



Archdiocese of Vancouver

ARCHBISHOP'S OFFICE

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Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ:

Once again, in the penitential season of Lent, I am appealing to you to participate in this year's Share Lent Campaign, led by the Canadian Catholic Organization for Development and Peace.

As the Canadian member of Caritas Internationalis, Development and Peace works with frontline partners in Asia, Africa, Latin America and the Middle East. With a preferential option for the poor, D&P delivers emergency relief to those suffering severe hardships arising from natural disasters and war. It is also active in fostering ongoing reconstruction and supporting human rights.

This year's Share Lent theme is "Create a Climate of Change." It derives from Pope Francis's two interconnected pleas to the whole human family.

First, the Holy Father has called all of us to act as good stewards of the Earth, the common home which God has entrusted to our care. He invites us to live simply so as to help our suffering brothers and sisters in the Global South, who bear a disproportionate burden of poverty.

Second, Pope Francis has invited us during the Jubilee Year of Mercy to be "merciful like the Father" and to go out to our neighbour in need. Like Jesus, we are to feed the hungry, give drink to the thirsty, and clothe the naked.

We are one human family, and if one member suffers, all suffer together. Let us be generous in our Share Lent donations, so that we can support our brothers and sisters who are striving to help themselves.

With the assurance of my prayers for you and your families during this holy Lenten season, I am

Sincerely yours in Christ,

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