



March 3, 2020

Dear Reverend Fathers and brothers and sisters in Christ,

**Re. Development and Peace Canada**

After much prayer and consideration I have come to the decision that 2020 is the last year that the Diocese of St. Paul will participate in or support Development and Peace Canada.

Development and Peace does not offer aid in Canada. Our neighbors to the north, the Diocese of Mackenzie-Fort Smith, now depends on the Alberta Bishops for support. The permafrost is now constantly moving, so that repair and maintenance of buildings is a new and important task.

Also, Development and Peace Canada has difficulty accepting episcopal oversight and supervision. Throughout the Catholic Church in the world, dioceses are called to establish Diocesan Caritas offices if they do not already exist, because the Church wants each diocese to be involved directly in its charity and out-reach to those in need. So we will adopt this model in our Diocese as well. Of course it is always possible for people to personally continue to support with their donations, Development and Peace

But, in 2021 our special collection envelopes will have St. Paul Diocesan Caritas donation envelopes included.

Donations received will be distributed as follows:

50% to the North

25% to Chalice

25% to the Church in Need, that is the Middle East and the Ukraine

Fraternally yours in Christ,

† Paul Terrio  
Bishop of St. Paul