

Development and Peace - Caritas Canada

SOLIDARITY SUNDAY

In keeping with this seasonal spirit of Lent, Development and Peace — Caritas Canada calls us to reaffirm our commitment For our Common Home. In response to Pope Francis' concern for the Amazon and its peoples, we are invited to heed the cry of the poor and the cry of the Earth through the testimonies of Indigenous and traditional communities who are struggling to protect the Amazon forest from shameless plunder. We are also invited to live an ecological conversion and to take concrete actions to preserve the future of our Earth and of present and future generations.

The COVID-19 pandemic has forced D&P to retool the annual Share Lent collection. There are three ways for Canadian Catholics to support the vital work of D&P in the Global South. It is more important than ever.

You can support D&P by:

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Please be as generous as you can. The Share Lent collection is the core of the funding to help vulnerable people around the world.

In these difficult times, the need for solidarity and supporting one another is all the greater, especially for our sisters and brothers in the Global South, whose struggles will be exacerbated by the pandemic.

Many resources are already available here, <https://www.devp.org/en/lent/resources> and in the coming days, additional activities will be added that let you experience the spiritual renewal of Lent online and express your solidarity with those who need it the most.

The Symbols of Solidarity is an activity designed to visually illustrate the theme of the 2020 Share Lent campaign, For Our Common Home.



• A burnt stick to symbolize illegal logging and deforestation



• A plant in a pot to symbolize biodiversity and the hope that arises from our personal action to become guardians of the forests.



• A large feather symbolizing Indigenous knowledge and culture.



• A bowl of earth and a mineral rock to symbolize both, the richness of the Earth and its exploitation.

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