

Short Talk

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Hello,

My name is _____ and I am here to talk on behalf of Development and Peace — Caritas Canada, an organization within the Catholic Church in Canada that has been working for nearly 60 years to build international solidarity.

This fall, we are invited to return to what truly matters by recommitting ourselves to the values of our faith that shape our lives. Answering Christ's call has always meant looking beyond ourselves and responding to the needs of our neighbours, wherever they may be. It is through these acts of solidarity that we create hope. A great way to put your faith into action is to get involved with Development and Peace — Caritas Canada.

Support of Development and Peace — Caritas Canada enables families in Brazil living near polluting industries to move to a new, clean and safe neighbourhood. In Somalia, children suffering from severe malnutrition can receive lifesaving treatment.

Change is possible when people stand together. Pope Leo, in his recent encyclical *Magnifica Humanitas*, says that "solidarity arises precisely when we decide not to remain indifferent to what happens to our neighbour..." (§74).

However, our solidarity is being tested. Around the world, governments are dramatically reducing international development assistance, putting many of the most vulnerable communities at risk. At a time when conflict, hunger and inequality continue to increase, the resources available to respond to these crises are shrinking.

Catholic Social Teaching reminds us that we belong to one human family. Our responsibility to others does not end at our own borders. Thanks to your support, Development and Peace — Caritas Canada works in partnership with organizations in more than 30 countries. These partners implement long-term solutions that meet the needs of local communities.

But Development and Peace — Caritas Canada needs your help to achieve this. Join the solidarity movement and become a member by filling out this postcard or completing the online form at devp.org/joinus. To learn more about ways to get involved, check out the Action sheet [available at _____].

This fall, let's answer Christ's call to action together. Let's support international solidarity and urge Canada to invest more in global justice. Every action counts, and all these actions combined make a real difference.

Thank you.

