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Mass graves in Canada, anti-Catholic hoax debunked

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The discovery of 'mass graves' of indigenous Canadian children in the spring of 2021 was a huge lie to discredit the Catholic Church. Three years after those reports, due to which 85 churches were burnt and widespread acts of vandalism committed, no mass

graves have been found.

Despite the fact that the rumours against the Catholic Church had already been debunked in previous years, three years ago the incredible and scandalous narrative had broken out in Canada, confirming every imaginable prejudice of liberal, socialist and atheist circles against Christians and in particular Catholic priests and their charitable works: it was not communists who ate children, it was priests and nuns who left them to die of hunger, hardship and disease. A mass grave containing the remains of indigenous children was supposedly unearthed on the grounds of what had once been a state government boarding school run by the Catholic Church.

Now it turns out that the whole affair was nothing more than a modern-day slander campaign that has ended, to date, with at least 85 Catholic churches across Canada destroyed by arson, vandalised or desecrated. There is not the slightest doubt that such a dishonourable and denigrating campaign - from the outset supported by Pope Francis and a section of the Canadian clergy - will cause a further decline in Catholic and Christian believers and practitioners in the country, already down by almost 2 million in the last 10 years, according to October's Canadian latest census, falling from 12.8 to 10.9 million in 2021.

Political leaders, led by the current Prime Minister Justin Trudeau, had justified the destruction of Catholic and Christian houses of worship in July 2021, saying that while they were wrong, the anger was absolutely "understandable given the shameful history of which we are all becoming increasingly aware". But, to date, no human remains have been recovered from the site of the alleged mass grave, despite nearly \$8 million spent by the federal government to search for them and the multimillion-dollar stipends awarded to indigenous peoples for the supposed violence suffered by their children.

The mere historical existence of these former boarding schools, which operated from 1860 to 1990, remains a source of indignation among liberal Canadians, because in those schools people became good Christians and good citizens. The residential school system, as it was called, often separated indigenous Canadian children from their families and communities, forcing them to attend underfunded government schools, the purpose of which was to assimilate and acculturate indigenous Canadians into Western and European Canadian society.

Catholic priests and nuns who ran the 'Kamloops Indian Residential School' in British Columbia had, according to the vulgate, dumped the corpses of hundreds of

dead schoolchildren in mass graves in the schoolyard. Major media outlets such as CNN, NPR and the 'Canadian Broadcasting Corporation had simply and without any verification relaunched and promoted the narrative in the most scandalous and dishonourable hyperbolic terms possible. CNN had called it an 'unthinkable' discovery, the New YorkTimes 'the horrifying story', while for the Washington Post it was confirmation of the horror of Canada's mistreatment of indigenous peoples and forced conversions to Catholicism. Prime Minister Justin Trudeau had ordered the flags to be lowered to half-mast and asked Pope Francis to travel to Canada to ask for forgiveness, which the Pope did in 2022, apologising for the shameful treatment and asking the Canadian Church for deep humiliation for the unacceptable practices of the past.

The Office of the UN High Commissioner for Human Rights had declared this to be 'a violation of human rights on a massive scale' and Canadian tribal leaders had accused priests and nuns of likening them to Nazis for carrying out an attempt at genocide. This was the fuel of lies and sudden admissions of guilt never committed that fuelled the burning and vandalism of churches across Canada, most of them Catholic and some more than a century old, razed to the ground in retaliation.

Yet, in almost all cases, these were not mass graves, but individual graves in cemeteries where priests and nuns were also buried, unmarked graves and wooden crosses rotted because the government refused to pay for headstones. All already known thanks to a report published in 2015 by the 'Truth and Reconciliation Commission'. So there was no cover-up, no abuse, no mass graves, despite the millions of dollars spent. The poisonous rumour, part of the project to demolish Western Christian history and civilisation, again served to discredit the Catholic Church and its priests, destroy churches and cause a generalised moral panic. And to whose benefit? Call Ottawa and the Vatican City for information.

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