

*The summer of 2010 has had  
special significance for  
our First Nations Peoples.*

*In various ways  
the 400th anniversary of the baptism of  
**Chief Henri Membertou,**  
the Grand Chief of the Mi'kmaq First Nation  
and first aboriginal to embrace Christianity  
in North America in 1610  
was remembered and celebrated.*

*It gives me great pleasure  
to invite all our diocesan church  
to a concelebrated Eucharist  
wherein we will honour the Aboriginal Peoples  
of our diocese,  
from the Mi'kmaq, Maliseet, and other First Nations.*

*You are invited to gather  
from the four corners of our diocese  
to celebrate with  
our sisters and brothers in the faith  
as we recognize 400 years of belonging, sharing  
and witnessing to the Catholic Faith.*

*I look forward to welcoming you at  
St. Dunstan's Church, Fredericton, NB  
on Sunday, December 12, 2010, at 3:00 p.m.  
Day of Prayer for Aboriginal Peoples  
and the Feast of Our Lady of Quadalupe, Patron of the Americas.*

*His Honour Graydon Nicholas,  
Lieutenant Governor of New Brunswick,  
and Her Honour Beth Nicholas will be present.*

*+Robert Harris  
Bishop of Saint John*