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DURING THE LENTEN SEASON, EVERY FRIDAY FOLLOWING THE 8:30AM MASS, ST. MONICA'S WILL BE PRAYING THE STATIONS OF THE CROSS. ALL ARE WELCOME.

ANYONE WISHING TO RECEIVE THE SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION, THIS IS AVAILABLE ON SATURDAYS AND SUNDAYS, THIRTY (30) MINUTES BEFORE EACH WEEKEND MASS. YOU MAY ALSO CONTACT THE PARISH TO RECEIVE RECONCILIATION DURING THE WEEK, BY APPOINTMENT.

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March 20, 2022 – Third Sunday of Lent

Readings:

Exodus 3:1-8A, 13-15

Psalms 103: 1-2, 3-4, 6-7, 8, 11

1 Corinthians 10:1-6, 10-12

Matthew 4:17

Luke 13:1-9

“...let it alone for one more year, until I dig around it and put manure on it. If it bears fruit next year, well and good; but if not, you can cut it down.”

— Luke 13:8-9

Solidarity takes time

It is easy to dismiss something that is not doing what we want it to do. Seeing that the tree was not serving its purpose, producing fruit, was enough for the owner to decide to replace it. However, the gardener knew that not only did the existing tree have value and deserve nurturing but also that it was risky to replace it without understanding why it was struggling. If the problem was in the soil, a newly planted tree could have been similarly affected.

Cultivating healthy communities, like cultivating healthy plants, requires an understanding of the context in which they live. Like soil quality for plants, an analysis of the social, political, economic and ecological realities can help us find where communities’ problems lie and what types of inter-ventions are needed. Just as watering a plant would not work if the soil itself was contaminated, “development” support like education or food aid would not help a community much if it was at risk of being forced off its land.

Poverty in today’s world is not natural and is not simple. There are no quick and easy solutions, as poverty is perpetuated by a global order that prioritizes the profit of a few over the well-being of all. This same order serves the comfort and convenience of some by displacing, abusing and diminishing others. The only way to address these complex systems of oppression is to eliminate the distinction between “us” and “them,” and that is the work of solidarity.

Solidarity means working together as partners and sharing in joys and struggles as we address issues that affect us all. It is taking on others’ challenges as our own even when we do not directly feel the impacts of an issue or the benefits of our actions. Solidarity takes time. Solidarity takes hope. Solidarity takes persistence. We may not often see immediate results from our work, but we do see signs; and we must keep cultivating the Kingdom that we pray for so often.

Over the past 15 years, Development and Peace – Caritas Canada has been working to address one of the drivers of poverty to which Canadians are particularly close: the disrespect of human and environmental rights by companies operating in the Global South. For decades, local communities and international observers have been denouncing many Canadian companies and their subsidiaries for unethical behaviours that have included displacing communities; avoiding responsibility for the environmental and social impacts of their operations (including the poisoning of waterways and agricultural land); and violence against local leaders who stand up for the rights of their communities. And yet, Canada still lacks a law that would require Canadian companies to prevent human rights abuses throughout their operations overseas. The Canadian Ombudsperson still lacks the powers to properly investigate complaints. And so, we persist in calling for change, with hope and determination, trusting that “the Lord works vindication and justice for all who are oppressed.” (Psalm 103:6)

We are enjoined at the end of mass to go out and live the Gospel in our lives. Join us in doing this, as we emulate the gardener in the parable and “dig around” the issue of injustice to cultivate a more just world, where all persons can live in dignity.

Start today: sign our petition for corporate due diligence laws, if you have not already. Share it with your friends, family, community and, importantly, your Member of Parliament. Listen to the stories of our partners in the field, at devp.org, and witness their signs of hope.

A year ago, few in Canada had even heard the term “human rights and environmental due diligence.” Today, a bill to implement it is before the House of Commons, and thousands of you have joined the call. It is not too late. Together, we will continue in solidarity.

Author: Kathleen Cross, Orientation Assembly Manager, Development and Peace – Caritas Canada

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UKRAINIAN RELIEF**

Thank You



For Your Kindness

“TRULY I TELL YOU, JUST AS YOU DID IT TO ONE OF THE LEAST OF THESE WHO ARE MEMBERS OF MY FAMILY, YOU DID IT TO ME.”

Matthew 25:40

Week 3: March 20

The power of mobilized citizens



One of Development and Peace's strengths is our ability to mobilize thousands of Canadians like you to amplify marginalized voices from the Global South. Our partners want businesses to not be able to perpetrate abuses in their countries with impunity.

That is why our *People and Planet First* campaign is asking you to help ensure that Canada adopts strong due diligence laws to prevent Canadian corporations from abusing human and environmental rights across their global operations.

Sign our petition for this at devp.org/act and spread the word. **Thank you for supporting our campaign!**

MASS INTENTIONS: 19 - 25 March, 2022

Saturday, 4:00pm – March 19, 2022: SOLEMNITY – Saint Joseph, Principal Patron of Canada Patron of the Universal Church

Antonio Bei

Angela & Domenico Poliziani

Ignazio Ciampini

from Gabriella De Santis

by Dora & Mario Poliziani

by Ernesta & Family

Sunday, 9:00am – March 20, 2022: 3rd Sunday of LENT

Desolina Onesi

Eduviges B. Meriales

Alejandro Nilo

from Ida Onesi & Family

from Drex Meriales & Raquel Galvan

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Sunday, 11:00am – March 20, 2022: 3rd Sunday of LENT - Livestreamed

Adelaide Fazi Francescangeli

Maureen Mulrooney

Deceased Members of the Emidio Sacchetti Family

from Gino & Family

by Dorothy & Margaret Mulrooney-Snyder

from Argisa Coccia & Family

Tuesday, 8:30am – March 22, 2022: 3rd Week of LENT

Mario Matta

Carolina Sntini

from Olga Santini Matta & Sons

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Wednesday, 8:30am - March 23, 2022: Saint Turibius of Morgovejo

Isa, Ivio & Mark Mazzella

Lina Ciarma

from the Family

from her son, Dino Ciarma

Thursday, 7:00pm – March 24, 2022: Saint Patrick

Michele Giangaspero

Robert Bray

from his Wife

from Karen O'Neill

Friday, 8:30am – March 25, 2022: SOLEMNITY – The Annunciation of the Lord

The Deceased Members of the Petosa Family

from Maria & Raffaele