

INQUIRY

Canada: mass residential school graves hoax against Catholic Church unmasked

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The Canadian government, led by Justin Trudeau, has cut funding for the inquiry into allegations of mass burials of children in former residential schools run by the Catholic Church and other Christian denominations: since no mass grave has been found, the

inquiry will in all likelihood be disbanded. The facts expose the lie of one of the worst anti-Christian campaigns of this century, which resulted in the burning of over a hundred churches. Much of Canada's ruling class and Prime Minister Trudeau himself are complicit in this violence. Instead, there is an urgent need for a serious commission of inquiry to find out who was behind and who participated in the campaign to destroy and defame the Christian memory and churches of the country.

On 27 May 2021, Indigenous leader Rosanne Casimir (of Tk'emlúps te Secwépemc, a First Nation) announced that she had used ground-penetrating radar to locate the remains of 215 children on the grounds of the former Kamloops Indian Residential School in British Columbia. Almost a month later, news emerged of an estimated **751 unmarked graves** near the Marieval Residential School. The announcement on 27 May 2021 was immediately confirmed, without any verification, by all the major personalities and institutions of Canadian society, causing widespread grief and dismay. On 28 May of that year, just one day after the announcement, the **New York Times** ran a special report on the story with the following headline: *The Horrifying Story: Mass Grave of Indigenous Children Reported in Canada*. On the following 24 June, Trudeau's **official statement** was released, in which the Prime Minister described the 'findings in Marieval and Kamloops' as 'a shameful reminder of the systemic racism' suffered by Canada's Indigenous peoples. He then ordered Canadian flags to be flown at half-mast and, on 25 June, **requested** that Pope Francis visit Canada to apologise on behalf of the Church for the residential schools where hundreds of unmarked graves have been found.

But even before this request, Pope Francis, during the **Angelus on 6 June 2021**, had lamented "the shocking discovery of the remains of 215 children". In the weeks that followed, taking their cue from Francis' hasty words, Canadian parishes displayed 215 pairs of children's shoes on the steps at the entrance to churches or inside the churches themselves as a gesture of apology and a request for forgiveness.

The Canadian government immediately set up the National Advisory Committee on Residential Schools, *Missing Children and Unnamed Graves* to investigate the allegations and the true extent of the alleged abuse and murder of Indian children by Christians of European origin and Catholic religious institutes.

In recent days, however, it has emerged that Trudeau's government has closed the inquiry after three years of searching for bodies and spending \$216.5 million to find no human remains, let alone 'mass graves'. It's a shame that widespread Christianophobia and 'satanic panic', as described by the **Catholic Herald** on 2 February 2024, has resulted - according to a **calculation** updated in September 2024 - in the

desecration, burning and vandalism of 112 churches, mostly Catholic, many of which serve the indigenous communities themselves.

The *National Advisory Committee on Residential Schools* (NAC) has in recent weeks expressed its disappointment at the federal government's decision to withdraw financial support. The original funding for the project, which was allocated in 2022, was due to expire in 2025. Of the \$216.5 million already spent, \$7.9 million has been earmarked for field work, which has not yet yielded any significant discoveries to support the allegations that prompted the investigation. As a result, the government has decided to withdraw funding and close down the advisory committee, which is due to be disbanded at the end of this month.

Of course, there are always so-called 'experts' who cry scandal in the hope that the election in the coming months will prompt Trudeau to reactivate funding and appointments. The (il)liberal prime minister is not only an accomplice, but also a promoter of lies and discredit against the work of Christian missions and the loving care guaranteed by Catholic schools. Trudeau even repeated his accusations in November 2024, thus justifying in his actions and public statements not only the terrible Christianophobia in Canada, but also the destruction of many dozens of churches, for which, almost as in the **USA under the illiberal regime of Joe Biden**, no culprit has been arrested, let alone charged.

And even in the Vatican there is some food for thought as to why it was decided to endorse these false and defamatory accusations that have done so much damage to the Catholic Church in Canada.