



CANADIAN CATHOLIC ORGANIZATION FOR

**Development
and Peace**

March News

UPCOMING EVENTS:

March 6, 2010

Coffee House in support of D&P's relief in Haiti.

8pm

St. Paul's College,
UofM

D&P members are invited to bring/donate snacks or baking for refreshments at the Coffee House.

April-May 2010

Solidarity visitor from the Philippines will be in Manitoba. Stay tuned for more details!

April 30 & May 1

Development and Peace Provincial Meeting for members in Manitoba

*funding is available for members attending from outside of Winnipeg

April 30-May 2

Ontario Provincial Meeting

June 2010

Development and Peace Orientation Assembly in Montréal

How I became a Development & Peace Monthly Donor

It started with a chance encounter on a flight from Winnipeg to Ottawa several years ago. Up to that point I had been donating monthly to an organization which matched me with a child from a third world country for thirty dollars a month. I had become increasingly dubious about this organization as numerous and expensive glossy materials flooded my mailbox, expounding on its activities worldwide and urging me to expand my giving. The payoff came when I received a VHS cassette in the mail when I didn't even own a VCR machine. A phone call to the headquarters advised me that it remained profitable for them to send every member a VHS cassette whether or not they could use it. The waste of money and materials appalled me.

So it was that I found myself in conversation with the passenger beside me on the flight to Ottawa and discovered that he was the Executive Director of the Canadian International Development Agency (CIDA), the government agency in charge of Canadian international development through its own run programs or nongovernmental organizations which provide aid and development

abroad. I seized the opportunity to find out what CIDA thought of the organization I was supporting. A frown crossed the man's face. Instead of answering, he asked me what religious faith I belonged to. When I said Roman Catholic, he countered: "Then why don't you support Development & Peace?" He went on to describe the good record that D&P had with CIDA in funding development projects abroad, and how its ratio of expenses to disbursements was much lower than many of the organizations he monitored including the one I belonged to. Development & Peace, he told me, was responsible and responsive to change, cutting their budget one year at the suggestion of CIDA in order to direct its funds more effectively towards its main purpose.

Returning home, I investigated whether Development & Peace had a program for monthly giving. Indeed it did. What it didn't have was lots of overhead to promote the program, which suited me just fine. Periodic updates were printed on low grade paper and a tax receipt along with its thanks arrived at year end. That was six years ago when I switched my monthly donations from the first organization to Development & Peace and I have ne-

ver regretted it. I had always contributed something at Share Lent but now was able to give much more because it was spread over twelve months. Since joining, I have learned just how important monthly donations are to the effectiveness of Development & Peace. It enables them to make commitments to long term projects and reduces fundraising costs. Though I cannot select a specific project to which my money is sent, examples of the types of projects that I am contributing to are listed on the Share Year Round brochure. I also receive a newsletter entitled "Global Village Voice" which keeps me up to date with what Development & Peace is doing both internationally and in Canada to promote a more just world for all.

To find out more about giving monthly, contact your parish Development & Peace committee; phone the Manitoba Development & Peace office at (204) 231-2848 or donate online at <http://www.devp.org/devpme/eng/donate/givenow-eng.html>.

Winn Leslie
Winnipeg, MB

*You can watch
Development and
Peace video clips
on YouTube:*

<http://>

[www.youtube.com/
devpeacetv#p/u](http://www.youtube.com/devpeacetv#p/u)

Winnipeg Students Donate to Haiti

On Monday February 25th, a member of the St. Ignatius Development and Peace group went to St. Ignatius School (K-Gr.8) and spoke to each class regarding the situation in Haiti. Emphasis was placed on our Christian obligation to help our brothers and sisters in Haiti. The students were asked to pray for the people of Haiti, write letters, poems, prayers, draw pictures and give as generously as possible. The concluding statement was "We are the hope for these people."

The member returned to the school on Friday to collect the monies

donated. The generosity of these students was overwhelming. In 5 days, this school of approximately 225 students raised \$2015!

