

HE KAWENATA

Ngāti Kapu (also known as Ngāti Kapumanawawhiti) ki Pukekaraka
– The Roman Catholic Archbishop of the Archdiocese of Wellington.

Preamble

This *Kawenata* (Covenant) expresses the special Relationship between *Ngāti Kapu* and the Roman Catholic Archbishop of Wellington. It outlines the mutual Responsibilities those parties have. It renews the *Kawenata* first made in 1844.

In the mid 1840's the Roman Catholic Church represented by the Marists (The Society of Mary) were welcomed to join *Ngāti Kapu* in *Ōtaki*. *Ngāti Kapu* made land available at *Pukekaraka* for the Catholic Mission in 1851. So *Ngāti Kapu*, responding to the Word of God, shared the use of its land, erected buildings, practised the Faith, and welcomed others to its *whenua Pukekaraka*. *Ngāti Kapu* covenanted to share these lands in perpetuity for the practice of the Faith, and to be instrumental for nurturing the special character of things catholic through Church and education of the young. This was and is core to the covenant. Leviticus 25 clearly contextualises the expectation of the *tūpuna* of *Ngāti Kapu* at *Pukekaraka*, as a reference point for today. Scripture has always guided the relationship between *Ngāti Kapu* at *Pukekaraka* and the Church, whether the Society of Mary or the Archbishop. This interpretation is provided to understand the Covenant.

THE PROMISES OF GOD.

“I am Yahweh. I will give you peace in your lands and you will sleep without anyone disturbing you. I will turn towards you to make your families fruitful and your people numerous and I will confirm my Covenant with you. I will not reject you. I will make my dwelling among you. I will walk among you. I will be your God and you will be my people” (Adapted from Leviticus 25 & 26)

I will give you peace in your lands, and you will sleep without anyone disturbing you.

This is your land and I do not intend to change that; you will continue to live in peace.

I will turn towards you to make your families fruitful and your people numerous, and I will confirm my covenant with you.

I will bring my Holy Spirit and the Scriptures that you will know and trust me. I will build your families strength and resilience that you will enjoy the bountiful blessings of the new and eternal covenant. Your numbers will swell, and this richness will flow through the generations to follow. This is my commitment to you.

I will not reject you.

I will not turn from you, I will always acknowledge you as mana whenua and charge you with the kaitiakitanga of the Word of God. Your status is assured.

I will make my dwelling among you.

I will live with you and in you. I give you Mary to guide and protect you. I will do this your way.

I will walk among you.

I will enrich to your values, laws, and practices. I will be Māori.

I will be your God and you will be my people.

I am You and you are Me.

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This is your land and I do not intend to change that; you will continue to live in peace.

- ☒ ***Ngāti Kapu*** are acknowledged as the owners of the lands and buildings at *Pukekaraka*.
- ☒ You *Ngāti Kapu*, are assured that all decisions made will be agreed together.
- ☒ You and future generations are assured of peace and security on your land.
- ☒ You will always be *Ngāti Kapu* of *Pukekaraka*.

I will bring my Holy Spirit and the Scriptures that you will know and trust me. I will build your families strength and resilience that you will enjoy the bountiful blessings of the new and eternal covenant. Your numbers will swell, and this richness will flow through the generations to follow. This is my commitment to you.

- ☒ The Catholic Church is assured a place at *Pukekaraka* for the purpose of sharing the Holy Scriptures and the growth of the *Pukekaraka* Catholic Faith practice, as intended when invited to join them by the *tupuna* of *Ngāti Kapu*.
- ☒ *Pukekaraka* is the community that will be blessed, its numbers will swell, and it will be retained by covenant as a special place, a source of Catholic Faith growth for the future.
- ☒ *Pukekaraka* will incubate and grow the numbers of *Māori* who practice the Faith.
- ☒ St Peter Chanel Catholic School, provided for in 1854, its core to Faith education and its Integration Agreement will be changed,

with the support of the Archbishop, to reflect the needs of *Pukekaraka* Catholic Faith practice.

- ⌘ This is a commitment/agreement sealed by God.

I will not turn from you, I will always acknowledge you as mana whenua, and charge you with the kaitiakitanga of the Word of God. Your status is assured.

- ⌘ Let it always be known that the Catholic Church will not dishonour the intention of the invitation of the *Ngāti Kaputupuna*; this agreement will stand.
- ⌘ As *Mana Whenua*, *Ngāti Kapu* will never be dispossessed.
- ⌘ *Ngāti Kapu* are responsible to ensure the safety and security of the Catholic Faith Practice at *Pukekaraka*, defending it and promoting the Word and work of God amongst *Māori*.

I will live with you and in you. I give you Mary to guide and protect you.

I will do this your way.

- ⌘ The Catholic Church willingly accepts *Kaupapa, kawa & tikanga Māori* at *Pukekaraka*.
- ⌘ The Whole Faith Community at *Pukekaraka* will embrace, join and practice *tikanga Māori*.
- ⌘ All *tikanga* including liturgical practices will acknowledge and embrace *Māori* and support the aspirations of *Ngāti Kapu* at *Pukekaraka*.
- ⌘ No Faith practice will be imposed upon the Faith Community at *Pukekaraka*, other than by agreement and after consultation.
- ⌘ The Archbishop will review and consult with *Ngāti Kapu* at *Pukekaraka* to agree the best way to reflect this Covenant in the organisation of the place of *Ngāti Kapu at Pukekaraka* in the Archdiocese of Wellington, and will make the changes necessary to put it in place.

I will enrich your values, laws, and practices. I will be Māori.

- ⌘ The Catholic Faith will enhance and contribute to a distinctively *Māori* practice at *Pukekaraka*.
- ⌘ The *Māori* Catholic Faith practice will flourish at *Pukekaraka*.
- ⌘ The community will be identifiably Māori.

I will be your God and you will be my people.

I am You and you are Me.

- ⌘ I will keep all my promises to you.
- ⌘ You will keep all your promises to me
- ⌘ You will enjoy all the benefits of my chosen people.

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