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Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

Ash Wednesday is around the corner, and with it is the holy season of Lent. As we are reminded in the readings as this season begins, the sort of fast and self-denial that God expects of us is to respond to the needs of our sisters and brothers who suffer under injustices of many kinds.

The Canadian Catholic Organization for Development and Peace – Caritas Canada will launch its 2019 Lenten Campaign for 2019 at the same time. The campaign this year focuses our attention on forced migration and the plight of so many refugees. We hear about this devastating situation daily in the news. This theme is entitled Share the Journey. It is a timely topic which touches on so many aspects of justice, human rights and mercy.

I call on all of us in this Archdiocese to give due attention to this campaign, the teaching and awareness that it promotes, and the prayers that it calls for. I pray that this campaign will be a foundation stone for our Lenten renewal for 2019.

Sincerely in Christ the Redeemer,

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