

NATIONAL DAY FOR TRUTH AND RECONCILIATION

Every Child Matters

**ORANGE SHIRT DAY**

Thursday, September 30th, 2021



### Why do we wear an Orange Shirt?

September 30th has been declared Orange Shirt Day annually, in recognition of the harm the residential school system did to children's sense of self-esteem and well-being, and as an affirmation of our commitment to ensure that everyone around us matters.

The Canadian Catholic Bishops have urged all Catholics to commit to continuing our walk together with Indigenous Peoples to build a more just society seeking greater healing and reconciliation for the future.

We come together in the spirit of reconciliation and hope for generations of children to come.

The date was chosen because it is the time of year in which children were taken from their homes to residential schools, and because it is an opportunity to set the stage for anti-racism, anti-discrimination and anti-bullying policies for the coming school year.

