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Re: Share Lent & COVID19

Dear Faithful of the Archdiocese of Grouard-McLennan,

The COVID19 crisis that we find ourselves in today gives us a sense of the fear and insecurity that so many of our brothers and sisters in the global south live on a regular basis. Each Lent we show our concern and support for these brothers and sisters by supporting the Share Lent campaign of Development & Peace – Caritas Canada.

This year a crucial part of Share Lent, the Solidarity Sunday collection that would have been taken up on March 29th will have to be postponed to a later date to be determined once the COVID19 crisis is over.

Until that later date is announced, I encourage the faithful to still show their generosity on Solidarity Sunday by giving to Development and Peace – Caritas Canada in the following ways:

- 1) Donate directly on-line at devp.org/give
- 2) By phone at: 1-888-664-3387
- 3) Mail your donation to: Development and Peace, 1425 Rene-Levesque Blvd. 3rd floor, Montreal, QC, H3G1T7

Your support for Share Lent is especially important in a global context where the potential spread of COVID19 to the global south in a significant way would be devastating. In more than 30 countries, Development and Peace supports the integral human development of communities that makes them more resilient in the face of challenges like COVID19.

In addition to making a financial gift as you are able, you are also invited to visit the Share Lent website: www.devp.org/sharelent to enjoy the many videos and other online Lenten resources that can help make your Lenten journey a meaningful one.

Even though we may not gather together in a physical church over the next while, this period of time can be a great testimony to our faith and the presence of God witnessed in our care for our neighbor, including our brothers and sisters in the Global South who in many cases are the most vulnerable in our world today.

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