



February 4, 2019

Dear Parents, Sponsors, Godparents, and Grandparents,

The celebration of sacraments are such a special time for children and young people in your family and the whole community!

I look forward to meeting the Confirmation Candidates and the adults who accompany them during the visits with me at the Saint-Boniface Cathedral.

I also wish to share with you a suggestion for a gift that could be presented to your Confirmation Candidate:

In commemoration of the 200<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Church in Western Canada, local author Robert Freynet produced a graphic novel entitled Red River Mission: The Story of a People and Their Church. This graphic novel depicts the arrival of the first Catholic missionaries along the eastern banks of what is now known as "The Forks" and the history that unfolded from there, leading to the official creation of the Archdiocese of St. Boniface.

**These books will be available for purchase during this year's Confirmation Visits at the Saint-Boniface Cathedral. You may also purchase them from your parishes.**

Please find attached to this letter more information about Red River Mission. May this unique history book inspire children, youth and adults.

I expect that this will be a treasured memento for the young person from your family being confirmed. I encourage all families to have a copy in their homes.

Thank you for the examples of faith and witnesses of the Gospel you are in the world and most importantly for all children and youth.

Sincerely in Christ,

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