Christ the King Parish in Stonewall Hosts Development and Peace 2019 Regional Assembly

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Confederation of 162 Catholic relief, development and social service organizations working on behalf of the poor and oppressed in 198 countries and territories. It is one of the largest Non-Government Organizational networks in the world.



Evelyne Beaudoin, Manitoba's Representative and President of the National Council for Development and Peace, had a slide show and spoke about her solidarity trip to the Philippines, for the official inauguration of Pope Francis' village, a community near the city of Tacloban. Here, Development and Peace and several

of its partners worked together to build a resettlement site which provides a new beginning for 566 families affected by Typhoon Haiyan.



Brenda Arakazagave, the Francophone representative for the National Youth Assembly, described her efforts spreading the news about Development and Peace to Manitoba youth.



Inspired by the words of Pope Francis to "share the journey" with migrants and refugees, Development and Peace has spearheaded an event to provide an opportunity for organizations to gather together to show their unity and solidarity alongside migrants and refugees.

Diana Ludwick announced this Solidarity Walk will be on Saturday, June 15, 2019. Citizens of Winnipeg are encouraged to gather at 1:00 pm in front of the Canadian Museum of Human Rights and walk to the Manitoba Legislature. This will be an opportunity to learn more about organizations working to help migrants and refugees settle into a new life. Diana hopes that this event will highlight the important role newcomers play in the cultural fabric of Winnipeg.

Rosie Jodoin, President of the Diocesan Council (DC) for Development and Peace for the Archdiocese of Winnipeg, acted as host and MC of this year's event. She explains that each parish in the diocese can select a representative to be a member of the Diocesan Council. The DC meets monthly to discuss the campaigns, to periodically connect via skype calls to National Office staff and other Diocesan Councils, and to work closely with the National Rep and local Animator, Janelle Delorme, on special events and other projects. The three local Diocesan Councils are always looking for new members, especially young people involved in their parishes, schools or communities in social justice. Membership will provide opportunity to enhance their own communication, organizational and leadership skills while they work to help the poor and disadvantaged. Rosie encourages anyone who is interested in being part of the DC to contact her by e-mail at winnipegdiocesancouncil@gmail.com.



Pictured: Evelyne Beaudoin (President of the National Council for Development and Peace); Presidents of the Diocesan Councils: Rachel Ouimet (St. Boniface French), Liz Hogue (St. Boniface English) and Rosie Jodoin (Winnipeg); Armella Sonntag (Deputy Director for Public Engagement for Western Canada)