BULLETIN ANNOUNCEMENTS: Share Lent 2014

Share Lent Workshop on (Insert date)

This year, DEVELOPMENT AND PEACE’s annual Share Lent campaign is addressing the issue of hunger. There are one billion people in the world who do not have enough to eat. By addressing the root causes of poverty, DEVELOPMENT AND PEACE is working to ensure that all people have access to food. If you would like to know more about hunger in the world, the work of DEVELOPMENT AND PEACE, and how you can help to make the Share Lent campaign a success in your parish, join us for a workshop on (Date) at (time) at the following address: (insert address). Everyone is welcome. For more information, please call (parish rep’s name) at (###-####) or (co-chair’s name) at (###-####).

DEVELOPMENT AND PEACE launches its Share Lent campaign, One Human Family, Food for All

DEVELOPMENT AND PEACE’s Share Lent campaign is now underway! This year, DEVELOPMENT AND PEACE has joined Caritas Internationalis’ global campaign One Human Family, Food for All to end hunger. Caritas is a network of Catholic development organizations worldwide, including DEVELOPMENT AND PEACE, that are fighting poverty and injustice. At the launch of the Caritas campaign in December, Pope Francis denounced hunger as a global scandal. DEVELOPMENT AND PEACE is working with communities in the Global South to ensure that they are able to put food on their families’ tables. Help us end global hunger by contributing to the campaign on Solidarity Sunday, the fifth Sunday of Lent!

Join DEVELOPMENT AND PEACE’s Good Friday Fast (To be published the First Sunday of Lent: March 9, 2014)

In his Lenten message, the Holy Father reminds us of our call to fast: “Lent is a fitting time for self-denial; we would do well to ask ourselves what we can give up in order to help and enrich others by our own poverty. Let us not forget that real poverty hurts: no self-denial is real without this dimension of penance.”

Fasting allows us to free our souls for prayer. From a charitable perspective, it is an opportunity to stand in solidarity with the one billion people around the world who do not have enough to eat, and share in their suffering.

This year, please join DEVELOPMENT AND PEACE’s Good Friday Fast and help raise funds to end poverty and hunger in the Global South. Create your own fundraising page on DEVELOPMENT AND PEACE’s website and ask friends and family to support you in your efforts. There are many resources available to help you engage in a meaningful and prayerful Fast. Sign up today at www.devp.org/goodfridayfast!
Event on (insert date) in support of DEVELOPMENT AND PEACE!

The parish DEVELOPMENT AND PEACE committee is organizing an event on XX to raise awareness on issues of hunger in the world and in support of the work of DEVELOPMENT AND PEACE. This year, DEVELOPMENT AND PEACE is focusing its annual Share Lent fundraising campaign on the issue of global hunger. There are close to one billion people in the world who do not have enough to eat. This is mainly due to poverty and injustice, which DEVELOPMENT AND PEACE is addressing through its projects in Africa, Asia, Latin America and the Middle East. Join us on (insert date) at (insert time and locate) for a (description of activity). For more information, contact (insert contact information). We hope to see you there!

Food sovereignty is helping to alleviate hunger

Food sovereignty is the right of people to healthy food and the right to define their own food and agricultural systems. DEVELOPMENT AND PEACE is supporting several local organizations in the Global South who are promoting food sovereignty as a way to help communities affected by poverty and hunger have access to land, seeds and fair prices at the market so they can feed their families. In Haiti, these projects are making a difference in the lives of many. Women are learning to plant fruit tree nurseries. They can use the fruit not only as nourishment but also to earn an income. Learn more about DEVELOPMENT AND PEACE’s work on food sovereignty in Haiti in a new documentary called On the Road to Food Sovereignty. Watch it at www.devp.org/roadhaiti. Support DEVELOPMENT AND PEACE and contribute to solutions towards ending hunger!

Make a difference all year long by becoming a Share-Year Round donor

DEVELOPMENT AND PEACE is the international development organization of the Catholic Church in Canada, founded by the Canadian Conference of Catholic Bishops in 1967 to stand in solidarity with the poor and marginalized in the Global South. Its programs are making a difference in the lives of millions in Africa, Asia, Latin America and the Middle East. These programs are funded by the generosity of Catholics across Canada who are showing their solidarity with their brothers and sisters in the Global South who are faced with injustice and poverty. You can help to make a difference year-round by becoming a monthly donor. For the price of a movie outing, three women in Afghanistan can receive a micro-credit loan and training for a month. It’s amazing what your support can do! To learn more, contact XXXX.

Next weekend is Solidarity Sunday! (to be published the 4th Sunday of Lent, on March 30, 2014)

In today’s liturgical reading, Jesus restores a blind man’s eye sight. He shows the God’s love for humanity and reveals that the dignity of marginalized people is sacred. The Pope’s Lenten message reminds of this: “In the poor and outcast we see Christ’s face; by loving and helping the poor, we love and serve Christ. Our efforts are also directed to ending violations of human dignity, discrimination and abuse in the world, for these are so often the cause of destitution.” Next weekend is Solidarity Sunday, when there will be a special collection for DEVELOPMENT AND PEACE, which works to end poverty and injustice by working with the most poor and marginalized in the Global South. Please be generous on Solidarity Sunday and contribute to these important efforts!
A prayer for the hungry: The Richness of your Harvest

During Lent this year, DEVELOPMENT AND PEACE is raising awareness about hunger in the world with its One Human Family, Food for All Share Lent campaign. Here is a prayer for the one billion people in the world who do not have enough to eat:

Thank you for the smile of the child: eyes bright, belly full, licking the last caked crumbs from his spoon.
Thank you for the pride of the woman: arms spread, palms stretched, heavy with her first year’s harvest.
Thank you for the joy of the man: coming home to his family’s future with fair payment for his crops.
Thank you for the love of the neighbour: seeing another’s need, sharing from the little she owns.
Thank you for the hope that we share: determination that all should enjoy the richness of your harvest.

Prayer cards featuring this prayer are available at the back of the church.

The Fifth Sunday of Lent is Solidarity Sunday (To be published on April 6, 2014)

During this Lenten season, DEVELOPMENT AND PEACE invites you to think about the poor and marginalized in the Global South, who face the injustices of war, poverty, hunger and denial of human rights every day. In today’s liturgical reading, Jesus raises Lazarus from the dead. He does not turn away from the brother he loves and demonstrates that God’s love makes life eternal.

Today is Solidarity Sunday. There will be a special collection in support of the work of DEVELOPMENT AND PEACE, whose efforts alongside the most poor and marginalized in the Global South are an expression of love to mankind, which fulfills Jesus’ message of hope, justice and kindness. Thank you for your generosity and solidarity. We are all one human family, and your gift will help to make a place at the table for the poor and ensure that everyone receives their daily bread.

Thank you for supporting DEVELOPMENT AND PEACE during Share Lent!

Thank you to the entire parish community for your generosity in this year’s Share Lent collection. Together we have raised $ (insert amount). As one global human family, we are helping to build God’s reign of justice and peace based on human dignity, where everyone has a place at the table and their daily bread.