

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

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My dear Sacred Heart Family,

I am so very grateful for your accompaniment and support in this journey together. The provincial team and the Stuart Center were sponsors. Bridget Bearss our mentor. The Sacred Heart Indigenous Justice group- Mary Kay Hunyady, El MacLellan, Maria Cimperman, Ginny Dennehy, Suzanne Lasseigne, Maureen Chicoine, Deanna Rose von Bergen, nourished and held this movement, for years.

I feel that we have been breaking our hearts open over the last weeks of gathering together to learn more about our own history. There have been supporters and guides for us who we are now in relationship with, intimately and deeply.

This has been a moment in time, not able to be repeated as it is. I savor it and weep over it. We are together in our sorrow and contrition- as appropriate- for healing can only happen in community. We do understand broken hearts and wounds, and how we can contain the whole world in our hearts- as Our Sacred Heart Family of prayer and faith, exclaiming our brokenness and our blessedness.

When we have moved through our period of mourning, with the blessed support of our Sacred Heart of Jesus accompanying us, unconditionally and eternally, we will move to the next phase of our destiny, our mission, our vocation, to our charism. We cannot rush, as each phase towards wholeness demands its space and time.

From broken to blessed. The wound stays open, the heart exposed, giving love, receiving our love. Then we can live in a broken and blessed world, as artisans of hope.

Together, with love,

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