

Native Boarding Schools

Learning from History to Promote Healing

Sunday, October 23, 2022 at 2:30pm

Isaac Orr Room, 910 Marion Street *or join via Zoom*

In this presentation, Father Michael Carson will explore the history of the last 200 years—tracing where the concept of Native boarding schools originated, and how these institutions were rooted in the sin of racism and have left a path of destruction through Native culture and peoples.



St. George Residential School, Tacoma

In the second part of the presentation, Father Carson will take what we have learned from history and develop some working ideas to promote healing and counter the historic trauma of boarding schools. The presentation will focus on the areas that the USCCB is coordinating with the bishops at this time: the work to move beyond apologies to concrete areas of restoration and reconciliation.

Joining via Zoom? Link: <https://seattlearch-org.zoom.us/j/87613828120>
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