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To all the members of the Edmundston Church

Subject: Fund raising and joint collection of funds by the Canadian Conference of Catholic Bishops CCCB and the Canadian Catholic Organization for Development and Peace (CCODP) to help the population of Haiti.

Dear brothers and sisters,

In a recent news report, the Canadian Catholic Conference of Bishops informed us that it has joined the OCCDP in order to bring help to Haiti hit by typhoon Matthew last October.

I invite you, in a special gesture, to share with our brothers and sisters in distress. **This can be done by a donation on the occasion of a special collection which I ask to be held in all the parishes of the Diocese, at all masses in the week-end of January 14 and 15, 2017.** We count on the traditional generosity of our faithful to help the victims of natural catastrophies in different regions of the world.

Development and Peace is mobilizing its network and launching an emergency campaign for Haiti and has already sent an initial donation of 50,000\$ to Caritas Haiti to support its programs. Development and Peace intends to send regular updates on the situation in Haiti and on the results of its actual financial campaign promoted by the Canadian Conference of Catholic Bishops (CCCB) for the people of Haiti. It has sent a team to Haiti to observe the situation. The team has already reported that the typhoon has had an enormous impact on the infrastructures of communication and transportation as well as on agricultural and food production.

OCCDP also has updates on a special Web page in French and in English.

- In French : <https://www.devp.org/fr/pressroom/2016/comm2016-10-07>
- In English : <https://www.devp.org/en/pressroom/2016/comm2016-10-07>

I thank you most sincerely for your gesture of solidarity. Together, let us continue to pray for all these persons who are in such need of our help

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