



## PARISH BULLETIN ANNOUNCEMENTS

### **One week prior to your workshop**

#### **Workshop on Development and Peace – Caritas Canada’s new campaign, Women at the Heart of Peace**

This fall, Development and Peace launches a new campaign called Women at the Heart of Peace. This campaign invites Canadians to learn more about the vital role women play in conflict prevention and peacebuilding. Join us in paying tribute to the women who build peace in communities around the world. To learn more about the campaign and how to be a part of it, please join us at a workshop on [DATE] to be held at [TIME and LOCATION]. For more information, contact [NAME OF CONTACT PERSON and CONTACT DETAILS].

### **One week before the launch of your parish campaign**

#### **Strong and empowered women: lasting and inclusive peace!**

Did you know that a peace agreement is 35% more likely to last at least 15 years if women help build it? By adopting effective community-based and non-violent approaches and by forming networks that cross political, religious and ethnic boundaries, women transform peace and reconciliation processes. This fall, join the Development and Peace – Caritas Canada campaign to learn more about the role of women in violence prevention and peacebuilding. For more information, visit [devp.org/campaign](http://devp.org/campaign).

### **Launch week in your parish**

#### **This fall, let’s pay tribute to women who build peace!**

Across the world, brave women are coming together to struggle, to resist and to build a more peaceful world. This fall, Development and Peace – Caritas Canada will introduce you to three of these women. Consult our material at <https://www.devp.org/campaign/resources> and get acquainted with **Luz Estella Cifuentes**, a Colombian woman who leads an inter-ethnic political training school for peasant farmers, Afro-Colombian and Indigenous women; **Jamila Safi**, an Afghan woman who provides training for imams and women on women’s rights; and **Rabia Kadiry**, a Syrian woman who organizes workshops to build social peace in Lebanon.

### **Action Card distribution week in your parish**

#### **Together, let’s take action for peace!**

In June 2017, the Minister of International Development and La Francophonie presented Canada’s new International Assistance Policy. Canada therefore committed to ensuring that women and girls have the opportunity to take active roles in establishing and maintaining peace in their communities. Despite its remarks in support of women and peace, the government did not increase the international aid budget and chose instead to increase the military budget by 70% over 10 years.

Sign the Development and Peace – Caritas Canada Action Card today! Together, let’s call on the Canadian government to give women the resources they need to be at the heart of peace. Sign our Action Card online: [devp.org/act](http://devp.org/act).

### **A week or two after the distribution of Action Cards in your parish**

#### **Thank you!**

On behalf of all women who build peace in their communities, Development and Peace – Caritas Canada thanks you for your continued commitment. Together, we have the power to change things! Join a dynamic pan-Canadian movement that takes action for peace and justice – become a member of Development and Peace. Without your action, there’s no change, no justice! For more information, please go to [devp.org/membership](http://devp.org/membership).