



Archdiocese of Vancouver
ARCHBISHOP'S OFFICE

Fourth Sunday of Lent
March 27, 2022

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ:

During Lent, each of us, by fasting and prayer, journeys with the Lord in his forty days of trial in the wilderness. At this holy season we are also encouraged to be generous to those who find themselves in the deserts of our world.

In his encyclical *Fratelli Tutti*, Pope Francis calls us to a life of “ecological integral conversion,” and to see ourselves as part of the “one human family.” By looking upon the face of God in each of our brothers and sisters, we fulfill our duty to care for God’s wondrous creation.

In response to the Holy Father’s plea for us “to hear the cry of the poor and to hear the cry of the Earth,” Development and Peace - *Caritas* Canada has adopted as this year’s Share Lent theme: “People and Planet First.” Your prayers and generous financial support are especially necessary in the face of the devastation caused by the Covid-19 pandemic and the increasing changes in our climate. Floods, fires and drought combine with a lack of social justice and peace to impoverish and disproportionately hurt our needy brothers and sisters in the Global South.

April 3, the Fifth Sunday of Lent, is this year’s Solidarity Sunday. After 55 years in existence, working in 27 countries on 85 community development and humanitarian aid projects, Development & Peace bears witness that your ongoing generosity has had a positive impact on an estimated 15.6 million people. I ask you once again to please be as generous as possible in your almsgiving to the Share Lent collection on April 3. It will bring relief to the suffering of countless of brothers and sisters in developing countries.

Please also keep in your prayers the people of Ukraine, that the good Lord will inspire peacemakers to bring a speedy end to the horrific conflict there.

With gratitude for your generous solidarity with our brothers and sisters in need, and with the assurance of my prayers for you and your families during this Lenten season, I remain

Sincerely yours in Christ,

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