



Development and Peace – Caritas Canada Launches 2018 Share Lent Campaign

This Wednesday February 14 marks the beginning of the Lenten Season. As always, Development and Peace – Caritas Canada invites you to take this sacred time to reflect on your relationship with God by examining your relationship with His people – our global family – and His Creation – our common home, the Earth.

This year, *Development and Peace – Caritas Canada* invites you to learn about how you can become a peacemaker in your community and around the world. We all have the responsibility to be peacemakers and, even better, we all have the capacity to be peacemakers! For the next 40 days, let Development and Peace show you how!

Our 2018 Share Lent Campaign, **‘Together for Peace’**, highlights the important role that dialogue plays in creating lasting, meaningful peace. Pope Francis reminds us: “Peacemaking calls for courage, much more so than warfare. It calls for the courage to say yes to encounter and no to conflict: yes to dialogue and no to violence; yes to negotiations and no to hostilities; yes to respect for agreements and no to acts of provocation; yes to sincerity and no to duplicity. All of this takes courage, it takes strength and tenacity.”

(Invocation for Peace, June 8, 2014)

Only through dialogue and listening to others’ ideas and opinions, is true peace possible. Our Campaign highlights the work of four amazing Development and Peace partners in Lebanon, Nigeria, Peru, and Cambodia who use dialogue to create peace in their communities that are plagued by conflict. We hope that you are inspired by these brave groups to be a peacemaker yourself and to join the global effort to bring peace to every community on Earth.

Solidarity Sunday – a 50-year old tradition when on the fifth Sunday of Lent special collections are taken up for Development and Peace in each diocese of the country – will take place this year on **Sunday March 18**. Your donations on this day will support the work of Development and Peace’s amazing partners all around the world, including the four partners featured in our Campaign this year. On behalf of our

partners, we thank you for your generosity!

To view our campaign materials, please visit our website at www.devp.org/sharelent2018.

Our Halifax Diocesan Council is busy preparing events to bring the Share Lent Campaign to life in our communities! We will have the pleasure of hosting a **Solidarity Visitor** from our partner Adyan in Lebanon from **March 14-16**, and will post her speaking schedule in this news service in the coming weeks.

We are also hosting two workshops for new members (or curious not-yet-members) at our Regional office on **Tuesday February 13 (5:00-6:00pm) and Thursday February 15 (6:30-7:30)**. If you are interested in attending one of these workshops, please RSVP to dpatlantic@devp.org or by telephone at (902)429-9489.

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Development and Peace – Caritas Canada is the official Humanitarian Aid and Development organization of the Catholic Church in Canada, and the Canadian member of Caritas Internationalis – the official Aid and Development arm of the Catholic Church, headquartered in the Vatican. For any questions or further information, please contact our Atlantic office at (902) 429-9489 or dpatlantic@devp.org.



February 13, 2018 (Halifax, NS) -- An independent school education is about to get a little closer for some deserving students. Sacred Heart School of Halifax (SHSH) is inviting senior students across Halifax to write their Scholarship Entrance exam. Top scorers will receive scholarships towards tuition fees.

The Entrance Exam is a standardized assessment which tests general knowledge and requires no advance preparation. Anyone in Grades 6-11 is welcome to write, and applicants are asked to register with the Admissions Department to ensure a spot.

Testing will take place on Saturday March 3rd from 9:00-11:00am at Sacred Heart School of Halifax. For more information, contact:

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**St. Agnes Parish
18th February 2018
1st Sunday of Lent**



Upcoming Lenten Events

Stations of the Cross began on Friday February 16 @ 11:30am and will continue each Friday (Feb 23, March 2, 9, 16 & 23).during Lent All are Welcome to join in.

Children’s Lenten Lunches began on February 16 starting at 12:10 with Mass and continue on the following Fridays Feb 23, March 2, 9 & 23rd.

Peninsular Parishes combined Lenten Penitential Day: this year the peninsular churches have decided to combine their Lenten reconciliations. The parishes include St. Mary’s Basilica, St. Thomas Aquinas, St. Patrick’s, St. Theresa and St. Catherine’s, Blessed Mother of Calcutta and St. Agnes . On March 15th St. Agnes will be hosting this first combined Lenten day. The day will begin with Mass at 9:00am followed by adoration of the Blessed Sacrament which will run through the entire reconciliation schedule. Reconciliation will be from 10:00am until 3pm and will resume in the evening from 6:30—7:30pm. There will be priests from each of the parishes available during the day. A schedule and more information will be available in the near future.

Little Church Seafood Chowder Lunch. During March Break on the 16th of March from 12:30 to 1:30pm we will be hosting a special Chowder Lunch as a fundraiser for our Little Church projects. Tickets will be pre-sold through Tanya or Marlene in the office. Keep your eye on the bulletin for more information.

The Women's Inter-Church Council of Halifax Metro World Day of Prayer Service

On Friday, March 2, 2018, Christians in more than 170 countries and in 2,000 communities across Canada will gather to learn about, pray for, and celebrate in solidarity with the women of the Republic of Suriname on the WICC World Day of Prayer. 2018 also marks an exciting milestone as the **Women's Inter-Church Council of Canada turns 100!**

The Women's Inter-Church Council of Halifax will celebrate the 2018 World Day of Prayer with a service being held at 2:00pm on Friday, March 2 (*storm date March 9*) at Halifax Christian Church, 51 Farnham Gate Road, Halifax NS. The 2018 World Day of Prayer service is written by the WDP Committee of Suriname, with the theme "**All God's Creation Is Very Good**". Guest speaker, Reverend Dianne Parker, retired Anglican minister, will speak on the theme "God's Creation".

