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Pope Francis apologizes to Canada's Indigenous

By CHRISTOPHER WHITE

Pope Francis made an historic speech during a week-long trip to Canada in late July, saying he was "deeply sorry" for the Catholic Church's "catastrophic" involvement in running abusive residential schools for Indigenous children.

Francis said on July 27 during a solemn meeting with Indigenous representatives, while visiting the former site of one of the largest residential schools in the country on July 28. The pope's remarks — his first of his kind in the country — were a demand from the Canadian Truth and Reconciliation Commission, which since 2012 has called on the pope to formally issue an apology on Canadian soil for the "spiritual, cultural, emotional, physical and sexual abuse of First Nations, Inuit and Métis children in Catholic-run residential schools."

"I am sorry," said Francis. "I ask forgiveness, in particular, for the

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Climate-concerned voters ready to bring faith to midterm polls

By BRIAN ROWE

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Catholic hospitals struggle to aid collapsing Zimbabwe system

By THANDWA KAROVIEDO

HEALTH CARE: Public hospitals in Zimbabwe have experienced significant labor shortages in recent months, with staff at many facilities going on strike to protest pay cuts in a country where the rate of currency inflation has reached a record 800 percent.

Staff at Catholic hospitals in the southern African nation are trying to pick up the slack, but are also struggling with the workload and the nation's worsening economic conditions.

Dr. Thabo Sibilo, a physician at the Cathedral of St. Anne's Mission Hospital in Zimbabwe's southeast, has been trained in all kinds of life-saving medical practices. But lately because of more frequent electricity outages, he has had to adapt to providing aid under candlelight.

"We are struggling," Sibilo told NCR of the staff at his hospital. "We

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Black Catholic groups gather for in-person meeting

By DAN STOOKMAN

WINE AND ROSARY: The new president of the National Black Sisters' Conference closed the group's annual gathering with a rosary, praying also for Black voters, clergy, deacons and seminarians to stand with her as a witness that Black lives do matter.

Dr. Adelle Lorraine Walker of the School Sisters of Notre Dame was elected to lead the 26-year-old conference at the group's annual meeting with three other Black Catholic groups and also presided over the conference's Sacred Tables, a meal which became an inspirational lesson.

In her remarks accepting the award on the gathering's final evening July 27, she returned repeatedly to one of the conference's themes: "Solidarity." "Solidarity means great meaning," she said. "Solidarity" Walker cried. "We see you, love you, have you, respect you, I stand with you."

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The front pages of two recent issues of the National Catholic Reporter (NCR graphic)

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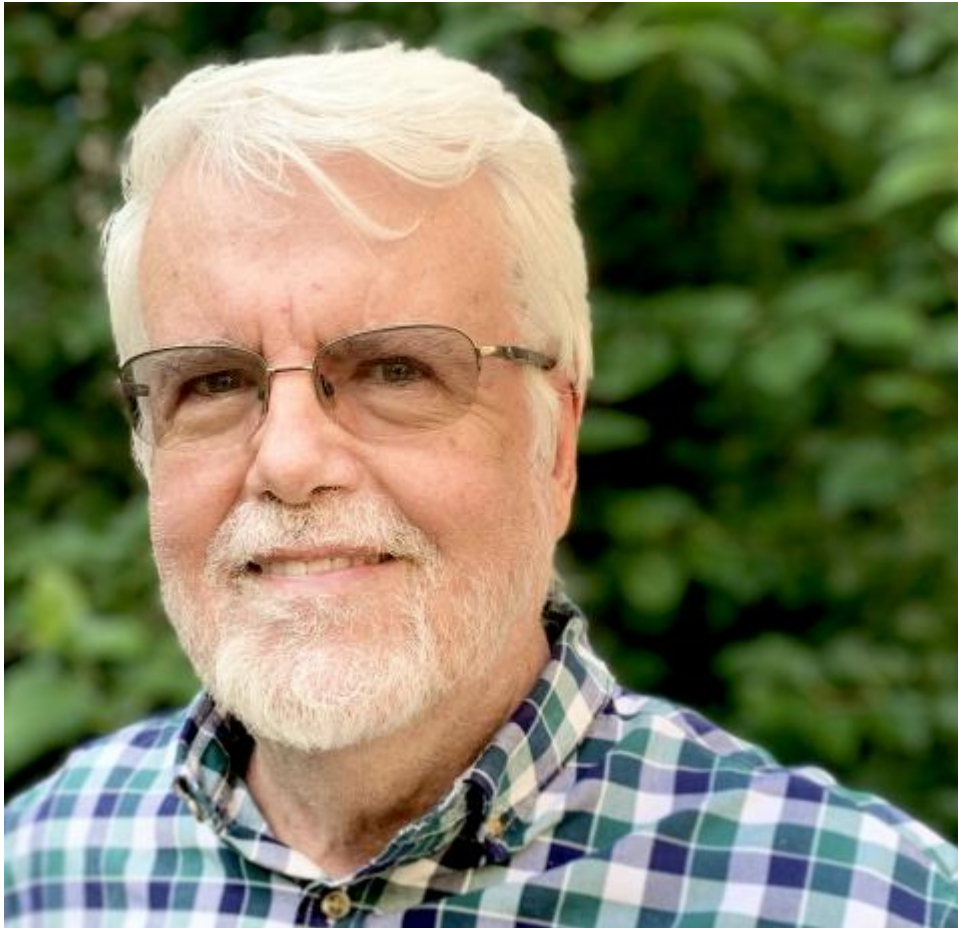
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Bill Mitchell

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