

Lent

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You can read below a short extract of the Lent message from [His Grace Robert Vitillo, new ecclesiastic assistant at the BICE](#) and we invite you to read the full text ([download the Lent message from His Grace Vitillo in french](#)):

« May we have the strength to honestly wonder: are we open to the love and grace of God every day? Let's take the time to listen to His call, are we ready to show Him the love of all our being: body, mind and soul? Let's follow the second commandment of Our Lord, to love thy neighbour as thy loves oneself... regardless of who this neighbour is? Are we applying the teachings that Jesus gave to his disciples: "Let the little children come to me"?

"Everywhere in the world, the needs of young children and adolescents are immense. Your donations, your voices joined to ours allow the BICE to open more widely its actions of defending and protecting children. I unite with the team of the BICE and to the organisation members of this vast network to thank you with all my heart for your contribution."

Choosing the BICE for your Lent donation, a choice for the children

Because the BICE means:

- **67 years of existence, of experience and of expertise for the children.** The BICE thus is part of the initiators of the International Convention for Children's rights as early as the

1970s.

- **Concrete programmes to fight the mistreatment of children and in favour of their education**, which help 20,000 children in 25 countries.
- **The only international catholic network specialised in defending children's rights**, made up of over 60 organisations in the world.
- **An organisation with a human side** which works in close proximity with trustworthy and reliable partners in the field.
- **A long term outlook** helping children to in becoming a dignified and serene adult.
- **A permanent reflection to identify needs**, for instance, today; we are working on fighting the violence happening on the internet.
- **A constant plea in favour of children's rights**, to promote public policies that are appropriate at every level, from the most international to the most local.

These are all reasons to give my Lent donation to the BICE.

A testimonial from Jemima T.O., former social worker in Democratic Republic of the Congo:

I was a social worker for the BICE for 9 years in the Democratic Republic of the Congo.

I will never forget.

Among the children we were supporting, I was helping little Marlène... I would like for you to know that her dream to become a nurse came true.

This year, she is in her third degree of nursing care (3rd year of study). She is part of the thousands of children from Congo to have benefitted from the actions of the BICE.

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