

# HAVE YOU CONSIDERED LEAVING A LEGACY?

When you leave a portion of your estate, you create a lasting legacy that will help shape the world for the better.

Creating a legacy through your estate can easily be done through a charitable bequest.

A bequest may be made in several ways:

- **Gift of a percentage of your estate**
- **Gift of a specific dollar amount or asset**
- **Gift from the balance or residue of your estate**

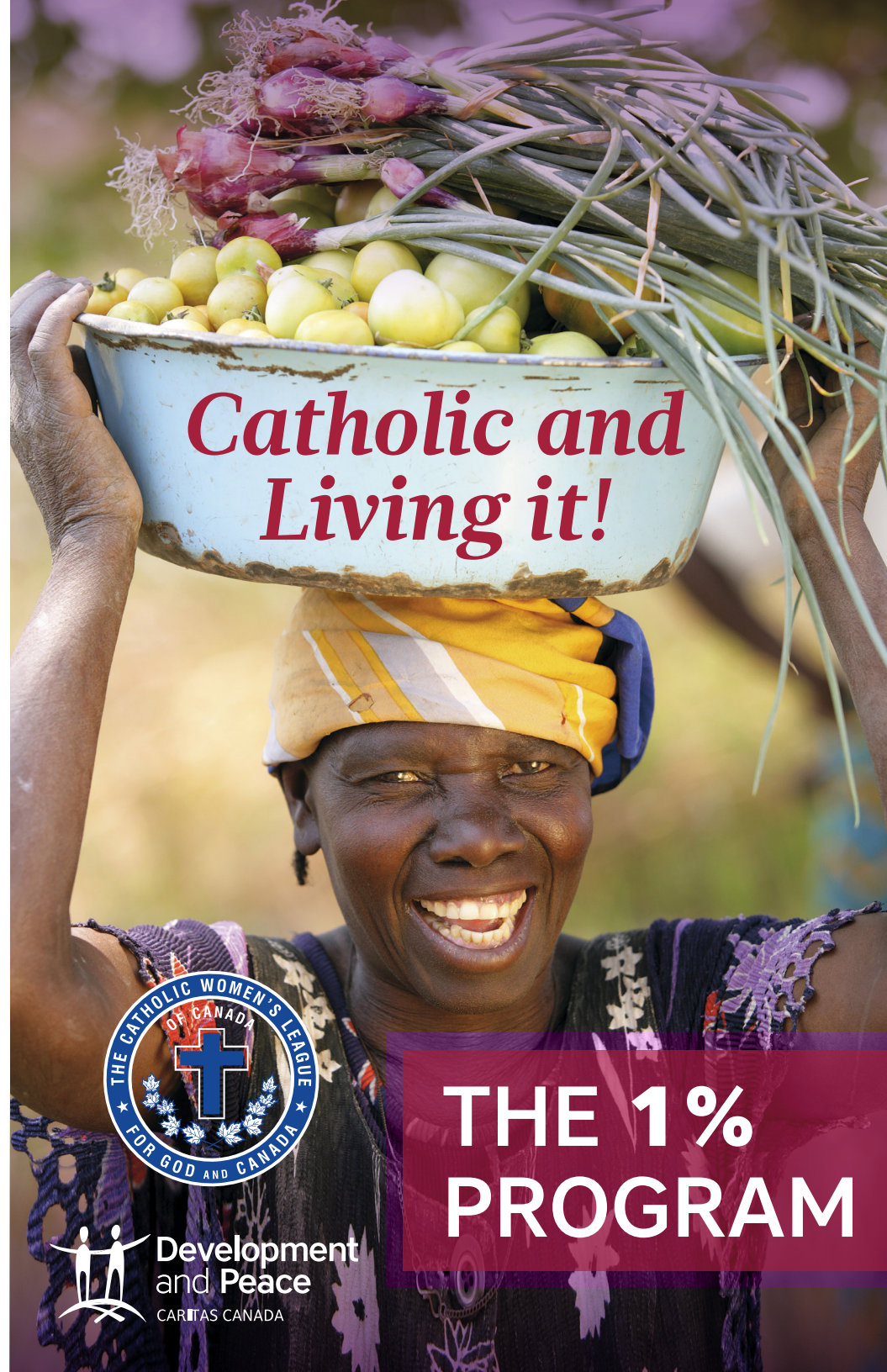
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## Catholic and Living it!



## THE 1% PROGRAM

### Dear Sisters in the League,

The Catholic Women's League of Canada has had a longstanding relationship with Development and Peace – Caritas Canada. Since 1969, the League has been encouraging its members to contribute to the 1% National Voluntary Fund by putting aside 1% of the cost of all personal items they purchase and of funds raised by councils, to support Development and Peace and its partners.



These partners work to improve the status of women in the Global South, and collectively, the funds are having a real impact on the lives of thousands of women striving for a better future.

The League is supporting projects in Afghanistan, the Sahel and the Democratic Republic of the Congo. For example, in rural areas of Afghanistan, many children, especially girls, do not go to school because of the vast distance to the nearest school. Development and Peace is partnering with Catholic Relief Services on a community-based schools project to bring education to these remote communities. Through partnership with organizations in the Global South, Development and Peace is deeply rooted in the values of the Gospel, particularly the preferential option for the poor.

