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AMERICA/VENEZUELA-A country free of violence: campaign for Lent 2012

Caracas (Agenzia Fides) - Consider Lent is considered a suitable time for prayer, fellowship, sharing: this is why Caritas Venezuela presented its campaign "Compartir 2012" (Sharing) aimed at building peace. As reported to Fides by the local church, this is the 32nd edition which, on this occasion, is titled "A Venezuela 100% free of violence."

The Campaign is an instrument of the Church to bring to the attention of the faithful some topics of general interest that touch the Venezuelan society. In the note sent to Fides, it is explained how every year, the Bishops deal with the reality of the country and its most critical problems. Insecurity is a problem that strongly affects the population, and that poses a threat to all families. For this reason, the Catholic Church has decided that during 2012, the delegates of the national Caritas will work for the construction of peace, tolerance and peaceful conflict resolution, working in all communities, especially through the parishes.

This message, confirms the note, will be broadcast by all media and will be released at all levels, with neighborhood meetings, meetings in schools, through sports and cultural activities throughout the country. The Campaign "Compartir 2012" - says in conclusion - will be promoted by all the Catholic organizations (parishes, schools, vicarages, associations, religious institutions) and will try to counter the "culture of death" by emphasizing the goodness of the "culture of life " which, through Gospel values,"reinforces the positive references that tie together the Venezuelan people." (CE) (Agenzia Fides 25/2/2012)

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