Hearing some of the stories was also very heartwarming. Two Grade 8 students shoveled neighbours' walks, telling them they were going to donate all their earnings to Haiti. They did 3 walks and raised \$50. A Grade 7 student delivers flyers and gave all her weekend earnings to Haiti, which was matched by her parents. A Grade 5 student wanted to take money out of his savings account for Haiti. His parents said they

would match it. He took out \$100, which his parents then matched. One Grade 4 student was saving to buy a kitten. Just the week before was her birthday and she was surprised with a kitten as a gift from a relative. She then decided to give all of her savings to Haiti- 2 large plastic baggies full of coins! Parents also shared how their children prayed for the people of Haiti at meal times.

Everyone was so proud of the students of St. Ignatius School because they gave from their hearts, financially as well as in prayer.

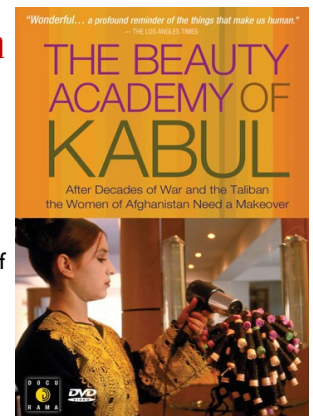
Come check out the First Annual Afghanistan Film Festival & Mini Afghan— Market!

The First Annual Afghanistan Film Festival & Mini Afghan-Market will take place this Monday, March 8, 2010 at the Eckhardt-Grammatte Hall (3rd Floor, Centennial Building) of the University of Winnipeg.

Women's stories of hope, hilarity and healing are brought into focus through three unforgettable documentaries that capture life in Afghanistan today – experiences that most Canadians never see. The Manitoba Chapter of Canadian Women for Women in Afghanistan is proud to present this film festival – a first-ever for Winnipeg – to mark International Women's Day 2010 and the struggle for justice and human rights in Afghanistan.

The goal of the event is to raise \$2,000, which will support Afghan projects in partnership with Canadian Women for Women in Afghanistan, and to increase awareness within the Winnipeg community on women's issues in Afghanistan.

Tickets can be bought at McNally Robinson Booksellers on 1120 Grant Ave (Grant Park Mall). For more information contact: Mariam Omar, Co-chair, Manitoba Chapter at Manitoba.cw4wafghan.ca.



On March 5, Development and Peace members met with Conservative MP Vic Toews to present him with over 300 Fall Action cards.

Did you know that D&P has partners in Timor Leste?

A delegation from BC is currently in that country visiting partners. Read their blog!

<http://timorleste2010.blogspot.com/>

There are still a few spaces left for upcoming Solidarity Trips to Brazil and Cambodia. Contact Roberta for more info.

Archbishop Pedro Barreto Jimeno's message to Development and Peace

During a recent to Peru, D&P program office Richard Simard met with Archbishop Pedro Barreto Jimeno who had these words to share with members in Canada:

"Hello, I'm Archbishop Pedro Barreto Jimeno of the Archdiocese of Huancaayo in Peru, and President of the Comision Episcopal de accion social (CEAS).

I am personally grateful towards DEVELOPMENT AND PEACE because this organization greatly helps us to promote life, which is a gift of God, and to defend it. This life, we defend it from conception until its natural end.

In Peru, the Catholic Church defends life and human rights. In this way, we convey the life of Jesus Christ

DEVELOPMENT AND PEACE is a very important ally of the Church in Peru. We thank God for all the good that it brings us. It is an instrument of God that is at the service of men and women, particularly the poor and those suffering.

May God bless you."

Prayer for People of Haiti

For the people of Haiti, "the least of these," O God we pray.

Your children are in the depths of suffering, without food, homes, and the most basic forms of security, without hope.

Their land is ravaged and their spirits in despair.

In your mercy, open our eyes to what is happening and open our hearts so we may respond.

May we grow in solidarity with our sisters and brothers in

Haiti. May they live to see rebuilding and renewal in their land. Amen
-Jane Deren

www.educationforjustice.org

Wishing you all a blessed

Lenten season!

What is your parish doing for Share Lent? Have you

held a THINKfast?