A reception will follow the service and all are welcome to join us for "anniversary cake"!



SHROVE TUESDAY

Many Thanks to all who participated in the preparation and serving of this annual event. The evening was a total success. Once again Thank you from the 26halifax Group.



Religious Education News

Sunday Feb.18th – Heritage Day Weekend – we do not have Religion classes.

Friday Lenten Lunches for children and youth – Fridays in Lent we will gather for Mass at 12:10pm, followed by a warm lunch in the auditorium. In keeping with our Catholic observances this year our Lenten Lunches will be meatless. Children attending Westmount School will be chaperoned to and from the church. Children at other schools will require parent transportation. All children and youth are welcome! Friday's in Lent – Feb.23rd, March 2nd, March 9th, March 23rd.

RCIA Rite of Election Sunday Feb.18th 3:00pm at Saint Mary's Basilica. Please pray for our Catechumens and Candidates as they journey towards the Easter Vigil and reception into the Roman Catholic Church. *May you be blessed and strengthened in Christ's love – Jack McBeath, Warren McBeath, Silas Eddy, Sharon Barrett, Sean Kontak, Charlotte Roach and Victoria Robinson.*

FRIDAY FUN NIGHT – Feb.23rd 6:00pm-8:00pm. Children & friends are invited to an evening exploring "the desert" and the Stations of the Cross. We will observe meatless Fridays, so no hotdogs, but we'll have some mini cheese pizzas instead.

ARK Sunday Suppers for the homeless – Sunday March 11th Saint Agnes Parishioners are scheduled to prepare supper for our less fortunate brothers and sisters. Our Casserole is Spaghetti Pie, we require 16 donated to ensure we provide a warm, healthy meal. The recipe may be obtained at: <http://www.arkoutreach.com/recipes/> or by contacting Tanya Thomson. If you have the ability to make a casserole, please advise Tanya at stagnedre@eastlink.ca or 902-454-8281. **In serving one another we are serving Christ the Lord.**

Note: Monday February 19 is Heritage Day and the parish office will be closed. There will be no Mass celebrated on Tuesday February 20th.

PRAYING WITH JESUS IN THE HOLYLAND

If you have a desire to see the HolyLand then this may be your opportunity. Fathers Simon Lobo, Saint Benedict Parish along with Father Bryan Sabourin, Holy Trinity Pastoral Unit, Halifax are the Spiritual leaders on this prayerful Pilgrimage. This Pilgrimage experience is planned for a duration of 12 days, Oct 7-18, 2018. Info email bsime@privatelabeltravel.ca with "keep me informed" in the subject line or www.privatelabeltravel.ca

Atlantic Marian Gathering : Please join us for a Morning of Reflection on March 3, 2018, 9-11:30, at St. Anselm Parish, West Chezzetcook. Father Gregory Agyeman will be the celebrant and homilist. Mass begins at 9:00, followed by the rosary and presentation by Father Gregory. Hosted by the Atlantic Marian Gathering. All are welcome!

Take part in the 2018 Lenten Series!

"I dream of a "missionary option, that is, a missionary impulse capable of transforming everything, so that the Church's customs, ways of doing things, times and schedules, language and structures can be suitably channelled for the evangelization of today's world rather than for her self preservation!" This dream of Pope Francis' is what Archbishop Mancini wants to bring to life in our local church of Halifax-Yarmouth. And he needs not only your prayers but also your help to make this happen. This year's Lenten Video Series, provides some thoughts from our Archbishop on how we can bring about the renewal in our people and parishes so that transformation can occur.

To register for the 2018 Lenten Series go to www.halifaxyarmouth.org/plan (see right side panel - 2018 Lenten Series Videos). By registering you gain access to: Three 30-minutes video recordings of teachings from Archbishop Mancini.—A Leader's Guide that will help people lead small group study and discussion on the content of the videos.—Participant guides that highlight key points and provide discussion starters. There is a participant guide for each video segment.

Week at a Glance

Saturday February 17

St. Bedes' Ordinariate Mass 11am

Sunday February 18

1st Sunday of Lent

Children of Mary —St. Agnes Room-2pm
Private Function—Auditorium 7-9pm

Monday February 19

Heritage Day—Parish Office Closed

Magnificat—Campbell Center—1:30pm
Bingo—Auditorium— 6:50pm

Tuesday February 20

NO Mass

Meditation—Campbell Centre 1:30pm
Adult Faith Session—St. Agnes Room 7pm

Wednesday February 21

Playgroup—Auditorium 10—12 pm
Adult choir—Church —6pm
Private Function—Auditorium 8:30-9:30pm

Thursday February 22

Prayer Shawl Min.—Campbell Cen. 1:30pm
Private function—Auditorium -9pm

Friday February 23

Quilting— Campbell Centre—9am
Indoor Walking—Auditorium -10-11am
Stations of the Cross 11:30am
Children's Lenten Lunch
Private function 4:30—5:30pm
Friday Fun Night 6:30pm

Saturday February 24

Private function—auditorium 1-3pm

Sunday February 25

2nd Sunday of Lent

RCIA—St. Agnes Rm 11:30am
Private Function—Auditorium 4-5pm
Private Function—auditorium 7-9pm