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PARISH BULLETIN ANNOUNCEMENTS

Ask if your parish would like to publish these 2020 Share Lent announcements from Development and Peace — Caritas Canada its bulletin to promote the **For our Common Home** campaign. Ideally, the messages should be published over seven consecutive weeks, starting February 23, 2020.

Pre-Lenten announcement: February 23

This Share Lent, let's stand in solidarity with the defenders of the Earth



This year, Development and Peace — Caritas Canada is encouraging us to support all those in the Amazon and the Global South who are caring for God's creation. How can we help?

- 1) **Donate** online at devp.org/give or give during the Solidarity Sunday collection on March 29, the 5th Sunday of Lent. Your generosity helps support over 149 projects in 36 countries around the world!
- 2) **Read** Development and Peace's Share Lent literature and **watch** the videos to learn about and hear from the guardians of the Earth.
- 3) **Sign the Solidarity Letter** addressed to two embattled Brazilian communities at devp.org/act.

For more information, please contact [Name of the local Development and Peace contact person] at [Telephone number] or [Email address].

Week 1: March 1

The tree of solidarity that is Development and Peace — Caritas Canada



In 1967, the Bishops of Canada sowed a seed of solidarity, seeking to nurture a movement for social justice. This seed took root and blossomed into a strong tree. Its roots are the thousands of Canadians who support the organization by donating time and money. Its branches are partners who flourish and help build a world of justice. Their work bears fruit for millions of people in the Global South who are taking charge of their own destiny.

Consult the Mini-magazine to learn more about Development and Peace's work: devp.org/lent/resources.

Week 2: March 8 – International Women’s Day

Yesica: a voice that reverberates from the Amazon to the Synod



Yesica Patiachi Tayori of the Peru’s Harakbut Indigenous community was invited to the Synod of Bishops for the Pan-Amazon Region in October 2019. She said, *“We, the Indigenous peoples, have been, are and will always be the guardians of the forest. But caring for our common home is everyone’s responsibility, not just that of Indigenous peoples.”* Development and Peace’s partner, the Amazonian Centre for Anthropology and Practical Application (CAAAP), helps the Indigenous peoples of the Amazon ensure that their rights and territories are respected.

On this **International Women's Day**, let us salute the courage of women like Yesica, who bravely lead the defence of the land, water and people.

Watch Yesica’s testimony at devp.org/campaign/yesica.

Week 3: March 15

The Mura: beset by buffaloes, plagued by potash



For several years now, the Mura people of Brazil’s Amazonas state have sought to assert their claim to their ancestral lands. To their frustration however, it has been much easier for cattle herders and a potash mine to occupy and control those lands than it has been for them to have their rights respected. Development and Peace’s partner, the Indigenous Missionary Council (CIMI), helps them advocate for, defend and publicize their cause more effectively.

“On behalf of the Mura in my region, I want to thank Canadians. We are very happy to have your support. It helps us in our struggle to have our rights and our land respected.” — Jeremias Oliveira, representative of the Mura community, Brazil

Watch the Mura’s testimony at devp.org/campaign/mura.

Week 4: March 22

The *seringueiros*: protectors in peril



On reserves created by the Brazilian state, the *seringueiros* tap rubber trees and gather nuts and fruits for subsistence. But their lands are now coveted by powerful loggers, hunters, ranchers, soybean farmers, etc. They are facing increasing threats, intimidation and persecution. Despite these hardships, the *seringueiros* prefer remaining in place to tend their beloved forest.

Development and Peace’s partner, the Pastoral Land Commission (CPT), supports the *seringueiros* by documenting violations of their rights and by helping them legally contest the seizure of their lands.

“Those who want to help us should immediately come to see what is happening here so that we may keep the forest standing.” – Ederson Chaves Dias, *seringueiro*, Angelim Reserve, Machadinho d’Oeste

Watch the *seringueiros*’ testimony at devp.org/campaign/seringueiros.

Week 5: March 29 – Solidarity Sunday

This Lent, give from the heart *For our Common Home*



This Lent, Development and Peace — Caritas Canada invites us to be in solidarity with the guardians of the Amazon rainforest and to care for our common home.

On this Solidarity Sunday, we extend warm thanks for your generosity. Your donation will help our sisters and brothers across the world. Thank you for helping us build a world of peace and justice.

Give to your Share Lent parish collection or at devp.org/give.

April 5 (or as soon as the results of the fundraising campaign are known)

Thank you for giving from the heart to Share Lent 2020!

"The cry of the poor is the Church's cry of hope. When we make their cry our own, we can be certain, our prayer too will reach to the clouds."



**Thank you for heeding
the cry of hope!**

Your generosity makes a lasting difference.



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Development and Peace — Caritas Canada thanks you for your Share Lent donation. Thanks to your generosity, our parish collected [\$ amount]. This sum will help support our sisters and brothers in Africa, Asia, Latin America and the Middle East. If you have not had a chance to donate, there is still time to place your Share Lent envelope in the Offertory or to donate online at devp.org/give. Thank you for continuing to pray for all those who are working to build a world of peace and justice.

(Feel free to use the back of the Lenten poster to share the result of your community's collection).