

COMMUNIQUÉ No. 119 – FEBRUARY 17, 2025
SHARE LENT 2025: TURNING DEPT INTO HOPE

**To Members of Parish Teams,
To our Clergy, PCLs, and LPAs,
To the faithful active in their communities,
To Members of Religious Communities,
To Archdiocesan Staff,**

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

In this jubilee year 2025, we are invited to be **pilgrims of hope**, following the example of biblical teachings. Inspired by the passage in Deuteronomy, “At the end of seven years, you shall forgive debts” (Dt 15:1), **the Archdiocese of Montreal** is joining the worldwide **Transforming Debt into Hope** campaign, spearheaded by Development and Peace - Caritas Canada.

1) AN INVITATION OF JUSTICE

This campaign highlights the devastating effects of insurmountable debt, particularly for our sisters and brothers in the Global South. It also highlights the **ecological debt**, the result of the exploitation of natural resources by the countries of the North, leading to environmental degradation and social injustice.

Pope Francis, in his bull **Spes non confudit**, calls us to act: “*Forgiving the debts of countries that can never repay them is more a question of justice than magnanimity.*” (§16)

How can we get involved?

We invite you to :

- **Give generously** to Share Lent, especially on **Solidarity Sunday**, April 6, 2025.
- **Sign the global petition** calling for the cancellation of unjust debts, reform of the global financial system and an integral framework for debt management.

Together, through our gifts, prayers and commitment, we can bring Christ's justice and compassion to those who need it most.

To find out more and get involved: [Resources Share Lent 2025 | Development and Peace](#)
Let's be active witnesses of hope and peace in this jubilee year.

Download your prayer card here:

[EN_prayer_card_2025.pdf](#)

Letter of support from CCCB

<https://devp.org/wp-content/uploads/2025/01/Message-Share-Lent-2025-Careme-de-partage-2025-EN.pdf>

2) INVITATION – INFORMATION MEETING – SHARE LENT 2025

Special invitation to a meeting specially designed for pastoral staff - priests, deacons, pastoral agents, diocesan staff:

English:

Wednesday, February 26 at 1 :30 p.m.

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81953027282?pwd=WlhCjeGuBf99YOGDN7ahUR3Dt4y1lR.1>

[English poster](#)

French:

Thursday, February 27th, at 1 :30 p.m.

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85817149679>

[French poster](#)

Yours Truly,

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