**What can League members do?** They can support the 1% Program by regularly setting aside 1% of their spending on personal items:

Coffee and muffin	\$3.50	Dinner	\$35.00
Lunch	\$20.00	Movie	\$25.00
New jacket	\$80.00	Manicure	\$30.00
TOTAL MONTHLY SPENDING		\$193.50	

**1% = \$1.93**, a toonie a month (or less), will provide women and children in the Global South an opportunity for better education and housing and to earn a living wage.

Through your prayers and dedication each month, League members can turn one toonie into tens of thousands of toonies.

Saint Mother Teresa said, *"I alone cannot change the world, but I can cast a stone across the waters to create many ripples."* Be the stone that casts many ripples to help the marginalized in the Global South.

*Faith Anderson*

**Faith Anderson**  
National Chairperson of Community Life  
The Catholic Women's League of Canada

## 1% CAN MAKE A DIFFERENCE!

One percent may not seem like much, but it can actually make a big difference. For over 50 years, League members have been making contributions to the 1% Program in support of Development and Peace projects to improve the status of vulnerable women in the Global South. By regularly setting aside one percent of your expenses on personal items and of the funds raised by parish councils, you can have a real impact on the lives of thousands of women searching for social and economic justice for themselves, their families and their communities. Collectively, League members across Canada can make a real difference!



### About Development and Peace

The Canadian Catholic Organization for Development and Peace is one of the most established international development organizations in Canada. It was founded in 1967 by the Canadian Conference of Catholic Bishops to inspire the solidarity of Canadians towards their sisters and brothers in the Global South. Over the course of 55 years, it has realized more than 15,000 development projects in Africa, Asia, Latin America and the Middle East. It is a strong and diverse movement of Canadians from coast to coast acting for justice so that the poorest can live in dignity and with respect.

Development and Peace is the official Canadian member of Caritas Internationalis, a global confederation of over 160 Catholic relief, development and social service organizations working on behalf of the poor and oppressed in 198 countries and territories. Development and Peace also belongs to several national and international networks such as KAIROS and CIDSE to help build a world of justice.

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# AFGHANISTAN



Development and Peace has committed \$225,000 of its own funds to this new project but is actively seeking additional funding to cover the needs of the 180 students for three years, with a total budget of nearly \$500,000.

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School children  
photographed during  
a 2015 mission  
to Afghanistan.

Since August 2021, Afghanistan has once again been under the Taliban's control. This has heavily impacted Development and Peace's programming in the country, since most of its local partners were women's organizations that have been forced by the new regime to stop their operations.

Development and Peace still has one very active and trusted partner in Afghanistan, a sister organization in the Caritas network, Catholic Relief Services. With CRS-Afghanistan, we are supporting a community-based education project in remote villages of the province of Bamiyan, so that girls and boys can attend school for the first time.

This new three-year project is enabling 180 students (92 girls and 88 boys), who started in grades 1 to 3, to continue their education for three more years (grades 4 to 6), thus preventing drop-out, especially among girls.

**Girls' education is essential to promoting women's rights and recognizing the contribution of women to the well-being of their communities and society.**

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Children photographed during a 2012 mission to Afghanistan.



# SAHEL

A number of cross-cutting issues—ranging from climate-related shocks, such as drought and extreme temperatures, to the economic effects of COVID-19, political instability and local and international armed conflicts—are exacerbating food insecurity in the Sahel.

This five-year project (known by its French acronym, SANC2S) will improve the long-term food and nutritional security of communities working in the agricultural, forestry and fishery sectors of Mali, Burkina Faso and Niger. It will do so by helping producers in those communities, particularly women and young adults, increase their economic activities while improving sustainable management of natural resources in a context of climate change.

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A project animator in Sikasso, Mali.

**“Our integrated approach will also promote peace in the region by enhancing social cohesion.”**

— Ann Dominique Morin,  
programs officer  
responsible for  
this project

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A local project leader  
in Farakala, Mali.



This project will achieve the above main objectives through the following activities:

- provide training on improved techniques in the agricultural, forestry and fishery sectors;
- enhance participants' professional and organizational skills;
- provide infrastructure and equipment;
- finance innovative initiatives, including climate change adaptation activities;
- support the establishment of frameworks for managing shared resources;
- facilitate access to markets; and
- intervene in situations of exclusion and inequality to improve women's and young adults' access to land ownership, resources, equipment and agricultural credit.

# DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC OF THE CONGO



Despite the matrilineal system that characterizes local society, women in the ecclesiastical province of Lubumbashi face many obstacles, one of the main ones being illiteracy.

Development and Peace has therefore been partnering with Caritas Kilwa Kasenga on a project that is not only enabling local women to learn to read and write, but also generating a new dynamic of respect and equality in their communities.

Over the first 10 months of the project in 2021, **125 Congolese women** learnt to read and write, while developing other new skills for income-generating activities and gaining a greater awareness of their rights.

Given its success, the project has been extended so that at least **200 more women** can enroll in the program! And that number does not include their families and communities, who comprise the thousands of indirect beneficiaries!



← Participants in the program receive their literacy certificates in the village of Ngonga.



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A program participant  
writing in Swahili.