



Archdiocese of Vancouver  
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Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ:

Once again in this penitential season, I am appealing to you to participate in this year's Share Lent Campaign, led by our Canadian Catholic Organization for Development and Peace.

As the Canadian member of *Caritas Internationalis*, Development and Peace, along with *Caritas* networks around the world, works with local partners in Asia, Africa, Latin America and the Middle East to benefit the poor and aid those enduring hardships that arise from war and natural disasters. *Caritas* responds not only to disasters such as Typhoon Haiyan in the Philippines and the earthquake in Haiti, but also is active in ongoing reconstruction. This is the path to improving the lives of our suffering brothers and sisters who lack the basic needs of food, health and water, as well as a voice to be heard.

Our Holy Father constantly emphasizes the inherent dignity of every person, since we are all made in the image of God. Pope Francis chose the current Share Lent theme of "One Human Family, Food for All" to address the sad and shameful fact that over one billion people face hunger daily. In a world of plenty with enough food for all, we are reminded that "If one member suffers, all suffer together."

This year's Share Lent action is "Sow Much Love." It emphasizes the basic right of small-scale farmers to harvest and replant their own seeds without depending on large corporations. When they don't own their own seeds, they face severe deprivation and hunger.

Lent is a time for renewal through prayer, fasting and almsgiving. By giving sacrificially to those from whom we expect nothing in return, we experience the joy of sharing our wealth with those in need as the Lord does with us. Please be generous in your Share Lent donation this Solidarity Sunday, March 22, to help our brothers and sisters in their efforts to support themselves.

With the assurance of my prayers for you and your families during this holy Lenten season of renewal and conversion of heart, I am

Sincerely yours in Christ,

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