



1 September 2018

Dear Fathers and Parish Secretaries,

You most likely have seen on the news the devastation of much of the State of Kerala in India by severe flooding. While monsoons are characteristic of this region, this year's rains have been the worst in anyone's memory. We have many Catholics in our archdiocese from Kerala; they are naturally concerned about the condition of their families and countrymen.

Through the Canadian Bishops' Conference, I have asked what is being done from Canada to assist these people. I have learned that while they have not launched a major campaign, Development and Peace/Caritas Canada has allocated \$50,000 to provide rapid assistance to the most vulnerable and marginalized flood victims and to support its partner Caritas India, which is already on the ground helping those most affected. In the interests of adding our own local support, I ask you to include the following notice in your parish bulletin over the next two weekends.

### **Devastating Floods in the State of Kerala, India**

International news has revealed to the world the plight of the people in the State of Kerala, which is suffering from unprecedented flooding. The immediate response to this from Development & Peace/Caritas Canada has been to allocate \$50,000 to provide rapid assistance to the most vulnerable and marginalized flood victims and to support its partner Caritas India, which is already on the ground helping those most affected. If you wish to make a donation, please click on the following link to Development & Peace's web page ([donation page](#)).

Also, Development and Peace – Caritas Canada has published a news article regarding the devastating floods in Kerala, India: [Development and Peace - Caritas Canada extends a helping hand to those affected by devastating floods in Kerala, India](#)

Sincerely in Christ the Redeemer,

Most Rev. Gerard Pettipas, C.Ss.R.  
Archbishop of Grouard-McLennan

10301-102<sup>nd</sup> Street, Grande Prairie AB T8V 2W2  
Phone 780.532.9766 Fax 780.532.9706 Email [archbishop.agm@live.ca](mailto:archbishop.agm@live.ca)