22 July 2022

Dear parishioners,

The Holy Father's visit is upon us. We keep him in our prayers during this time of reflection, healing and reconciliation with the First Nations, Inuit and Métis of this country.

You know as well as I do that, we are called to walk with him on this pilgrimage. His visit is priceless for all to find the path of healing and reconciliation.

However, this visit comes with costs to pay for material goods and services offered in support of this pilgrimage, including "accommodation and security costs for event participants; the production of events including staging, lighting, sound systems, media center, screens and other production costs; event logistics, including washrooms, electricity, internet, communication equipment for volunteers, mobility for short-distance transportation for Indigenous seniors and survivors; health and well-being, including mental health support for Indigenous survivors and needs not covered by other authorities" (Pope Francis in Canada, CCCB, 2022)."

We therefore ask those who can, or who feel the desire, on this weekend of the Pope's arrival, to provide a financial helping hand to help pay the costs of this pilgrimage so that all of us may find growth in the experience.

Several payment methods are available:

- You can contribute to a special collection at the end of mass in cash or payable by check addressed to RCECO.

- By electronic transfer (e-transfer) sent to cfo@archottawa.ca. Use the password: "Diocese."

- By making a donation via the Canada Helps website, by going to canadahelps.org and doing a search for the Archdiocese of Ottawa-Cornwall. Don't forget to choose the Papal Visit tab so that your money is redirected to the right account. https://www.canadahelps.org/en/charities/archdiocese-of-ottawa/campaign/popes-visit-to-canada-july-2022/

A tax receipt will be provided for any donation over $20.

Thank you for your continued support and collaboration.

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