Please send your stories

and photos to:

roberta.gramlich@devp.org

Events This Weekend

St. Paul's College Coffee House

When: Saturday, March 6, 2010

Time: 8:00 pm

Where: St. Paul's College, U of M

All funds will be donated to D&P relief efforts. D&P members are invited to bring/donate snacks or baking.

Sunday Matinee: War Dance

When: Sunday, March 7, 2010

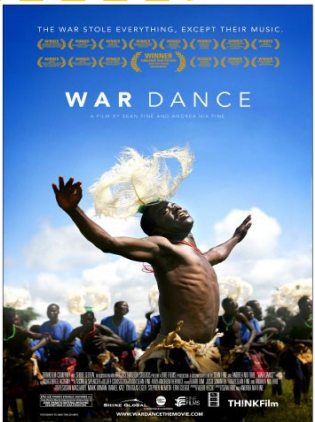
Time: 2:00 pm

Where: St. John Brebeuf Parish Hall

1707 John Brebeuf Place

Come watch a stirring tale about the power of the human spirit to triumph against tremendous odds

Admission: Non-perishable Food, Items for Agape Table. Refreshments Available.





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MONTREAL, NOVEMBER 6TH, 2009

MEXICAN COURT RULES CANADIAN MINING OPERATION ILLEGAL

Citizens' coalition urges Canadian and Mexican authorities to demand Vancouver-based "New Gold" respect the rule of law.

MONTREAL - On September 24th, the Federal Fiscal and Administrative Justice Tribunal of Mexico ruled that the Mexican federal Ministry of the Environment and Natural Resources (SEMARNAT) must revoke the land usage permit granted back in April 2006 to Minera San Xavier, a subsidiary of Canada-based New Gold (TSX: NGD). The ruling implies the full shut-down of the open-pit gold and silver mine in Cerro San Pedro, San Luis Potosi.

"The ruling confirms that this project has been operating illegally since it lost its permit in October 2005 due to the severe damage it would cause to the area," says Dr. Juan Carlos Ruiz Guadalajara of the *Frente Amplio Opositor* (FAO). The ruling ends a decade-long legal campaign by the FAO, a broad coalition of environmental and community groups, to halt a project that has in just over three years destroyed the better part of what had once been a historic and environmental preserve protected by state decrees. There is no possibility of appeal. The SEMARNAT has until Friday, November 13th 2009 to comply with the ruling.

For residents of Cerro de San Pedro and the neighbouring city of San Luis Potosí (population 1.3 million) New Gold's mine has been a terrible chapter in their history and so they are delighted to see that justice has been served. The problem, however, is that previous rulings against the company have not been applied.

"The ruling also indicates that the second permit obtained by New Gold in 2006 was illegal," adds Ruiz Guadalajara. "The most distressing part of this story is that this second permit was secured through a network of corruption made up of company officials and Mexican authorities." Ruiz Guadalajara believes that if New Gold is once again allowed to continue operations, it will provide a serious and negative precedent: "Canadian mining companies will now know that they can work in complete legal impunity."

Are you wondering whatever became of Bill C-300, the Responsible Mining Bill?

John Mackay, the Liberal MP who tabled the bill, has a lot of information about the bill on his website:

<http://www.johnmackaymp.on.ca/newslist.asp?category=1014>

"Love is God's greatest gift to humanity; it is God's promise and our hope." Pope Benedict, Caritas in Veritate.

Torch helping Haiti

Schools in Timmins participate in photo fundraiser

by Ron Grech, The Daily Press

Chloe Guerin, a junior kindergarten student at St. Paul School, poses with the Olympic Torch during a unique fundraising effort held yesterday at several Timmins schools. The money will be used to provide aid to Haitian earthquake victims



Seeing the destruction caused by the earthquake in Haiti makes Maryza Laitila appreciate being a Grade 4 student growing up in Canada. "It makes me feel lucky, because I have food and shelter and stuff and toys," said the young student at St. Paul School in Timmins. "I've seen a lot of people there are hurt, a lot of people not alive." Laitila was among the 235 students at her school who participated in a unique fundraiser aimed at raising money in aid of the earthquake victims in Haiti. For a minimum donation of \$3, each student got to hold an Olympic torch and have their photograph taken with it.

