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2021年 四旬節愛の献金 趣意書

Lenten Love Collection

Over the past year the world has been massively affected by the new coronavirus and has had to choose actions to protect life. Unfortunately, those choices have made it difficult to get together to share joy and sorrow.

The world economy has also been greatly affected and the gap between rich and poor has widened. Pope Francis has even called this gap “a larger virus.” In a general audience on August 19 he said, “We must also cure a larger virus, that of social injustice, inequality of opportunity, marginalization, and the lack of protection for the weakest.” Unfortunately, as the worldwide infection widens, inequality widens as well. Increasing numbers of people are shunted aside and forgotten. Life is threatened by two major factors, an infectious disease and widening inequality.

In this situation, the Church wants to be a light of hope that embodies the mercy of God, supports people rather than ignores them, and promotes solidarity in kindness.

Lent is a time to live our Father’s mercy concretely. The Lenten tradition of the Church calls for us to re-examine our faith through prayer, abstinence and works of love. The Lenten Love Collection is a major work of love. During these 40 days, please take your part in the Church’s work of love with an unselfish heart.

Your Lenten contribution is essential not only for emergency disaster relief, but also to assist those whose lives are in crisis here and abroad. You support long-term programs such as education for ethnic-minority children in developing countries and programs for women’s independence. Caritas Japan’s activities are supported by your donations throughout the year, and one-third of that annual support comes through this Lenten collection.

To live the mercy of God concretely and create hope by supporting each other with the love that comes from our Father please cooperate again this year with the Caritas Japan Lenten Love Collection.

Ash Wednesday, February 17, 2021
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