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Dear Sisters and Brothers,

Statement regarding Residential School in Kamloops

The news of the discovery of 215 graves found at the site of the former residential school in Kamloops saddens me and is shocking. With heartfelt prayers, I want to remember the souls and memory of these little ones. I pray grace and peace for the families, and others, who suffer this loss of loved ones, and for all those who experience the trauma of the residential schools.

The deep wound that has been opened, as painful as it may be, is a path forward for healing. This is an essential path for me to travel on, and I pray that it will be an essential path for others of good will who desire Truth and Reconciliation.

The shock of this discovery may subside, but we cannot abandon the memory and experience of loss for so many families impacted by the residential schools. With resolve, it is an opportunity to let justice and healing flow like a mighty river, lest we forget.

In the peace of the Creator,

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Most Reverend Gary Gordon
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