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Tungasuvvingat Inuit

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Tungasuvvingat Inuit is thinking of the Inuit families and survivors of the residential school system. It has been a very difficult journey and we must never forget the many victims lost along the way because of the residential school system. We are pleased to hear the apology issued by His Holiness, Pope Francis, on behalf of the Catholic Church for the trauma caused to Indigenous people in Canada. It is our hope for continued healing within the urban Inuit community following this long-awaited apology. With the words, "I am very sorry", spoken inside the walls of the Vatican, there is a sense of relief within our community. As the next steps of healing begin, we will await actions to follow words in the journey towards truth and reconciliation.

Our most important message is to all survivors and their families of the residential school system. As we reflected over the weekend, we are reminded of the historic trauma and the many in our community that may be triggered with the apology and associated media coverage. TI has services available through cultural support, counselling, and the Indian Residential School program. If you and your family wish to speak to somebody any time of day, the Indian Residential Schools Crisis Line is available 24-hours a day by calling 1-866-925-4419.

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