



CANADIAN CATHOLIC ORGANIZATION FOR

Development and Peace

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Jim Hughes
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Campaign Life Coalition
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Dear Mr. Hughes,

I am responding in the name of the Canadian Catholic Organization for Development and Peace (DEVELOPMENT AND PEACE) to the letter of April 20 2010 from Campaign Life Coalition (CLC) concerning a draft internal working document of our organization *"The Controversy: Questioning DEVELOPMENT AND PEACE / Questions & Answers"*.

This referenced document was an internal resource document, in working draft form, which was distributed internally as a discussion draft on a restricted basis to some of our regional staff and certain members of our National Council (Board of Directors). It was with surprise and dismay that we learned that a copy of the document had been obtained and published by LifeSiteNews.com and other media without our prior knowledge or consent.

The document contains several statements concerning Campaign Life Coalition, which we have learned are inaccurate and regarding which we acknowledge being misinformed. We requested a dialogue meeting with CLC, which was graciously accepted, and have clarified certain statements in the document. Our meeting with CLC was a fruitful two-way exchange of information regarding both organizations, and has led to greater mutual understanding.

DEVELOPMENT AND PEACE regrets the inaccuracies identified in the referenced document and accepts Campaign Life Coalition's clarifications and assurances on certain statements as follows:

- CLC did not initiate or participate in any campaign directed and targeted against DEVELOPMENT AND PEACE
- Although started by Campaign Life Coalition, LifeSiteNews.com is not a website of Campaign Life Coalition
- CLC is in no way associated with violence and has a written policy against violence.

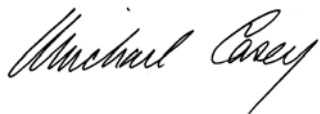
Two particular sections of the Q&A document have caused concern and embarrassment to CLC:

- *“These groups are part of the far right wing fringe element of North American society and have themselves been associated with groups and individuals who have resorted to violence to publicize their cause and achieve their objectives.”*
- *“These single-issue militant advocacy groups, particularly those focusing on anti-abortion advocacy, continuously misrepresent facts and distort reality to serve their purpose.”*

DEVELOPMENT AND PEACE acknowledges that any inferred or implied references to Campaign Life Coalition in these quotations are false, and we unreservedly retract these comments.

We extend our sincere apologies to Campaign Life Coalition for any embarrassment that this document may have caused.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Michael Casey".

Michael Casey
Executive Director