



Holy Cross Parish

Regina, SK

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TO: Pastors & Parish Ministers
FROM: Most Rev. Daniel J. Bohan
RE: ***Urgent Situation in Pakistan***
DATE: August 24, 2010

I am inviting you to make your parishioners aware of the urgent situation in Pakistan and encourage them to respond generously.

The following is an excerpt from the letter by Bishop Pierre Morissette, President of the CCCB about this situation. It may be used in your parish bulletins:

URGENT SITUATION IN PAKISTAN

The Holy Father is inviting us to show compassion and solidarity with our brothers and sisters in Pakistan who are suffering from catastrophic flooding. Reports indicate that 20 million people have been affected - they have lost family members, and are injured, hungry, sick and homeless. In addition to their immediate needs, there is everything that will also need to be done to rebuild their communities as well as their economy and local agriculture, once the devastating floods end. The rains have destroyed roads, farms and homes. Development and Peace launched an appeal on August 8th to collect donations from Canadians to help bring immediate assistance to the victims of the flooding. D & P will be working directly with Caritas Pakistan, the local Catholic agency for relief and assistance which is also a member of Caritas Internationalis, the Church's global humanitarian aid network. The Development and Peace appeal offers us an opportunity to provide immediate support as well as long-term assistance.

More detailed information at the Development and Peace Website:
<http://www.devp.org/devpme/eng/international/pakistan-eng.html>.

Development and Peace is also prepared to assist the efforts of parishes. As you know, the agency does not purchase advertising in the national media. However, it has prepared promotional material for diocesan and **parish websites, as well as resources and images that can be easily incorporated into parish bulletins.** These materials can help encourage a generous response to the disaster. The materials can be ordered from Mr. François Gloutnay by phone (514-257-8711) or email (françois.gloutnay@devp.org).

With my thanks for your considering this matter which calls us to an active response of charity.



This email is an update on what Development & Peace is doing.

- 1. Matching grants:** The devastation and urgency continues to build; along with relief efforts around the world. You may have heard that the Canadian government has announced matching dollar-for-dollar donations. <http://www.acdi-cida.gc.ca/acdi-cida/ACDI-CIDA.nsf/eng/NAD-82282153-GHR>

I received the following information from our Montreal office late this morning:

Any donation made by an individual to a recognized organization (between August 2nd and September 12th) will be matched by the government and placed in a fund for flood relief in Pakistan. This fund, should at least be partially managed by CIDA, and qualified humanitarian relief organizations will be able to submit proposals for funding of emergency projects in Pakistan.

As in the past, Development and Peace is fully recognized and we will also be qualified to submit proposals to support our partners in Pakistan flood relief. Donors should be assured that any donation to Development will be matched by the government for Pakistan.

We should specify however that the government (CIDA for instance) will judge how the additional funds are spent in Pakistan. The idea of the matching fund is to encourage the Canadian population to be generous and that the government will also do its part.

Note on this CBC news document link that Development and Peace is listed as one of the organizations to donate to: <http://www.cbc.ca/world/story/2010/08/23/pakistan-flood.html>

- 2. CCCB's letter of support:** This has been distributed to all Bishops across the country and is now up on their website: <http://www.cccb.ca/site/eng/>
- 3. Web banners for diocesan websites are available on the URL link at:** <http://www.dev.org/devpme/eng/international/pakistan-eng.html>
- 4. UTube video on Haiti relief:** The following UTube video explains how D&P is using the funds that Canadians donated for relief efforts in Haiti after the January earthquake. <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=fanpWsICE2A> It points out the D&P approach of having both phases of immediate relief as well as longer-term reconstruction and development.