President’s Message

In a world distressed by insecurity, war and fear along with the devastating effects of climate change, the work of the Catholic Pastoral Centre of Development and Peace continues to be vital. We remain committed to working with local women and children who are suffering and to building awareness among our fellow Canadians of systems supporting such injustice.

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The theme of the Democratic Rights of the Global South in the November 2009 election is democracy. Hence we have to increase awareness of the importance of democratic electoral processes. We continue to play a key communications role in the Montreal City Council meeting, which continues to ensure that our work and our approach remain relevant to the world in which we live. Our National Secretariat relocated to new quarters in downtown Montreal.

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Over the course of 2005-2006, we saw the growing urgency for appropriate and adequate dialogue. As a result, we launched a multi-year education campaign focused on the issue of access to clean drinking water. Over the course of the program, the campaign reached more than 285,000 postcards supporting our demand that water should be recognized as a human right.

In 2005-2006, the third year in our campaign, we found itself part of a growing international movement. In 2006, more than 285,000 postcards supporting our demand that water should be recognized as a human right were delivered to a dozen diplomatic missions in Canada. As part of the process, we encouraged people to use tap water rather than bottled water.

Government contributions amounted to $3,550,000.

## ACCOUNTING TUPES OF THE YEAR ENDING AUGUST 31, 2006

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## LAKE MICHIGAN

- Lake Michigan is a major component of the Great Lakes.
- It is the world’s third largest lake by area and the second largest by volume.
- It is home to an estimated 2,600 species of aquatic life.
- It is affected by pollution from various sources, including runoffs, spills, and chemical waste.
- Conservation efforts are ongoing to protect and restore the lake’s ecosystems.

## CARRIERS OF ASHLEY NELSON

- Carriers of Ashley Nelson is a band that performs traditional music from the American South.
- They use instruments like the fiddle, banjo, and guitar.
- Their music is known for its lively, upbeat tempo and soulful harmonies.
- They often incorporate storytelling into their performances, adding depth to their musical expressions.

## BENJAMIN FRANKLIN

- Benjamin Franklin was a prolific inventor, writer, and diplomat.
- He played a significant role in establishing the United States of America.
- Franklin is known for his multiple inventions, including bifocals, the lightning rod, and the Franklin stove.
- His contributions to science, politics, and literature continue to inspire people worldwide.

## MEXICAN GOVERNMENT

- The Mexican government is a federal constitutional presidential republic.
- It is one of the most populous countries in the world.
- Mexico is a major economic power and is known for its rich cultural heritage.
- The government faces challenges in addressing poverty, inequality, and drug-related violence.

## DEATH OF STEPHEN HAWKING

- Stephen Hawking was a renowned theoretical physicist and cosmologist.
- He was diagnosed with motor neuron disease at the age of 21 and was confined to a wheelchair for most of his life.
- Hawking made significant contributions to the study of black holes and the origins of the universe.
- He was a widely respected figure in the scientific community and a public intellectual known for his accessible writings and public lectures.

## DEVELOPMENT AND PEACE, CARITAS INTERNATIONALIS

- Caritas is a global Catholic organization that works to alleviate poverty and prevent hunger.
- It operates in over 150 countries and is a member of the Caritas Internationalis network.
- Caritas’ mission is to serve marginalized and vulnerable people by providing humanitarian assistance.

## FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

Caritas Canada Emergency Relief Fund

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## BOARD OF DIRECTORS

- The Board of Directors oversees the activities of Caritas Canada to ensure its mission is fulfilled.
- Members come from diverse backgrounds, including business, education, and the community.
- They work collaboratively to make strategic decisions for the organization.

## GIVING TOWARDS THE NEEDS OF THE WORLD

- Caritas and its partners work in 135 countries to alleviate poverty and prevent hunger.
- They provide education, health, and emergency relief programs.
- Caritas is known for its commitment to responding to emergencies and providing long-term development solutions.

## WATER DECLARATION

- The Water Declaration was presented to the Canadian government in 2006.
- It affirms water as a sacred gift and celebrates its role in the world.
- Endorsed by more than 236,000 Canadians, the Water Declaration was presented to the Canadian government on March 22, 2006.
- It serves as a basis for ongoing efforts to protect and promote the rights to water.

## EMERGENCY RELIEF AND RECONSTRUCTION

- Caritas has responded to emergency situations around the world.
- It provides immediate assistance in crises such as natural disasters and conflicts.
- Caritas works closely with local communities to ensure that its interventions are sustainable and locally appropriate.

## EDUCATION PROGRAMS

- Caritas supports education programs in various countries.
- It focuses on improving access to education, especially for marginalized communities.
- Caritas believes that education is a key to breaking cycles of poverty and promoting social justice.

## COMMUNICATION AND RESEARCH

- Caritas engages in research and communication efforts to enhance its impact.
- It uses various tools to raise awareness and mobilize support for its causes.
- Its research contributes to understanding the root causes of poverty and injustice.

## FUND BALANCES

- Caritas maintains fund balances to ensure financial stability and aid effectiveness.
- It allocates funds for operations, development, and emergency relief.
- Caritas prides itself on being transparent and accountable in its financial management.