



Catholic Climate Covenant: The St. Francis Pledge to Protect Creation and Our Brothers and Sisters who are Poor

The Catholic Coalition on Climate Change will be launching a unique and unprecedented initiative, A Catholic Climate Covenant and the St. Francis Pledge to Protect Creation and Our Brothers and Sisters who are Poor in April. This ambitious project is in response to a growing desire by the Catholic community to respond, in faith, to climate change. It will also be a demonstration of a common Catholic commitment to care for God's creation and to stand with people who are poor and vulnerable people in our nation and around the world who face the impacts of a changing climate. Go to catholicsandclimatechange.org for more information.

The St. Francis Pledge to Protect Creation and Our Brothers and Sisters who are Poor

- ❖ PRAY and reflect on the duty to care for God's creation and protect the poor and vulnerable;
- ❖ LEARN about and educate others on the moral dimensions of climate change;
- ❖ ASSESS our participation-as individuals and organizations-in contributing to climate change (i.e. consumption and conservation);
- ❖ ACT to change our choices and behaviors contributing to climate change and;
- ❖ ADVOCATE Catholic principles and priorities in climate change discussions and decisions, especially as they impact the poor and vulnerable.

Today the great gift of God's Creation is exposed to serious dangers and lifestyles which can degrade it. Environmental pollution is making particularly unsustainable the lives of the poor of the world ... we must pledge ourselves to take care of creation and to share its resources in solidarity.

—Pope Benedict XVI

Be part of the Solution now: When shopping use cloth bags instead of plastic bags. Why? Reducing plastic bags will decrease our need for foreign oil. For more information contact Sr. Sharon Goodremote, FSSJ, Catholic Charities, s.goodremote@ccwny.org or 853-4424 ext. 2006.