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Grand Chief Rémy Vincent makes a provisional assessment of the Pope's visit to Canada

Nionwentsiö, August 1, 2022: To follow-up on a week full of emotions but also protocol, politics and analysis, the Grand Chief of the Conseil de la Nation huronne-wendat, Rémy Vincent, wants to get back to the heart of the matter. As he reiterated on several occasions, he believes it is first and foremost up to the survivors of the residential schools to judge whether the Pope's apologies are acceptable.

"I of course assumed my duties as Grand Chief of our Nation and went to meet the Pope when he came to the Nionwentsiö. However, whenever I could, I yielded the floor to the residential school survivors," said Grand Chief Rémy Vincent.

For Grand Chief Vincent, the Pope's visit is one step in a reconciliation process that must continue with the engagement of all stakeholders, first and foremost the Catholic Church, both in Canada and at the Vatican. The Grand Chief will also work to ensure that survivors remain at the heart of the discussion and that healing and reconciliation remain the primary objectives.

"One of the greatest moments of last week was the reception, in Wendake, of the walkers who left from Mashteuiatsh. This meeting between several Nations and communities is for me a strong sign that we are capable of solidarity and resilience in order to promote healing. I would like to thank the Puamun Meshkenu organization for organizing this march, our health centre staff for their support, as well as the members of the Huron-Wendat Nation and other Nations for giving the participants a warm welcome," added Grand Chief Rémy Vincent.

The Conseil de la Nation huronne-wendat will remain active and collaborate with the official authorities concerned so that concrete follow-up is given to this papal visit for the Wendat people affected as well as for all the survivors and the next generations of the First Nations, Métis and Inuit.