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Knights of Columbus
Rev. Mounir El-Rassi & Parishioners
St. Leo the Great Catholic Church
130 Watford Street
Brooklin, ON L1M 1H2

Dear Knights, Fr. Mounir and Parishioners,

On behalf of Native Child and Family Services of Toronto (NCFST), the MAIAA group would truly like to thank you once again for your generous donations of food, toiletries and funds. Your support will allow the NCFST to continue providing basic necessities to needy Indigenous families in the Greater Toronto Area. In fact, the day after the delivery, we were told several families were grateful and happy recipients of some of your donations.

Communities like yours truly make a difference in the world, and we are delighted and are very thankful for your collaboration and participation in this year's drive. We hope you will participate again in the future.

As you may be aware, June is National Indigenous Peoples Month in Canada, and June 21 is National Indigenous Peoples Day. There will be events all around the GTA, but we would like to invite all of you especially to the one at the Malvern Family Centre in Scarborough (poster enclosed), which houses the food bank where we delivered your donations. This would be a great opportunity to learn more about the centre and its work in the community, and enjoy some Indigenous cultural presentations.

Today [June 21], walking alongside Canada's Indigenous Peoples, the Canadian Conference of Catholic Bishops reaffirms its commitment to deepen and strengthen relationships with Indigenous Peoples through truth, healing, justice, reconciliation and hope.

*~ Fr. Jean Vézina, General Secretariat, Canadian Conference of Catholic Bishops (CCCCB),
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Thank you for "walking alongside" Canada's Indigenous Peoples. May God continue to bless you as you continue to bless others.

MAIAA - Movement for Active Indigenous Allyship and Advocacy
Donna, Greg, Cyann, Karen, John, Natalie, Michelle