



Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

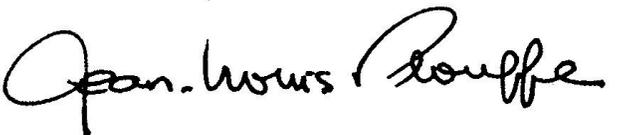
The **Canadian Catholic Organization for Development and Peace** continues to lead the “**One Human Family, Food for All**” campaign across Canada as part of the *Caritas Internationalis* global campaign launched by Pope Francis. This campaign is a response to the fact that one out of every nine persons suffers from hunger. It affects close to one billion people on this planet. With other members of *Caritas Internationalis*, **Development and Peace**, through its **Share Lent collection** continues to be at the side of hungry people around the world. We should remember again this year the words of the Pope, “*We are facing a global scandal of around one billion - one billion people who still suffer from hunger today. We cannot look the other way and pretend this does not exist. The food available in the world is enough to feed everyone.*”

As the official international development organization of the Catholic Church in Canada, and the Canadian member of *Caritas Internationalis*, **Development and Peace** works in partnership with local organizations in the Global South to act in solidarity with the most vulnerable. Hunger is not caused by a lack of food but by a lack of justice. With your generous donations, *Development and Peace* is working to build a more just food system, and a more just world.

Last August I had the opportunity to be part of a *Development and Peace* delegation to the Philippines and had a first hand look at the devastation caused by Typhoon Haiyan. The delegation was able to meet people impacted by the typhoon and witness the assistance provided by *Development and Peace* and its Philippine partners. I was asked to bless shelters for those who had lost their dwellings, and small boats for the fishermen to reclaim their livelihood. At one point we stopped to celebrate Mass on a concrete slab that had once been the floor of someone’s home. I was overwhelmed by the destruction caused by Haiyan, but profoundly touched by the signs of solidarity, courage and hope.

Think of the people of the **Global South** when considering your **Share Lent contribution**. In 2014, the Diocese of Sault Ste. Marie raised **\$229,079.60** for **Share Lent**. Please give generously to *Development and Peace* again this year so that we can continue to offer humanitarian emergency relief and help small family farmers grow food to feed themselves and the world.

Fraternally yours in Christ,

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Bishop’s Office

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