



February 22, 2023

My dear brothers and sisters in Christ,

At the beginning of this year's Lenten season, I greet you in the name of the Lord!

As you know, the Lenten season is a holy season when we reflect on our relationship with God and our neighbors by exercising the discipline of fasting, prayer, and almsgiving.

I am writing to you to express my support for Development and Peace-Caritas Canada's 2023 Share Lent campaign, and to encourage your own support and participation. As the official solidarity and humanitarian organization of the Catholic Church in Canada, Development and Peace is an ideal way to offer alms to those most in need through the annual *Share Lent* campaign.

Development and Peace has chosen "*Create Hope*" as its overall theme for the next five years and this was inspired by Pope Francis' October 2021 address to the World Meeting of Popular Movements. In this first year, the campaign is **Create Hope: Stand for the land**. It invites us to join in solidarity with our sisters and brothers in the Global South who are struggling to defend their homelands by protecting their lands, waters and environments that sustain them.

Since 1967, the CCCB has set aside the fifth Sunday of Lent as Solidarity Sunday. This year, Solidarity Sunday falls on March 26, and I encourage parishes across the Archdiocese to take a collection in support of Development and Peace's Share Lent campaign. Contributions can also be made online at [Give now | Development and Peace \(devp.org\)](https://www.devp.org), by mailing a cheque or by calling 1-888-234-8533.

If you have not ordered the Share Lent campaign materials already, parish pastoral teams can find useful Lenten liturgical resources here [Resources – Development and Peace \(devp.org\)](https://www.devp.org). Members of the Archdiocesan council and Parish Representatives of Development and Peace are currently busy planning to implement this campaign throughout the Archdiocese, I encourage you to welcome and assist them generously as we pray for a successful campaign.

If you have any questions about the Share Lent campaign, please contact your parish Development and Peace representative or our regional animator, Adah Ogbe aogb@devp.org

Sincerely in Christ,

†Brian Joseph Dunn
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