



Announcement Pope Francis to Visit Canada in July 2022 – A Visit of Healing, Hope & Reconciliation

Pope Francis will make a pastoral visit to Canada from July 24 to 29, 2022. The Pope's visit will provide an opportunity for him to listen and dialogue with Indigenous Peoples, to express his heartfelt closeness and to address the impact of residential schools in Canada. The papal visit will also provide an opportunity for the shepherd of the world's 1.2 billion Catholics to connect with the Catholic community in Canada.

Given the vast landscape of our country, the limited time period for the visit and considering the health of the 85 year-old Pontiff, the Vatican has announced that Pope Francis will adopt three communities as a base for his Canadian visit: Edmonton, Quebec City, and Iqaluit. The locations will limit travel for the Holy Father while still allowing an opportunity for both intimate and public encounters, drawing on participation from all regions of the country.

Specific programming and events will be confirmed approximately six weeks prior to the Holy Father's arrival. Visit www.papalvisit.ca or www.visitepapale.ca for more information and to stay updated on the latest developments. Please continue to pray for the health of Pope Francis and for all those engaged in the ongoing healing and reconciliation journey.

Prayer of the Faithful

We pray for the Papal Visit to Canada this July. May the journey serve as a moment of healing and reconciliation for Indigenous Elders, knowledge keepers, residential school survivors and all those working on the path to truth and understanding. We pray to the Lord. Lord, hear our prayer.