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(made payable to Pro-Cathedral) before March 20 for processing.



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**OUR CHURCH
NEEDS
YOUR HELP!**

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We urge decision-makers to prioritise people and planet over profit and demand debt justice for communities crushed by unjust and unpayable debts.

PERU: Ecological debt and mining

Peru faces an ecological debt crisis as extractive industries, often foreign-owned, deplete its natural resources, harm the environment and human rights. These industries unjustly enrich the Global North at the Global South's expense. Our partners, the Comisión Episcopal de Acción Social (CEAS, Episcopal Commission for Social Action) and the Institut Bartolomé de Las Casas (IBC) work closely with affected communities, advocating for justice and sustainable alternatives.

"Sustained by the historical imbalance between the economies of the North and South, Peru continues to welcome false promises of 'development' from foreign transnationals operating with serious consequences for human rights, Indigenous peoples and the environment. This system impoverishes local populations while sidelining development alternatives based on their ancestral knowledge. CEAS supports affected communities through information, training and advocacy, empowering them to stand for their rights and futures."

— Javier Johnson, human rights lawyer, CEAS



"Our territory is under concession without our consent. The extractive companies want to move our territory to get the oil, damaging places like the ojos de agua [eyes of water]. These water sources are vital to us, the Asháninka, providing water not only for us but for other species. This economic model is not ours as Indigenous peoples; it distances us from Mother Nature and our spirituality."

— Karen Pamela Huene Cristobal, Indigenous Asháninka activist, Peru



CEAS at a glance

ESTABLISHED: 1965

MISSION: To proclaim the joy of the Gospel in its social dimension, encouraging and articulating a national social pastoral from the option for the poor, promoting an active citizenship with the capacity of advocacy in the defense and enforceability of human rights, the search for the common good and integral ecology.

IMPACT: 29,900 people reached by our project, Rights based advocacy towards socio ecological and systemic change with Peruvian church networks.



**Mass of Chrism
Pro-Cathedral**

Wednesday, 09 April

7:00 PM

A Diocesan Celebration in which the entire diocese, bishop, priests, deacons and lay faithful gather.



Bishop Thomas Dowd will bless the holy oils, and priests and deacons will renew their promises to serve God and his people.

Everyone Welcome



reception
will follow
in parish hall

Attention Bakers



We are looking for donations of home-baked goodies for our Mass of Chrism reception. Cookies, squares, loaves would be welcome. Please drop off to the rectory office by Monday, April 7 so we can plan for the reception. Drop off items early if they can be frozen and taken out the day of the reception. Thank you so much!!!