

Roman Catholic Bishop of the Diocese of Calgary



April 5, 2018
Season of Easter

Dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ,

The Canadian Catholic Organization for Development of Peace was established by the Bishops of Canada in 1967 to foster justice and integral human development in the southern world. The Diocese of Calgary has strongly supported *Development and Peace* through the annual *Share Lent* Campaign for many years, and most recently through our annual *Together in Action* appeal.

Development and Peace fulfills its mandate in collaboration with more than one hundred partner agencies in the Southern World, contracting with them to carry out specific projects aimed at improving the lives of our sisters and brothers in many developing countries. Recently, serious and credible allegations have been made against a number of the southern partner agencies that they condone and even at times advocate policies and practices, which are not in compliance with Catholic teachings and, in particular, do not fully respect the sanctity of human life.

For this reason, **the Diocese of Calgary will withhold the D&P portion of the 2018 Together in Action donations from Development and Peace.** The funds will be withheld until such time as we receive clear assurance that its partner agencies in the Southern World are in compliance with Catholic teachings and with the criteria of *Caritas Internationalis*, of which the *Canadian Catholic Organization for Development and Peace* is the Canadian representative.

In the meantime, **we will continue to respect the intent of your donations to Together in Action, and we thank you for your generous support.** Any individual funds received as designated for *Development and Peace* will respect the donors wishes but only be used to assist people in need in the Global South.

I recognize that there are many people in the Diocese who give of themselves generously in support of the good works of *Development and Peace*, whether by donation or by assisting in the organization's educational and advocacy initiatives. Many individuals have supported these initiatives in good faith and it is my hope that these issues will be addressed to restore this. I write this letter in a spirit of transparency and accountability, and promise to keep you posted on developments regarding this current issue.

Yours in Christ,

†Most Reverend William T. McGrattan, D.D.
Bishop of the Diocese of Calgary

†WTM/mr