

Our Sacred Heart Story with the Potawatomi People in Kansas, 1841-79

Final note to all registrants at end of Grave on the Prairie series,
week of April 20, 2022

My dear Sacred Heart Family,

It has been almost 4 weeks since our last webinar in our series on Grave on the Prairie. It seems like it was right to take time to absorb, integrate and reflect on what we have heard and learned. It has taken me this long to do just that. I am not ready to make a list of what learnings we may have had. I think we need patience and discernment to realize what it does mean to us as a Sacred Heart Family.

I highly recommend listening to Dr. Kelli Mosteller again- she offers us authentic and profound insights. Our stories are intertwined immutably now. Her last 10 minutes (start at 45 minutes) touches on her challenges in revitalizing her people's culture in order to support their youth because of the inherited trauma from the colonial system in which we participated. Beautifully, she invokes their ancestors praying for them today.

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Dr. Mosteller offers understanding as a practicing Catholic and challenges us to be actively prayerful for restorative justice and acknowledging the hurt and pain that has happened. With emotion, she invokes our faith that there was love in these places. This broke my heart open.

She offers that we can help each other move forward by hearing the voices of the voiceless and doing more self education on the issues that are still affecting Indigenous peoples today. This final list of resources is listed on the email you received and on the website link above.

I hope that we take time to realize what we are learning. Even so, I invite you to give us feedback on the series and tell us any intuition, ideas, hopes or intentions that may be guidings for us all.

Here is our survey link: [Grave on the Prairie Participant Survey](#)

I am deeply grateful for the legacy of our beloved Sacred Heart and for the assurance that we will grow, expand and offer to the world our gifts so desperately needed today- yes, it is always Love!

Much blessings on us all,

Molly Arthur

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