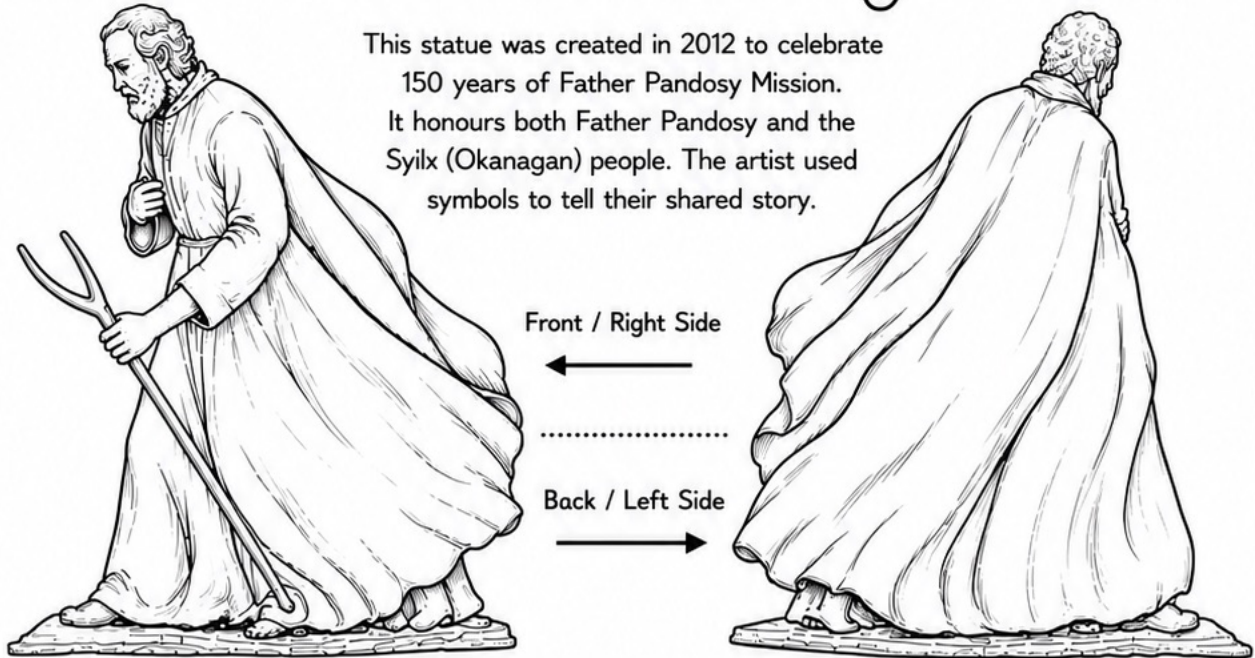


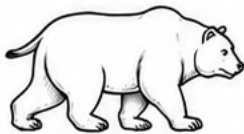
Explore the 150th Anniversary Statue

This statue was created in 2012 to celebrate 150 years of Father Pandosy Mission. It honours both Father Pandosy and the Syilx (Okanagan) people. The artist used symbols to tell their shared story.



- Look closely at the statue. Find the four symbols on the front/right side and back/left side. Draw an arrow from each symbol to the place where you found it.

Black Bear



Strength and one of the traditional Syilx Four Food Chiefs.

Salmon



Life, food, and the importance of the rivers to the Syilx people.

Bitterroot



An important traditional food gathered each spring.

Saskatoon Berry



Another traditional food that has been harvested for generations.

- Father Pandosy is holding a pruning hook. Why do you think the artist chose this tool instead of a Bible, cross, or walking stick?

- Why do you think the artist used symbols instead of writing the story on the statue?



Father Pandosy says...

Look closely! The flowing robes show the challenges of pioneer life. The four symbols remind us that this land has a much longer Indigenous history.

- Which symbol do you think is the most important? Explain why.
