



ROME DELEGATION MEETINGS

- The Communications Office will have two staff – communications coordinator Matthew Bodnarek and lead Andrew Ehrkamp in Rome during the delegation dates
- In Edmonton, Alan Schietzsch will be the communications lead for all inquiries internal and external during the delegation meeting period.
- Matthew and Andrew will be assigned to the Canadian Conference of Catholic Bishops. We are principally there to support the bishops.

IN ROME (TIMES ARE LOCAL)

March 26 Travel day and arrival

March 27 Check-in, followed by Mass in the evening

March 28 Metis delegation meeting 10-11 a.m.

Inuit delegation meeting 11 a.m.-12 noon

News conference 3-5 p.m.

March 29 Delegates tour Vatican sites

News conference 3:30-4:15 p.m.

March 30 Delegates tour Assisi

March 31 First Nations delegation meeting 10:30-11:30 a.m.

News conference 3-5 p.m.

April 1 General audience with Pope Francis

News conference with Metis, Inuit and First Nations delegates

April 2 Departure and travel day

- Local content will be subject to availability. We hope to provide a short video reflection each day based on that day's events from indigenous delegates from Alberta or Bishop McGrattan or Archbishop Smith
- Salt + Light will be the primary medium to share content from the delegation meetings
- The daily news conferences will be broadcast live on Salt + Light
- All content will be shared within the Archdiocese as quickly as possible and with the dioceses in Alberta and the Northwest Territories to be posted and shared widely
- We ask that all diocesan communicators as well as Catholic works share content generated locally so we can tell the story of the Vatican visit from a provincewide perspective
- Locally, Father Jim Corrigan will be the official spokesperson for the Archdiocese
- We anticipate there will be many interview requests. Pastors are reminded that all of these requests are scheduled through the Communications Office so that we are aware.
- While in Rome, we anticipate indigenous leaders and elders, pastors (Lac Ste Anne, Sacred Heart, Seven Sorrows in Maskwacis)
- So far local events include adoration at St. Joseph's Basilica, which will be the hub for prayer during the delegation meetings.
- Prior to the delegation meetings, we will share video interviews with Chief Willie Littlechild (First Nations), Angie Crerar and Gary Gagnon (Both are Metis delegates)



- Gary Gagnon March 8
- Angie Crerar March 15
- Father Cristino Bouvette, priest in the Calgary Diocese who is part Cree, March 18
- Chief Willie Littlechild March 22
- We do not anticipate an announcement from the Vatican regarding the Holy Father's visit to Canada