



Archdiocese of Vancouver
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Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ:

Once again I appeal to you to participate in this year's Share Lent Campaign, led by the Canadian Catholic Organization for Development and Peace. Development and Peace is the Canadian member of *Caritas Internationalis* and works on behalf of the poor, the marginalized and those suffering the effects of war, violence and natural disasters throughout the world. Recent examples of CCODP aid include assisting the victims of Typhoon Haiyan in the Philippines and refugees fleeing Syria.

This year's Share Lent campaign will focus on global hunger. Last December the Holy Father launched the *One Human Family, Food for All* campaign which seeks to bring an end to world hunger. Development and Peace is participating in this effort.

Christ, as we learn in the Gospel, calls us to love others as He loved us, with compassion, tenderness and solidarity. We are called to share our wealth to help those who, in the words of Pope Francis, are: "living in conditions opposed to human dignity: those who lack basic rights and needs such as food, water, hygiene, work and the opportunity to develop and grow culturally."

Because Lent is a time of self-denial, penance, and alms-giving, it is fitting that we deny ourselves to help feed the hungry. The Holy Father reminds us: "Let us not forget that real poverty hurts" and so I encourage you to be generous in your Share Lent donation on Solidarity Sunday, April 6.

With cordial best wishes for you and your family during the holy season of renewal and conversion of heart, I remain

Sincerely yours in Christ,

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