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NTI Acquires The Spirit of Intergenerational Trauma

(July 22, 2022 – Iqaluit, Nunavut) Nunavut Tunngavik Inc. (NTI) has acquired The Spirit of Intergenerational Trauma, a multimedia sculpture, from artist Jesse Tungilik.

"It is my sincere hope that this sculpture will inspire dialogue in Nunavut about human rights, reconciliation, the resilience of Inuit and the enduring love between a parent and their child. I thank Jesse for sharing his story through this sculpture," says NTI President Aluki Kotierk.

"We ask Pope Francis to intervene. Father Johannes Rivoire is being protected in Lyon, France by the Roman Catholics of France and Canada. Rivoire must be extradited to Canada to face his charges in court," says James Eetoolook, Vice-President of NTI.

NTI has been seeking the extradition of Rivoire, an Oblate priest, since 2017. Rivoire is living in a nursing home for priests who have completed prison sentences and priests with credible accusations of crime. He lives in this facility to avoid negative publicity and to protect the reputation of Roman Catholics, the Diocese of Churchill-Hudson's Bay and the Oblate of Mary Immaculate, an order of Catholics.

The Spirit of Intergenerational Trauma is an insect-like spirit creature haunted by a spirit of trauma, represented by a fused figure on its back. It documents Jesse's complex relationship with his father, Marius Tungilik as a result of sexual abuse by Brother Lucien Parent at Sir Joseph Bernier, a Roman Catholic residential school run by Oblates in Chesterfield Inlet, and alleged sexual abuse by Rivoire in Nauyaat. The sculpture is about Jesse's healing from intergenerational trauma.

The Spirit of Intergenerational Trauma is being transported and will be on display at the Nunatta Sunakkutaangit Museum.

Jesse Tungilik is an interdisciplinary artist based in Iqaluit, Nunavut.

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