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Public Service Announcement

Afternoon closure for GN offices during Papal visit

Start Date: July 27, 2022
End Date: July 29, 2022
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Warning: Topics discussed may be distressing to some individuals.

In support of its employees and to allow them to participate in the Papal "Walking Together" visit to Iqaluit, all Government of Nunavut (GN) offices will be closed from noon to midnight local time on July 29, 2022.

The GN supports employees who were, and continue to be, impacted by residential schools. In response to the Truth and Reconciliation Commission's call to action #58, Pope Francis is expected to visit Iqaluit on the afternoon of July 29. During this visit, the Pope will issue an apology to survivors, their families, and communities for the role of the Roman Catholic Church in the spiritual, cultural, emotional, physical, and sexual abuse of First Nations, Inuit, and Métis children in Catholic-run residential schools.

Schedule for Iqaluit visit:

Time	Details
3:50 p.m.	Pope Francis arrives at the Iqaluit airport.
4:15 p.m.	Pope Francis holds a private meeting with residential school survivors.
5:00 p.m.	Pope Francis attends outdoor event at Nakasuk Elementary School. Open to the public.
6:15 p.m.	Departure ceremony at the Iqaluit airport.
6:45 p.m.	Pope Francis departs from Iqaluit.

This visit could be traumatic and triggering for individuals. If you or anyone you know is in need of support, please visit https://www.gov.nu.ca/health/news/mental-health-supports-available-during-papal-visit for support that is available to Nunavummiut.

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