February 26
Ash Wednesday
Let’s honor our loving Creator God and for our common home.

February 27
Watch our animated video For our Common Home. What can you do to care for the Earth and its people?

February 28
Do you buy things you don’t need? Learn the difference between needs and wants so you can be a smart consumer. Donate $25 for every reusable bag you recycle

February 29
Can you reduce your use of disposable packaging (tissues, straws, etc.)? Donate $25 for every item you recycling.

March 1
1st Sunday of Lent
Lord Jesus, be with us in our commitment to care for our common home and all its inhabitants.

March 2
Catholic Social Teaching (CST) is central to our faith and the work of Development and Peace. Each Sunday, discover a CST principle and learn how it helps build the Kingdom of God.

March 3
Indigenous and traditional peoples in the Amazon are threatened for protecting their land and water. Let us pray for them.

March 4
Everyone has the right to a dignified life. It is our responsibility to respect the rights of people and our common home. Pray that we may all live in dignity, peace and security.

March 5
The Amazon is home to 1/3 of the Earth’s forests. How can we better protect our forests and their guardians?

March 6
It’s baking time! Why not bake with your friends and family, make muffins and sell them in support of Development and Peace.

Thank you for your solidarity!
Meet Susan Mariela

14 years old

"Hi! My name is Susan Mariela and I’m from Puerto Luz, Peru, which is in the Amazon. I speak the Harakbut language and am happy to come from an Indigenous community. I like how different we are. The Amazon, for me, is important. It’s where I come from and where I feel at home. I’m always surrounded by animals and fruit trees, and I’m constantly learning new things.

I can see that contamination is increasing and logging is becoming excessive. Oil extraction is also polluting our rivers. I think people don’t realize they are hurting others with their actions. There are Indigenous people who go out and fish but find the waterways polluted. They can’t find drinking water or places to wash.

I want us to protect nature. My community and I are asking that we all take care of the forest. Please spread the word and let others know about us. We Indigenous peoples need to ensure that our way of life will not be destroyed and our people will not become extinct."

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Let’s play!

1. What are the threats to the Amazon? Circle all correct answers:

A. Cattle ranching  B. Industrial agriculture  C. Logging and deforestation  D. Mining  E. Hydroelectric dams

2. How can we live more simply? Colour in red what you and your family can do less or use less. Colour in green what you can try to do more often.

A. Ride a bike  B. Take your car everywhere  C. Ride the bus  D. Take a plane  E. Eat lots of meat

F. Eat local fruits and vegetables  G. Take quick showers (and don’t overfill your bath)  H. Recycle your well-rinsed containers  I. Update electronics as soon as you can

J. Reuse – Repair  K. Buy many things (more than you need)  L. Waste leftover food

As part of the For our Common Home campaign, we are asking Canadians to stand in solidarity with the Murus and the seringueiros of Brazil. You are invited to sign our Solidarity Letter at devp.org/act, or draw your own message of solidarity.

Scan or take a picture of your drawing and send it to: action@devp.org by April 30, 2020.

The drawings will be published in a Flickr photo album and then given to the communities in July 2020 by a Development and Peace youth delegation.

See what Susan Mariela and her peers at the Santa Cruz school in Puerto Maldonado, Peru, have to say about the Amazon and our common home.