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To the Clergy and Lay Faithful of the Diocese of Saint John,

Throughout the world, every nation and people have been affected by the current pandemic. While our lives here in the Diocese of Saint John have been challenged by the COVID-19 pandemic, the lives of the most vulnerable have been most drastically affected. Our brothers and sisters in the Global South are even more disproportionately oppressed, exploited, and marginalized, suffering the worst impacts and fall-out of this pandemic.

On Sunday November 15, 2020, we celebrate the World Day of the Poor. As fellow Christians we can aid the most vulnerable among us. A special collection will be taken for Development and Peace Caritas Canada, "COVID-19 Recovering Together". This current endeavor by Development and Peace is a response to the critical and urgent needs of our brothers and sisters in the Global South.

I am inviting you, in true Christian charity, to pray for the most vulnerable affected by the pandemic. In the same Christian charity, I invite you to support this endeavour financially, as you are able, during this special collection next Sunday. Envelopes marked "**D&P COVID-19 Recovering Together**" will be collected and sent to support the efforts of Development and Peace in the Global South. More information on the **COVID-19 Recovering Together** campaign can be found by visiting the Development and Peace website ([www.devp.org](http://www.devp.org)).

Sincerely in Christ,

✠ Christian Riesbeck, CC  
Bishop of Saint John