



Diocese of Peterborough

March 25, 2009

Dear Pastor and Parishioners,

Last week we reported to you serious allegations that were made against the Canadian Catholic Organization for Development and Peace with respect to the alleged funding of some pro-abortion groups. The Bishops of Canada are examining these allegations but in fairness to Development and Peace, who have a great legacy of service to our brothers and sisters in need, it will take some time to complete this investigation.

Our parish collections will go ahead as planned but money will not be sent on to Development and Peace until the investigation is complete and allegations are found to have no substance.

If allegations are found to be true, money collected will be sent to another charity operating in the Third World that is faithful to the teachings of the Catholic Church.

Given the current global situation, the need in the Third World has never been greater. I would urge you to continue your support of the poor in the Third World.

Sincerely Yours in Christ,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'Nicola De Angelis'. The signature is written in a cursive style with a small cross at the beginning.

**Most Rev. Nicola De Angelis, c.f.i.c.
Bishop of Peterborough**