

Native American Family

Fry Bread Clan

- Challenges/Mountains to Climb
 - looking for acceptance of being Native
- Education in our ways and in higher education and trades
 - Youth participation
- Finding our voice – ‘too shy’ – appear insecure

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Opportunities

- The opportunity, now, to educate clergy about Native peoples
- Building on the open and active participation clergy with Native peoples
 - Openness/hospitality of all tribes
- Lack of clergy in Indian country is opportunity for Native laity to serve in ministry

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CLAN #2

Challenges

- Minority among minorities
- Guidance of religious leaders – good/bad or absent
 - Lack of Native representation in Church

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Opportunities

- Identifying Funding – Native American communities, USCCB, ...
 - Inculturation – indigenous philosophies, ecclesial visions & praxis issues
- Possibility of expanding role of National Tekakwitha Conference in evangelization

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CLAN #3

Challenges

- To educate Bishops, and those who serve Native Peoples, in Native American culture by means of Basic Directions Course, etc.
- Recruitment of religious and ordained leadership and suitable formation for serving Native peoples
 - Supporting our sacred causes and sites
 - Visibility – to be seen as equals

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Opportunities

- To be all inclusive – when it comes to spirituality
 - Development of Native leadership
- The sharing of their gifts with the Church by all Native peoples

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Follow-up – Native American Family

- Schedule a meeting with our Bishops, Pastors and “Cultural Ministry Office ” when we return home
- Invite Bishops and others who work with Native Catholics to attend the Basic Directions in Native Ministry Course

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Follow-up – All Families

- That each family learn about the cultures, traditions, saints, heroes, etc. of the other families
e.g. Native Family invites everyone to this year's
National Tekakwitha Conference
- Ensure that all families are “at the table” at the
local, diocesan and national levels