

Standing up to Mining Companies

Because the rapid expansion of mining is contributing to deepening social problems like poverty and violence, 35 municipalities across Honduras have declared themselves resource extraction-free zones. Initiated by open consultation and valid for three years, such declarations establish a community's firm opposition to extractive projects.



Candidates for a recent mayoral election in the municipality of Orocuina, in the region where our partner Caritas Choluteca operates, were invited to follow this path. They undertook to open a consultation to keep Orocuina free of resource extraction activities if elected.



"Last December, a metal mining company set up on the banks of the Choluteca River. Thanks to the accompaniment offered by several community organizations, we were able to bring about the company's exit from the area a few weeks later."

— German Chirinos, Southern Social Environmental Movement for Life (Massvida), a grassroots ally of Caritas Choluteca who train and accompany community leaders and support their advocacy for policies that respect human rights.

One way to support Development and Peace's work is to give generously to Share Lent NEXT WEEKEND!

Thanks to your support and commitment we can stand in solidarity with vulnerable and marginalized people in the Global South.

Share Lent Collection - Sunday, April 3



CATHOLIC CONVERSATION SERIES

The Evangelization Committee of North Bay & Area have organized Catholic Conversation Series of presentations on the Catholic faith. Each night is a stand-alone topic. You are invited! And bring a friend too!

HOW TO RAISE CHILDREN TO EMBRACE THE CATHOLIC FAITH

Wednesday, 27 April at 7:00 PM

**St. Peter the Apostle Church — 299 Airport Road
With Presenters: Mat & Theresa-Marie VanMilligen**

**To Find our more and to register, visit:
<https://www.catholicconversation.net/>**



Our next **Baptismal Preparation Meeting** will be held in the Parish Hall on **TUESDAY, APRIL 12** beginning at 7:00 PM. Those who wish to register for this meeting to have their child baptized are asked to **call the parish office by Monday, April 11.**

Next Preparation Date: Tuesday, May 17

Lent is a time of reflection when we think about the connection between our daily lives and our journey of faith. Lent is a time of



the year when we remember that, sometimes, we are a part of what's wrong with the world – and that, sometimes, the best thing that we can do to change the world is change ourselves. We don't always love God with our whole heart and mind and strength, and we don't always love other people the way that God does. Our lives are often tainted by pride and impatience, anger and envy, prejudice and contempt for others, and by a lack of concern for people who aren't "like us." And Lent is a time when God calls us to abandon those ways of living and to come home.

We still have time this Lent to stop for a moment and reflect upon how we are living our lives and if there are things we can change to follow Christ through word and action.

We are created to live in a relationship with God, and we've also been created to live well with other people. God created us to live well with each other – encouraging each other, spurring each other on, building each other up, and equipping and empowering each other for life and ministry in our quickly-changing world.

Living together as God's faithful people challenges us to explore what it means to live in a world where other people don't always think the same way that we do, or look like us. Hearing God's Word and sharing the Lord's Supper provides strength for our journey. Authentic and honest listening and prayer can help us to serve others more effectively and proclaim the message of Jesus in more relevant ways.

May you be find yourself this Holy Season strengthened and renewed.