



EASTER APPEAL 2016

“Prophesy to these bones, and say to them: O dry bones, hear the word of the Lord... I will put my spirit within you, and you shall live, and I will place you on your own soil.”

Ezekiel 37: 4, 14

You shall live!



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CJI VISION AND MISSION

The **VISION** of Canadian Jesuits International is a world of peace, justice and integrity of creation, transformed through active commitment and finding God in all things.

The **MISSION** of CJI is to love and to serve by working with people struggling for social justice and dignity in the world. Together with Jesuit and other partners, CJI responds in solidarity, through awareness raising and advocacy in Canada and supporting partnerships in the Global South.

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EASTER LIFE

Ezekiel’s vision of the valley of the dry bones, which came to him during the Babylonian exile (593–571 BCE), is uncannily relevant today. As it was for Ezekiel, reality for many people now is like a desert valley filled with sun-bleached bones.

On Good Friday, the disciples of Jesus must have had a similar vision when the One they had loved and followed for three years was hanging on a cross. The world they knew was dead.

But then the Spirit of God appeared. “Suddenly there was a noise, a rattling, and the bones came together (with sinews, flesh, skin and breath) ... and they lived, and stood on their feet, a vast multitude” (Ez 37).

At Canadian Jesuits International, we believe in resurrection. We believe that the crises of our time – forced migration, terrorism, senseless wars, climate change, economic chaos, political deadlock – can be transformed. Guided by the Spirit, we can all work to realize justice and peace. The Spirit comes to give new life and place us on our own soil.

**This Easter we invite you to join us
in this work of resurrection.**



**Please give
generously.**

THANK YOU!

Colombians live as
refugees in Ecuador.





P. Balleis/JRS

Somali refugees study literacy at Melkedida Camp, Ethiopia.

HOLY THURSDAY 24 March 2016

“I will put my spirit within you”

MERCY IN MOTION

“To give a child a seat at school is the finest gift you can give... For children forced to emigrate, schools are places of freedom.”

Pope Francis

The Jesuit Refugee Service (JRS) has launched a new Global Education Initiative, which aims to educate 100,000 additional refugee students over the next five years. To support this initiative, the Mercy in Motion campaign needs to raise US\$35 million. CJI contributes to the education work of JRS.

“And you shall live”

COMPARTE

“It is here on the margins of society where we encounter hope... working to achieve a livelihood with dignity.”

*José Andrés Fuentes and Alberto Irezabal,
Comparte workers in Chiapas, Mexico*

CJI supports the work of Comparte (“Share”) in Latin America. Formed in 2011 by several Jesuit social centres, Comparte is a community of learning and action that works to improve the lives of people through capacity building, alternative economic development and better analysis of local contexts for greater impact.



Tseltal workers in Mexico spread coffee beans to dry.

E. Carrasco

GOOD FRIDAY 25 March 2016

EASTER SUNDAY 27 March 2016



SHG members at Nandovita grow ginger as a cash crop.

B. Kishor

The Human Life Development & Research Centre (HLDRC) works to build the capacity of tea plantation workers in Darjeeling, India. Through leadership training, social analysis, legal assistance and self-help groups (SHGs), workers are organizing and improving their economic prospects. CJI supports the rights-based work of HLDRC.

“And I will place you on your own soil”

HUMAN LIFE DEVELOPMENT & RESOURCE CENTRE

“Activities (like self-help groups) encourage self-reliance and promote workers’ dignity and well-being.”

Fr Lalit Tirkey SJ, Director of HLDRC