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Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

During the season of Lent, we are urged in a particular way to look to the needs of others. The Holy Father tells us that “in every situation of our life, we will experience that we are never alone, for as children we are always loved, forgiven and encouraged by God... it is this certainty that makes you free, lifts you above indifference, and spurs you on to love with an open and generous heart” (Video message of his Holiness Pope Leo XIV to the Young People Gathered in front of the Cathedral of Košice, November 8, 2025). It is in this spirit that I urge you to prayerfully consider supporting the Share Lent Campaign through Development & Peace – Caritas Canada.

The theme for the 2026 campaign, *On Track for Justice*, invites us to walk hand in hand with communities in the Global South that are mobilizing so that their rights and the environment may be respected.

You can assist in this effort by giving generously to Share Lent (on Solidarity Sunday, March 22, 2026, the 5th Sunday of Lent). Further resources to support this campaign can be found at <https://devp.org/en/campaign/on-track-for-justice/>.

As we journey towards the hope of the Resurrection, may we be filled with gratitude for the gift of salvation that Jesus offers to each of us. May we respond generously to the needs of others as we are able.

Mary, Queen of Peace, pray for us!

Yours truly in Christ,

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