



Development & Peace Parish Ministry at St. Andrew the Apostle

Development and Peace — Caritas Canada (D&P) was founded in 1967 by the Canadian Conference of Catholic Bishops, in response to Pope Paul VI's call to Catholics living in developed nations "to be in the first ranks of those who spare no effort to have just and fair laws, based on moral precepts, established among all nations. It has become one of the most important international solidarity organizations in the country.

By participating in the democratic life of Development and Peace, our members influence the direction, the composition, and the activities of the organization. Members come together in **local groups, diocesan councils and regional assemblies.**

With over \$19.7 million invested in 59 projects which benefit 7.18 million people directly and indirectly, D&P provides immediate humanitarian aid and longer-term development and peace-building projects by working with local partners who know the needs of their people.

In Canada, more than 13,000 members work together for social justice and peace. They mobilize to bring our education, advocacy and fundraising campaigns to life. Our resources raise awareness of the root causes of poverty and engage Canadians in actions for change in their local communities, parishes and schools and in the world community.

At St. Andrew the Apostle, by signing up for the Development and Peace Ministry, you become a member of the new **Social Action Team**. The Team will be responsible for staging the two Development & Peace campaigns each year based on the theme chosen for the year. The **ShareLent campaign** conducted during the Lenten season introduces the new D&P theme for the year and focuses on fundraising through the ShareLent Collection to support the D&P programs and advocacy in the Global South. The **Fall Campaign** focuses on education and taking action to raise awareness of the needs of impoverished communities in the Global South and to advocate for change to address systemic issues which trap people in poverty and injustice. Team members facilitate each campaign by coordinating with the parish priest to display campaign material, giving a short talk and offering education activities such as guest speakers, discussion groups, petitions and letter writing to provide members of the parish with insight on the campaign theme and to develop a sense of solidarity with the people of the global south. Expanding the campaign into local schools is also encouraged by Development & Peace where possible.

Locally - the Social Action Team will reflect on Catholic social teaching and look at opportunities in our local Sudbury community to take action to address social injustices.

**** 0Sign up today - join the D&P Ministry and the Social Action Team to put Faith into Action!**