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Today the Department of the Interior Secretary, Deb Haaland announced the initial findings of an investigation of former federally funded boarding schools on Native Reservations, many of which were church run schools.

“It is important to understand what might have occurred here in the United States and specifically in our Diocese in Eastern Montana” said Bishop Michael Warfel of the Diocese of Great Falls-Billings. “We will work with the Tribes throughout Montana, the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops, and the Northwest Jesuits to be of assistance in finding the truth and bring some measure of peace to any victims.”

Traditionally, Native schools in Montana were operated by Jesuit priests. Their own press release and memo are attached. Further information is available [here](#). Please contact iccucommunications@jesuits.org with any questions.

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