Join Us For
WALKING THE RED ROAD

Overcoming Obstacles on the Path

Saturday, October 18, 2025 | 9 am - 5 pm
DIOCESAN PASTORAL CENTER | 611 WEST NORTH STREET, GAYLORD

A Free Conference for Native Americans and Non-Natives

This conference invites Native Americans and Non-Natives to unite together to honor the rich traditions of Anishinaabe spirituality, learn of the power of unconditional love, explore how to grow in Catholic faith and build a path forward. Hear three powerful speakers from the Grand Traverse Band of Ottawa & Chippewa Indians—come for connection, conversation and prayer.

9–9:30 am | Registration/Hospitality
Enjoy a light breakfast and fellowship

9:30–10 am | Anishinaabe Opening Prayer and Ceremony

10–11 am | Seven Grandfather Teachings and the Connection to Faith
JoAnne Cook, a member of the Grand Traverse Band of Ottawa and Chippewa Indians, is a storyteller and lecturer on the Anishinaabe culture and tradition.

11-11:30 am | Questions and Discussion

11:45-12:45 pm | Lunch
Enjoy Indian Tacos and Wild Rice Soup catered by Raphael Food Truck from Peshawbestown

12:45-1:45 pm | The Healing Power of Kindness and Unconditional Love in the Face of Trauma
Eva Petoskey, Mindimooyenh Healing Circle Leadership Council and member of the Grand Traverse Band of Ottawa and Chippewa Indians.

1:45-2:15 pm | Questions and Discussion

2:15-3:15 pm | A Young Odawa Girl's Journey to Healing
Arlene Kashata, a Grand Traverse Band of Ottawa & Chippewa Indians Elder, educational diversity presenter and advocate for intergenerational healing for Tribal communities.

3:15-3:45 pm | Questions and Discussion

4 pm | Mass
Celebrant Bishop Jeffrey Walsh, Diocese of Gaylord

**This FREE conference is organized by the Diocesan Native American Ministry.
Free-will offerings to cover the cost of lunch will be accepted.
Registration required. Seating limited.**

Register by Wednesday, Oct. 8.
Call Sr. Sue Gardner at 231-271-6651 or visit:
DioceseofGaylord.org/NativeAmericanConference