



Parish Bulletin Messages

DEVELOPMENT AND PEACE launches new campaign – Sow Much Love

It is a testament to the seed and the sower that several of Jesus' parables involve the earth, planting seeds and nurturing their growth in fertile soil. Today, small family farmers feed up to 80% of the population in the Global South but their way of life is being threatened. One of those threats is access to seeds. This year, DEVELOPMENT AND PEACE is examining the important role of small family farmers in feeding the world and how we can help to ensure that they retain their right to use, preserve and exchange seeds so they can continue to feed their families and their communities. To learn more, pick up some of the campaign materials or visit www.devp.org/sowmuchlove. Help us make a difference!

Come to a DEVELOPMENT AND PEACE workshop

Do you want to learn more about how small family farmers in the Global South could lose access to their seeds? On (insert date), the DEVELOPMENT AND PEACE parish council will be hosting a workshop providing information about DEVELOPMENT AND PEACE's latest campaign Sow Much Love. Come learn interesting facts about how small family farmers in the Global South are the best hope for feeding the planet, but are faced with an increasing number of challenges, including the threat of losing access to their seeds. Come be inspired to take action and find out what you can do to support your sisters and brothers in the Global South. (insert date, time and location). For more information, contact: (insert name, phone number or email)

Participate in DEVELOPMENT AND PEACE's Photo Contest – Show Your Thanks! (publish before Thanksgiving, October 12)

This year, DEVELOPMENT AND PEACE is launching a photo contest called **Show Your Thanks** to encourage citizens to eat local and support small family farmers worldwide. This Thanksgiving, make your meal using as many local and organic foods as possible. Then take a picture of your family and friends with your meal and send it to DEVELOPMENT AND PEACE at socialmedia@devp.org. One lucky person will win a trip to Halifax to meet world-renowned environmental activist and seed defender Vandana Shiva in November. To find out more about the contest visit www.devp.org/contest.

Pray for those who live in hunger

There are close to one billion – or one in eight – people who suffer from hunger in the world despite the fact that there is room at the table for all. Pope Francis has called this a global scandal and calls us to question the status quo. DEVELOPMENT AND PEACE is continuing to respond to the Pope's call to action with its new campaign Sow Much Love. You can take part in many ways, including saying a prayer for our sisters and brothers who do not have enough to eat. Pick up a copy of the prayer card, which features a prayer written by Barbara Bishop and Alanna Forrester of Holy Rosary Parish in Guelph, Ontario in the Diocese of Hamilton.



On World Food Day take action! (publish the week before October 16th)

World Food Day on October 16th is an opportunity to be in solidarity with the nearly one billion people in the world who still suffer from hunger. On this day, as part of Caritas Internationalis' Global Week of Action, DEVELOPMENT AND PEACE is asking Canadian Catholics to show their solidarity with small family farmers in the Global South by signing a petition asking the Canadian government to protect the right of farmers to use, preserve and exchange their seeds. If you have not yet signed the petition, your local DEVELOPMENT AND PEACE parish rep should have a copy for you to sign or you can sign online at www.devp.org/act. You can also download the petition at www.devp.org/sowmuchlove and gather signatures in your community. Help us Sow Much Love!

Movie night about Haiti!

On XXX, the local DEVELOPMENT AND PEACE parish council will be hosting a screening of ***On the Road to Food Sovereignty***, a documentary that reveals the challenges faced by farmers and agricultural workers in Haiti and explores how DEVELOPMENT AND PEACE is working with local Haitian organizations to help communities realize the right to healthy food and to define their own food and agricultural systems. The documentary will be followed by a discussion on the issues presented. The screening will take place on (insert date, time and location). For more information, contact (insert name, phone number or email).

Documentary on the food crisis in West Africa

A New Leaf, a documentary produced by Salt+Light TV, chronicles the 2012 food crisis in Niger, one of the poorest countries in the world. It shows how DEVELOPMENT AND PEACE, with the support of Canadian Catholics and working with its Caritas partner in the region, responded to the call for solidarity caused by this crisis. Come to a screening of the documentary on (insert date) hosted by the local DEVELOPMENT AND PEACE parish council.

Join us for (name of event) in support of DEVELOPMENT AND PEACE's new campaign Sow Much Love!

The local DEVELOPMENT AND PEACE parish council is organizing (name of event) on (insert date) to learn about the struggles facing small family farmers in order to feed their communities, including the threat of losing access to their seeds. DEVELOPMENT AND PEACE's latest campaign Sow Much Love delves into this issue. Join us on (insert date) at (insert time and locate) for a (description of activity). For more information, contact (insert name, email or phone number). We hope to see you there!