

St. Joseph's Mission Residential School Commemoration Project



Monuments to be erected at SJM Site and Boitanio Park

Today we dedicate ourselves to supporting the healing journey of all of those affected by the St Joseph's Mission (Cariboo) Residential School that operated from July 19, 1891 to June 30, 1981. We further commit to participate in the shared journey of reconciliation from its continuing impacts.

"There is no place in Canada for the attitudes that inspired the Indian Residential Schools system to ever prevail again... The Government of Canada sincerely apologizes and asks the forgiveness of the Aboriginal peoples of this country for failing them so profoundly."

Prime Minister Stephen Harper
June 11, 2008

"...We deeply, and very specifically, apologize to every victim of (physical and sexual) abuse and we seek help in searching for means to bring about healing."

Missionary Oblates of Mary Immaculate
July 24, 1991

Thank you for contributing so much to the success of the commemoration events. We acknowledge your generosity, kindness and support for the healing journey of former students and all those affected by the legacy of this residential school that operated from July 1891 to June 1981. We could not have done this without your courage and willingness to engage with us in the shared journey of reconciliation that is so central to our lives here in the Cariboo Region.

Remembering, Recovering, and Reconciling

Tslluk'wminstem, Lrwile ell Xyemstwéw (Secwepemc)

Jinataghelnih, Sa?anataghdiilh jilh Chenaxedaghedelh (Tsilhqo'ín)

Whunats'ulnih, Soona'uts'utneh, Soo hubulhnaowts'unt'ai (Southern Dakelh/Carrier)



Circa 1910



Circa 1970



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