"I think it's important because the people in Haiti lost their homes and their family, and now they have no food or anything," said Laitila, when asked why she wanted to participate. "We'll raise them money so that we can bring them water and food, and help build new homes. It will help them a lot."

Kaitlyn St. Jacques, who is also a Grade 4 student at St. Paul School, said seeing images of Haitian people crying and the crumbling buildings, "made me feel sad and frightened for the people whose houses broke down. Now they've lost everything they've had."

St. Jacques said she hopes the money will be used the children of Haiti "have something to eat and to drink and toys to play with because we have lots of stuff and they don't." Using an Olympic torch to raise money was the brainchild of Ted Weltz, the principal at O'Gorman Intermediate Catholic School.

Weltz brought the torch to St. Paul, St. Joseph School and Sacred Heart School Thursday, photographing each students who contributed to the fundraiser. Friday, he'll be doing the same at his own school, O'Gorman Intermediate. Weltz said at the first three schools he raised approximately \$2,500. By the end of today, he hoped to raise close to \$4,000.

All proceeds will be donated to Development and Peace which already has in place partners on the ground in Haiti to assist the earthquake victims. Andrew Marks, community relations officer Northeastern Catholic District School Board, said "Anne MacDonald graciously donated her torch from the Olympic torch run. She was one of the torch bearers that assisted from the vehicle to lighting the actual torch runners torches with the Olympic flame in Timmins. Anne MacDonald is a past principal of O'Gorman High School and past superintendent with our board." John D'Alessandri, principal at St. Paul School, "Here we've already raised \$500 and expect to raise a little more. Almost every child donated \$3 so it's a great fundraiser organized by Mr. Weltz, the principal of O'Gorman Intermediate Catholic School, on very short notice. We've very proud of the students and the staff and everyone involved."

(Source: <http://www.timminspress.com/ArticleDisplay.aspx?e=2272193>)

Do you have other stories about people fundraising to support the people of Haiti? Please send your stories and photos to roberta.gramlich@devp.org

Young Adult Solidarity Trip PHILIPPINES

**Please send in your application
by MARCH 15, 2010.**

There is a selection process for applicants.
To receive an application form, or for more
information contact Genevieve Gallant,
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The goals of this Solidarity Trip are:

- To provide young adults committed to social justice with a personal experience of the reality of people in the Global South.
- To meet up with young people across Canada and in the Philippines to learn about their reality.
- To learn first-hand about the processes of development which D&P is supporting through its programs, and gain a perspective on what 'development' looks like on the ground by meeting a number of D&P Partners, like
 - Center for Environmental Concern-Philippines**, an organization that carries out environmental education, research, advocacy, and community services.
 - Freedom from Debt Coalition**, who promote public awareness and critical understanding of the economy and economic issues.
 - Urban Poor Associates**, who promote urban poor housing rights and a decent home for all the poor.
- To participate as a group and experience the trip together as young people, as French and English Canadians, and as a small Christian community.

Details:

Dates: AUGUST 2010, for duration of about 20 days, with 15 days in the Philippines and 2 days of preparation before we depart. We are planning for the trip to be within August 4-28, though exact trip dates will depend on flight availability and prep sessions.

Cost to participants: \$1,200, Development and Peace contributes to the cost of this trip so you have a manageable amount to fundraise. Your amount helps with the costs of flights, accommodations, food, visas and insurance. Fundraising for the trip is also a way to promote the project before and after the trip. We will help you fundraise in your local area. Each person is responsible for the costs of vaccines and health care prior to the trip – we will help guide you in all parts of the trip preparation.

Requirements: ages 18-35 in good health, a supporter of D&P's work, commitment to active participation in D&P's programs upon your return, attending a pre-trip orientation and post-trip debriefing sessions.



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Development and Peace is the official international development organization of the Catholic Church in Canada and the Canadian member of Caritas Internationalis. Inspired by Gospel values, particularly "the preferential option for the poor," the goals of Development and Peace are to support initiatives by people in the Global South to take control of their lives and to educate Canadians about North-South issues. Our education, advocacy and fund-raising work here at home is carried out by Development and Peace members from coast to coast and economic justice.