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Joint CCCB / Development and Peace Campaign for earthquake victims in Nepal

To Priests Moderators and the Faithful of the Diocese

Following the massive earthquake of 7.8 on the Richter scale which struck Nepal on Friday, April 24, already more than 4,200 dead and over 7,500 injured have been reported. The epicentre was only 80 km from the capital, Kathmandu. Since Saturday, the Canadian Catholic Organization for Development and Peace (CCODP) has been in constant communication with the General Secretariat of Caritas Internationalis. Information from Caritas Nepal, Caritas India and the Catholic Relief Services office in India indicates Nepal is experiencing a major crisis. CCODP has released an emergency contribution of \$50,000 to support the efforts of its Caritas partners on the ground, and is accepting donations from the public as a gesture of solidarity with the thousands of victims in Nepal.

The Most Reverend Paul-André Durocher, Archbishop of Gatineau and President of the Canadian Conference of Catholic Bishops, has announced a joint emergency campaign with the Canadian Catholic Organization for Development and Peace (CCODP) to raise funds for the victims of the earthquake in Nepal. In addition, the Government of Canada has announced it will match any contributions to assist Nepal which are collected by May 25, 2015.

For more information, please visit the Development and Peace website:
<http://www.devp.org/en/articles/development-and-peace-assisting-earthquake-victims-nepal>

I hereby encourage parishes and other groups to organize special collections, with the funds collected to be received by Development and Peace before May 25. Donations sent to CCODP should be marked "Nepal Earthquake Relief Fund". Development and Peace is working in collaboration with the other Caritas members in the region, including Caritas Nepal, Caritas India, and the Catholic Relief Services office in India.

I sincerely thank you for your precious collaboration, your generosity and solidarity towards the population of Nepal.

With my fraternal sentiments,

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