

2016 SHARE LENT BULLETIN ANNOUNCEMENTS

You are invited to ask your parish to publish these announcements in your parish bulletin, or read them during school announcements, to promote this year's Share Lent campaign for Development and Peace. There is one announcement for each Sunday of Lent and one for the preceding week. You can also download these announcements in Word format from the Resources page at devp.org/sharelent. The bulletin announcements contain references to the free materials you can order and distribute during the appropriate week to promote the campaign.

Pre-Lenten announcement - February 7th

Get your 2016 Share Lent calendar!

On Ash Wednesday Development and Peace will launch its annual Share Lent campaign with its theme for the year, Create a Climate of Change. Money raised through Share Lent provides vital support to the poor in more than 30 countries throughout Africa, Asia, Latin America and the Middle East. You can make Share Lent a part of your own Lenten journey by putting up a Solidarity Calendar in your home (available in the parish today). Or you can download our Lenten Calendar app for free from the App store or Google Play! Learn more about the campaign at devp.org/sharelent. The Share Lent collection will take place on March 13th, Solidarity Sunday. If you wish to help out with the campaign please contact: (local D&P rep's name) at (phone number – email).

Week 1 - February 14th

Share Lent - A Climate of Change pilgrimage starts in Haiti

This year for Share Lent, Development and Peace invites you to join a Climate of Change pilgrimage. Together we will journey through Lent with people whose lives are being changed with your support. Please take a copy of the Mini-magazine from church today. This is your pilgrimage guide. In Week 1 we meet Adonis Medjine from Haiti. A survivor of the 2010 earthquake, she is benefitting from a social enterprise project to raise chickens. "I have a husband and two children. Thanks to this job and the wages I receive, I can take care of my family, send my children to school and complete a few projects."

Week 2 – February 21st

Share Lent Pilgrimage - Working to end inequality in Paraguay

This week our pilgrimage travels to Paraguay where we meet Liz Benitez. Her country is one where 1% of the landowners hold 77% of arable land. Liz's family are part of a peasant movement supported by Development and Peace who work to gain access to land for the poorest farmers in the country, the *campesinos*. They have been threatened by the state and police because of their work. "I just want to live peacefully with my family," she says. This year consider stretching your Share Lent donation across the whole year with our Share Year-Round monthly giving program. Brochures are available at the back of the church.

Week 3 – February 28th

Share Lent Pilgrimage – Building community in Indonesia

The 3rd week of our pilgrimage finds us in Indonesia. The word *kampung* has come to mean 'slum' in the local language, but its original definition is 'community.' Your support for Share Lent means that Try Mopurto, who lives in a *kampung*, has been able to renovate his home for his family, despite suffering from mental illness. The community is coming together to support him and his family. "My home is my heaven," he says, "because here we feel the meaning of brotherhood in the social life of the *kampung*."

Week 4 - March 6th

Share Lent Pilgrimage – Helping nuns serve their people in Bethlehem

Now our pilgrimage takes us to the Holy Land. Development and Peace is supporting Salesian nuns in the Cremisan Valley in Bethlehem in their struggle to remain close to their people. Their ability to provide schooling to over 450 children has been threatened by the construction of a separation wall which will cut them off from the people they serve. Your support helps to provide them with crucial legal support to fight the construction in the courts. Next Sunday is Solidarity Sunday and the Share Lent collection. Please be generous!

Week 5 – March 13th

Share Lent Pilgrimage – Solidarity Sunday!

Today is Solidarity Sunday. Thank you for your generosity. Every gift goes far to help our sisters and brothers around the world – from Haiti to Paraguay to Bethlehem and beyond! We end our Share Lent pilgrimage with the words of our Holy Father Pope Francis in this Jubilee Year of Mercy: "Mercy is the force that reawakens us to new life and instills in us the courage to look to the future with hope."

Thank you for helping to create a hopeful future!

Post-campaign announcement - March 20th (or when the final results of the collection are available)

Thank you for supporting Share Lent 2016!

Development and Peace wishes to thank all those who made a gift to the Share Lent campaign! Through your generosity (insert \$ amount) was collected in our parish. This will serve the needs of our sisters and brothers in Africa, Asia, Latin America, and the Middle East. If you did not have a chance to make your donation, you can still place your Share Lent envelopes in the offertory or donate directly at devp.org/give.