

Message for mass

Duration of activity: 3 minutes.

Good morning. My name is _____, and I am a member of _____ parish. I'm also a member of the Canadian Catholic Organization for DEVELOPMENT AND PEACE. Over 45 years ago, the Catholic Bishops of Canada established DEVELOPMENT AND PEACE with the mandate to be in solidarity with the poor in Africa, Asia, Latin America and the Middle East.

DEVELOPMENT AND PEACE is the Canadian member of Caritas Internationalis, a confederation of Catholic development organizations around the world. Caritas has launched a global campaign, called "One Human Family, Food for All". This campaign is in response to the fact that 1 in every 8 of God's children still suffer from hunger – a total of one billion people on our planet. To die of hunger in our world of plenty is a scandal and denies the most basic human right: the right to food.

Catholics around the world have joined this campaign, which was launched by the Holy Father Pope Francis in December. DEVELOPMENT AND PEACE has answered this call. Our goal is to create change so that the abundance of God's creation is shared equally amongst all around the world. We know that we can end the injustice of hunger and make a place at the table for the poor.

Many of DEVELOPMENT AND PEACE's partners are working towards ensuring food sovereignty - the right of people to healthy food and the right to develop their own agricultural systems. Many of our partners are supporting small-scale farmers and have come together to call for reforms to the way food is grown, produced, and distributed. These partners have created seed banks to improve crops; they are teaching agricultural methods to grow food on dry fields; they are creating farming and fishing cooperatives; and they are speaking out against land grabs and forest destruction. By supporting their work, we are making room at the table for all and ensuring that everyone receives their daily bread.

Today is Solidarity Sunday, when Canadian Catholics open their arms wide across the globe and show our solidarity with our brothers and sisters in the Global South who are struggling for justice and dignity. This is our opportunity to express our faith and demonstrate that we are part of one human family.

Today, I am asking you to contribute towards making a significant difference in the lives of the people of the Global South. I'm asking you to give generously in order to make a place at the table for the poor. I am asking you to give, for the good of the whole human family of which we are all members, and within which we are all responsible for each other.

Thank you so much for your generosity and your solidarity.



Short announcement from the pulpit

Duration of activity: 1 minute.

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One out of every 8 of God's children suffers from hunger – a total of one billion people on our planet. To die of hunger in our world of plenty is a scandal and denies the most basic human right: the right to food. Supporting this global campaign is our opportunity to express our faith and demonstrate that we are part of one human family.

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