

Prospectus for “Donations of Love” of Lenten Campaign

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In memory of the Passover of Christ from death to life, the theme of the three-month long season from Lent to Easter is that all of us enter into new life of Christ. During Lenten season all the people gathering at churches, not only catechumens, are called to follow what Christ did during the 40 days in the desert ahead of his mission.

Although the traditional works of conversion encouraged during Lent were “prayer, fasting and almsgiving”, they are now commonly expressed as “prayer, moderation and acts of charity”. By conducting these works, we try to redirect our mind to God and suffering brothers and sisters.

Cherishing this spirit of Lent, the Catholic Bishops’ Conference of Japan every year appeals to keep attention to those who need help in the world, feel compassion for their suffering, and share what each one of us has as much as possible. Caritas Japan appeals and does clerical works for this donation campaign. The collected donations have been utilized for emergency disaster aid, protection of lives of refugees and people suffering from starvation, and assistance to help poor people to stand on their own feet from a long term perspective such as educational aid for minority children.

Let us spend Lenten season with love and prayers, thinking of love of Christ who devoted his life on the cross for salvation of all the people.

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