



Diocese of Peterborough

19 March 2009

Dear Pastors and Parishioners,

Statement from Bishop Nicola De Angelis.

There have been allegations that money from the Canadian Catholic Organization for Development & Peace is being used to support pro-abortion organizations. These serious allegations must be investigated in detail.

We all have a serious commitment to uphold the sanctity of life at all stages. Development & Peace has not as yet received its funding from us for 2009. Be assured I will not allow any money raised in the Diocese of Peterborough to be used for pro-abortion activities or organizations.

On the example of other Dioceses, we have contacted Development & Peace to express our deep concerns and have asked that they address this extremely serious matter immediately. All of our Canadian Dioceses must work together in support of our pro-life beliefs. A decision with respect to what is to be done in regards to the Development & Peace collection will be communicated to the parishes of the Diocese prior to the scheduled collection date of March 28th & 29th.

Sincerely,

Bishop De Angelis
Bishop of Peterborough