PARISH BULLETIN ANNOUNCEMENTS

You are invited to ask your parish if it would like to publish these announcements from Development and Peace – Caritas Canada’s 2019 Share Lent campaign in its bulletin to promote. Ideally, the messages should be published over seven consecutive weeks starting on March 3rd. You can download these announcements on our Share Lent web page in the Resources section at devp.org/sharelent/resources.

Pre-Lenten announcement: March 3

This Share Lent lets create a culture of encounter

For this year’s Share Lent, Development and Peace – Caritas Canada encourages us to reach out to forcibly displaced persons and to share their journey. How?

1) Donate online at devp.org/give or give during the Solidarity Sunday collection on the 5th Sunday of Lent on April 7. The funds collected are used to support over 162 projects in 37 countries around the world!
2) Take part or organize a solidarity walk in solidarity with forcibly displaced persons: devp.org/walk
3) Read the Development and Peace Share Lent materials as a way to encounter children, women and men who have been forcibly displaced and to learn how their partners are making a difference.

For more information, please contact [Name of the local Development and Peace contact person] at [Telephone number] or by email at [Email address].

Week 1: March 10

Share the journey with poor coastal communities in Tacloban, the Philippines

In 2013, poor coastal communities in the Philippines saw their homes ravaged by Super Typhoon Haiyan. Thanks to your donations, Development and Peace and its local partners formed a consortium for the purchase of a piece land that affected communities were empowered to transform into the Pope Francis Village.

Watch the documentary After the storm to follow the inspiring journey of these communities: devp.org/en/philippines-documentary.
**Week 2: March 17**

*Share the journey with members of the Umuechem community in Nigeria*

In 1990, a peaceful community in the south of Nigeria became the victim of what has been recognized as the first crime committed by an oil company. Traumatized by a massacre of unparalleled violence, a large majority of the members of this community fled to neighbouring communities, never to return home again. To make sure that their story is never forgotten and to combat impunity, Development and Peace’s partner Social Action is supporting the Umuechem community in their legal action against the oil company.

Discover the story of people forced to flee their homes and ways for each one of us to act in solidarity with them: [devp.org/lent](http://devp.org/lent).

**Week 3: March 24**

*Share the journey with the Rohingyas of Myanmar*

Facing persecution and violence, 723,000 Rohingyas have fled Myanmar since August 2017 and taken refuge across the border, in neighbouring Bangladesh. Development and Peace’s long-time partner Caritas Bangladesh is working hard to restore some dignity to these people who simply yearn to live in peace. Thanks to your donations, Caritas Bangladesh has been able to provide temporary shelters, access to clean water, safe latrines and showers for women and girls, and hygiene kits, and to raise awareness among refugees about safety issues.

Your generosity makes a difference in the lives of the Rohingya! [devp.org/give](http://devp.org/give).

**Week 4: March 31**

*Share the journey with those forcibly displaced in Colombia*

In Colombia, over 6.5 million people have been forcibly displaced due to conflict, violence, natural disasters, and development projects. With your support, Development and Peace’s partner the National Agrarian Coordination (NAC) is working with Indigenous women, many of whom are victims of forced displacement, to help them gain the skills and confidence to be intermediaries with the authorities. By promoting inclusive and participatory democracies, we are addressing one of the root causes of forced migration!
Next week is Solidarity Sunday, when the Share Lent collection in support of the work of Development and Peace will take place. Your generosity has a real impact on the lives of our sisters and brothers in the Global South!

**Week 5: April 7 (Solidarity Sunday)**

*Share the journey with Syrian refugees in Lebanon*

Since the war broke out in Syria in 2011, some 12.5 million Syrians have had to flee their homes. Development and Peace partner House of Peace (HOPe) is working to build bridges between Syrian refugees and their host communities in Lebanon.

On this Solidarity Sunday, we extend a warm thank you for your generosity. Your donation will help our sisters and brothers across the world, from Colombia all the way to Lebanon, Nigeria, and elsewhere! Thank you for helping us build a world of peace and justice, where no one will be forced to flee their home! [devp.org/give](devp.org/give)

**April 14 (or as soon as the results of the fundraising campaign are known)**

*Thank you for your generous support of the 2019 Share Lent campaign!*

Development and Peace — Caritas Canada thanks you for your Share Lent donation. Thanks to your generosity, [amount] was collected in our parish. This sum will help support the actions of our sisters and brothers in Africa, Asia, Latin America, and the Middle East. If you have not had a chance to donate, there is still time to place your Share Lent envelope in the Offertory or to donate online at [devp.org/give](devp.org/give). Thank you for continuing to pray for all those who are working to build a world of peace and justice.