

October 31, 2023



Dear friends,

We hope you are feeling well as the weather cools and nature slowly begins to hibernate for the approaching winter.

While most people are just beginning to think of Christmas preparations, at Development and Peace — Caritas Canada, we are already thinking about the upcoming Share Lent campaign! Our staff are already hard at work producing the many resources that will be made available to you to carry out the annual awareness and fundraising campaign in your communities. We look forward to introducing you to the new theme of the **Create Hope** campaign for 2024, which is **Reaping our rights**.

Together, we will be mobilizing in solidarity with peasant farmers around the world, who face many challenges when all they want is to live in dignity. We will be meeting partners and communities from Bolivia, Indonesia, Tunisia and Nigeria who are joining forces to ensure that their rights to land, seeds, biodiversity, water, justice, food, food sovereignty, a healthy and safe environment, health, education and equal opportunities for women are respected.

Perhaps you think we are getting a bit ahead of ourselves this year? Well, that is because we want to take on a new challenge: **printing the exact quantity of material ordered**, to avoid shortages, surpluses or delays. We are starting the order period earlier, firstly so that you to receive ALL your materials on time as you deserve to, given your ongoing commitment, and secondly, out of respect for the environment and to avoid wasting resources. To meet this challenge, we need your help!

We invite you to **order your materials by December 6, 2023**, by completing the online form at **devp.org/sharelent/order**.

The following **printed resources** for Share Lent 2024 are available to order:

1. **Poster** *Create Hope – Reaping our rights* (12" x 18" format) (limit of 3 per parish/school)
2. **Mini-magazine** *Reaping our rights*, 12 pages (limit of 200)
3. **Prayer card** *Create Hope* (limit of 200) - *Same card as last year*
4. Bilingual collection **envelopes** (**with** the Montreal head office's return address)
5. Bilingual collection **envelopes** (**without** the return address)
6. **Institutional brochure** (limit of 20, while supplies last)

IMPORTANT: We will print the exact quantity of material ordered, so don't forget to place your order!

The printed resources you order should be delivered by January 23, 2024.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact us (preferably by email). At busy times, it may take us a few days to respond. Thank you for understanding.

Email: distribution@devp.org

Toll-free: 1-888-234-8533, ext. 600

Local: 514-257-8710, ext. 600

From mid-January, the following downloadable resources will start becoming available at devp.org/lent/resources :

- Short talk
- Prayers of the faithful
- Symbols of solidarity
- Faith-based reflection
- Way of the Cross
- Parish bulletin announcements
- Solidarity calendar
- Snakes and ladders solidarity game
- Weekly reflections
- Promotional banners
- Videos
- *And many more*

These resources are designed to help you bring the campaign to life in your community! Feel free to use the promotional banners on parish or diocesan websites and on social media.

Mark your calendars:

Join us on February 17, 2024, at 1:30 p.m. ET
for the national launch webinar with our guests from the Global South.

Register at devp.org/events.

To learn more about the campaign, sign up for one of our **Share Lent workshops** to be held in January 2024. We are also planning to bring solidarity visitors to Western Canada in March. More information will be available in January. Keep checking our website (devp.org/events) or contact your local animator for dates and times.

We look forward to another Share Lent campaign with you. Thank you for living this time of fasting, prayer and almsgiving with us. We hope Canadian Catholics will heed Development and Peace — Caritas Canada's call to sharing and generosity, which the Canadian bishops support, by making a donation during the **Solidarity Sunday collection (March 17, 2024)**. Your donations support projects that transform lives and communities!

This Lent, let's **Create Hope** for a world of peace and justice by **Reaping our rights!** Thank you for taking part in Share Lent, and don't forget to order your materials in good time.

Yours in solidarity,



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