2017 Solidarity Calendar
Thank you for your generosity!

Sunday
5 Watch the video of Pope Francis’ prayer intentions for May 2016 and learn what his Holiness has to say about the role of women in today’s world.

Monday
6 Be a positive leader! If you are a girl, speak up about something that is important to you or encourage a girl in your life to do so.

Tuesday
7 Did you know that in Paraguay, farming is traditionally reserved for men? Development and Peace works with organizations like Decidamos, who support Indigenous women farmers.

Wednesday
8 International Women’s Day
Send a picture of an inspiring woman in your life to us at devp.org/give. Tell us who she is and why she inspires you.

Thursday
9 Pray for women around the world who cultivate land to feed their families and their communities.

Friday
10 Liz Benítez, a 13-year-old Paraguayan girl, had to abandon school after her family was evicted from their land. Learn about her dreams at devp.org/testimonials/liz.

Saturday
11 Donate $2 to support organizations in Paraguay like Decidamos and AMUCAP. They help women support each other and work for equality.

April 1st
24 Tell a friend about Sandra’s story (on the back page) and let her/him know about community radio in the Democratic Republic of the Congo and its impact on women.

April 15th
8 Celebrate Easter in solidarity with women cocoa farmers by choosing fair trade chocolate options at your local grocery store.

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Актуально для всех!

Всегда на подхвате!
QUIZ
Try out our quiz! Look these topics up online and explore the issue of women in development. Then, talk about it with your family and friends.

1. According to the World Food Program, what percentage of countries have an equal number of girls and boys in secondary school?
   a) 19%  
   b) 39%  
   c) 59%  
   d) 79%

2. According to UNESCO, if all women had a secondary education, child deaths would be reduced by how much?
   a) 10%  
   b) 25%  
   c) 40%  
   d) 50%

3. According to the FAO, giving women the same access as men to agricultural resources could increase production on women’s farms in developing countries by how much?
   a) 5-10%  
   b) 10-20%  
   c) 20-30%  
   d) 30-40%

4. When did Canadian women gain the right to vote in federal elections?
   This is a tough one! While some women were allowed to vote in federal elections as early as 1917, many women were excluded because of ethnicity. Indigenous women were not able to vote without losing their status and Indigenous rights until 1960. Inuit women, who received the right to vote in 1950, were not actually included in federal elections until ballot boxes were provided in 1962.

Answers: 1) b  2) d  3) c

Lenten Family Prayer
Lord, thank you for calling us on this Lenten journey. Help us to grow close to You, to give up those things which are unnecessary, to learn to listen to You, to help others and to simplify our lives. Walk with us as we prepare for Easter. Amen.

SANDRA MUKEYA
Young radio journalist

Sandra Mukeya, 18, lives in Likasi, a city in the south of the Democratic Republic of the Congo (DRC). Passionate about journalism, she has just finished high school and will soon begin her studies at the University of Lumbabashi in communications and information science.

“I only have one wish: to become a great political journalist. I really like to express myself. My opinion is important and has value. Journalism has taught me what needs to be said and how to say it. You have to tell the truth but you need to elaborate. Radio has had a positive impact on society here. Before, there was no television and no radio, so it was impossible to be aware of what was going on in the community.”

For more than a decade, Development and Peace has been supporting community radio stations in six provinces of the DRC, a country affected by more than two decades of conflict. From the start, these radio networks have, among other things, encouraged widespread and peaceful participation in elections, improved education for girls, increased social cohesion and expanded agricultural production.

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This Lent, Development and Peace – Caritas Canada is focusing on Women at the Heart of Change. Women are central actors in creating positive change in their communities, yet they often face difficulties because they are not treated equally. In many parts of the world, women have less access to work and girls have a hard time continuing their education beyond primary school. Women and girls are also more likely to be victims of violence, hunger and displacement. Join us as we learn about the challenges women face around the world, and meet amazing women who are overcoming these challenges in incredible ways. Learn, Pray and Act in solidarity with women throughout Lent!

LENT CALLS US TO THREE THINGS: PRAYING, FASTING AND ALMSGIVING

Praying:  
We pray to grow close to God, the source of our strength and the inspiration for how we live in the world.

Fasting:  
We fast from things that distract us from God, and return our attention to positive priorities.

Almsgiving:  
We give alms because we are inspired by God’s love of each of His creations. We respond with charity (helping others in their need) and justice (being transformed ourselves, in order to transform the world into the Kingdom of God).

USE THIS CALENDAR TO LEARN, PRAY AND ACT THROUGHOUT YOUR LENTEN JOURNEY!