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Re : Development and Peace review of partners

Dear Fathers, Pastoral Assistants and Parishioners,

You will recall my letter to you dated April 6th past, in which I spoke of the need to ensure that Development & Peace's partners in the Global South are in fact compliant with the social and moral teachings of the Catholic Church. Along with all the bishops of Canada, I consider this an essential element in our aid to foreign agencies who purport to do good in our name, and with the financial support we provide.

The attached document from Development & Peace was sent to me and all other Canadian bishops this afternoon. It attests to the sincere efforts on the part of D&P leadership at its headquarters to ensure this compliance among their partners.

I also wish to point out that the action that I have taken in withholding funds from D&P was not intended to suggest that I have no confidence whatever in D&P. Our local archdiocesan D&P members, as well as the staff at the western office in Edmonton, provide a valuable service to our parishes and schools in providing workshops, 40-hour fasts, making materials available, etc. As well, the funds for humanitarian relief at times of disaster around the world is not under question. This is not a time to "throw out the baby with the bathwater."

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