honour the Creator, creation, and one another.

I thank St. Basil's Parish for taking this meaningful step. May this renewed space be a sign of hope and healing for all who enter it.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Donna Naughton', with a stylized flourish at the end.

Donna Naughton

Executive Director

Kateri Native Ministry of Ottawa

**Statement of Support by Indigenous Catholics
of the Archdiocese of Ottawa
For the Renewal of the Baptistry
at St. Basil's Church, Ottawa
July 6, 2025**

As Indigenous Catholics of Ottawa, we offer our support for the renewal of the baptistry at St. Basil's Church. This sacred space, where new life in Christ begins, is being reimagined as a place of deep commemoration—honouring both the care of creation and the journey of reconciliation between the churches and the Indigenous Peoples of Canada.

This renewal marks a meaningful convergence of two important anniversaries: the 10th anniversary of *Laudato Si'*, Pope Francis' encyclical on the environment and our common home; and the 10th anniversary of the *Truth and Reconciliation Commission's Calls to Action*, which continue to guide our shared path of truth-telling, healing, and renewed relationship.

We welcome the transformation of the baptistry into a place that acknowledges both the wounds of the past and the sacred responsibility we share for creation and each other. Water, the central element of baptism, speaks deeply to both Indigenous spirituality and Christian faith. It is a sign of life, healing, and new beginnings. Let this place serve as a sign of commitment to a future rooted in mutual respect, justice, and love for the Earth and all peoples.

We are grateful to St. Basil's Parish and all who are supporting this vision. May this baptistry become a witness to the Spirit's renewing power at work among us.

Signed,
**Indigenous Catholics of
The Archdiocese of Ottawa**

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Fr. Daryold Winkler

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Michel David, ofc

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Debra Williams

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Jessica David

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Peter Hanna



Jeffrey Larson

Travis Seymour

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Liz Moore

LIZ MOORE

Deacon Mark Masson

Deacon Mark Masson

Candace Morin

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Monique Patterson

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Evelyn Korkmaz

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Theresa Edwards

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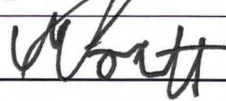
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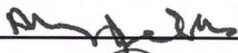
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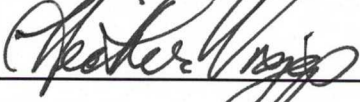
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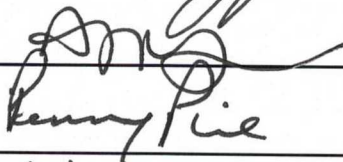
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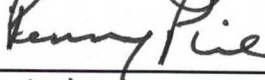
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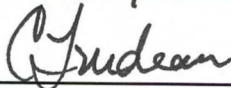
Heather Wiggs



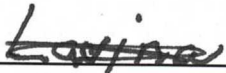
Ann Seymour



Penny Puc

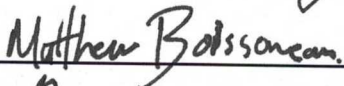


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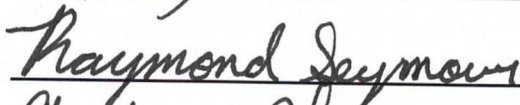


Lavinia Johns

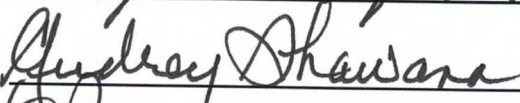
Lavinia Johns (survivor)



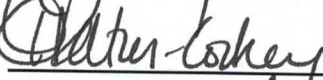
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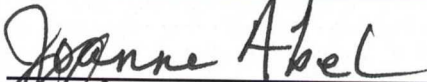
Raymond Seymour



Audrey Shawana



Dolores Peltier-Corkey



Joanne Abel



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BOISSONEAU

Denise Ann Boissoneau



John Ward

Louise Brazeau

Louise Brown

John Ward

James Brown
Belle Ann
Boydston 4th

Dolores Feltner-Corkey

Arthur Stevenson

Raymond Johnson

William Johnson

Lavina Johnson (widow)

Clifford Tibbels

Frank Pove

Ann Johnson

Heather Wiggins

Alma Trines

Wesley Edward Johnson

Mike Fortt

James A. Fortt

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