



## **Algonquin Woodland Métis Aboriginal Tribe**

**Un-ceded Nation of the Descendants of the Algonquin, Nipissing and Arendahano People.  
Descendants of the Matriarchal Families (Clans) of the Métis Water Carriers, Aboriginal  
First Families, Slaves, Fur Traders and Settlers  
Pre-1600's to 2008**

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His Holiness Pope Benedict XVI

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Re: Indigenous Rights and the Papal Bull 1537

**Dear His Holiness Pope Benedict XVI:**

With humble respect your Holiness I have some most critical questions I have to ask with respect to the word of God and the law of the Church.

The Government of Canada has refused to sign the Un Declaration of Indigenous Rights.

Canada in 1982 in the United Kingdom signed the Constitution of Canada and established Canada as an independent Nation. In doing so the Government of Canada final acknowledged that my Nation my race of Métis is one of the three aboriginal people of Canada.<sup>1</sup>

The Government has yet to recognize our inherent rights as an indigenous people and continues to take our lands our children and our culture, crimes against humanity.

I come to my questions in all sincerely, as they are critical to the safety of our people.

Canada's Constitution of Canada ingrains the Canadian Charter of Rights and Freedoms stating Canada is based on the Supremacy of God and the Rule of Law.

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<sup>1</sup> Section 35(2) Constitution of Canada 1982

I question what God this is, Roman Catholic or Anglican or is it the same Judeo Christian God?

His Holiness Pope Paul III, in 1537 stated that "...the said Indians and all other peoples who may later be discovered by Christians, are by no means to be deprived of their liberty or possession of their property...."<sup>2</sup>. I verily believe that his holiness Pope Paul III states, as by apostolic authority this was irrevocable.

Has God, through Papal authority rescinded this inherent right? Did His Holiness Pope Clements XIII in 1763 give over to King Louis XV of France the authority to revoke the Papal Bull of 1537 in the signing of the Treaty of Paris? Or has the Papal Bull of 1537 been rescinded in anyway with respect to indigenous rights to our lands?

I'm the hereditary chief of the oldest Métis community in Canada predating the effective control of the government of Canada. My mixed blood family/community was well established in New France even before the Archdiocese of Quebec was established in 1658. We have a family/ community over one million people across Canada and the United States of America. We are the descendant of the Holy Roman Catholic Church missionaries and devotees to New France and the native communities.

Jean Nicolet was my 9th great Grandfather. He was a devotee of the Roman Catholic faith and adopted into the Algonquin Nation. Guillaume Coustre was my 9th and 10<sup>th</sup> great grandfather a Jesuit Lay Missionary and was adopted into the Mohawk Nation, to name two of the Holy Catholic Church's emissaries in New France. Both fathered our Métis Community.

We as descendants of the Catholic Church and indigenous people of Canada need your guidance in these matters.

I am very hopeful that your learned council can be passed on to our occupied Nation's Elders so we can continue in a good way for our indigenous rights.

We are all related in the great mystery;

Chief Wabiska Mukwa (Zane Bell)

Hereditary Chief

CC. Prime Minister of Canada  
Governor General of Canada  
Premier of Ontario

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<sup>2</sup> Sublimis Deus (The Sublime God), 1537