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Serge Langlois  
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Dear Serge,

Thank you for your letter dated November 16, 2018 to the members of the Canadian Catholic Organization for Development and Peace-Caritas Canada. With the assistance of CCOOP, your ongoing efforts to restore trust in the good work of faithful committed Catholics to integral human development is much appreciated.

In your letter, you have noted that none of the funds collected in the Diocese of Victoria will go to the named 52 partners under review, and that a moratorium is in place for funding partners who are not clearly promoting integral human development in communion with the expressed faith and morals of the Catholic Church. We are now pleased to send our 2018 Share Lent Campaign collection of \$66,642.07, joining our Diocesan efforts with the thousands of faithful Catholics as partners with the poor around the world, to enable the reign of Jesus' Kingdom to come to all.

You have also noted in your letter, "there have been questions around the 2019 Share Lent campaign, we are hopeful that a satisfactory resolution to this crisis will allow for the Church to confirm its participation in the Lenten Campaign." We will keep the Canadian Catholic Organization for Development and Peace-Caritas Canada in our prayers, to ensure that the poor may truly be helped by "a fully Catholic organization that works for poor and vulnerable all over the world."

In Communion,

Most Reverend Gary Gordon  
Bishop of Victoria

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National Council Member for British Columbia/Yukon

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