



The Global Catholic
Climate Movement



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A Call for a Month of Climate Action: the Faithful Respond to the Bishops' COP21 Appeal

**As we announce the launch of the “Month of Climate Action,”
the 200 member organizations of the Global Catholic Climate Movement (GCCM) thank
and support the Bishops of the Church for their COP21 Appeal.**

“Our common home is being pillaged, laid waste and harmed with impunity. Cowardice in defending it is a grave sin ... People and their movements are called to cry out, to mobilize and to demand—peacefully, but firmly—that appropriate and urgently-needed measures be taken. I ask you, in the name of God, to defend Mother Earth.” Pope Francis, Speech at World Meeting of Popular Movements, 9.07.2015.

“We, Cardinals, Patriarchs and Bishops ... call on COP 21 to forge an international agreement to limit a global temperature increase to within those parameters currently suggested from within the global scientific community to avoid catastrophic climatic impacts, especially on the poorest and most vulnerable communities...” Bishops' Appeal to COP21 Negotiating Parties.

In one month, international leaders will gather in Paris for the 21st Session of the Conference of Parties (COP21) to the UN Framework Convention on Climate Change. They will once again debate responses to the crises and causes of climate change. And we will be expecting and demanding appropriate action.

On the eve of this critical moment in history, the Global Catholic Climate Movement (GCCM) announces its “Month of Climate Action” We unite in prayer and activism with all Catholics who insist that COP21 produce sound climate policies—ones that encourage lifestyles rooted in solidarity, charity, and justice, the natural limits of our common home, and acknowledgement of the need to protect shared resources crucial for life.

In doing so we offer gratitude and support to the bishops of the world—most especially the Bishop of Rome—who have endorsed the just-released Appeal to COP21 Negotiating Parties. It is a witness to the crises we face that so many Successors to the Apostles have joined together to confront the human causes and consequences of climate change.

Supporting the cause

The Global Catholic Climate Movement came together ten months ago. Today it represents some 200 partner organizations and over 200,000 concerned Catholics. Now, in announcing its Month of Climate Action, GCCM seeks to support the Church and her bishops in three ways:

- The Catholic Climate Petition. To date over 200,000 Catholics have signed the GCCM petition, which seeks the adoption of enforceable international policies and practices that target global temperature rise resulting from anthropocentric global warming to be no more than 1.5°C—a value backed by science and many in the world community. Petition signatures will be delivered to representatives of the French government (who preside the COP21) and of the United Nations on November 28, in an interfaith event in Paris.
- Organizing Catholics for the November 29th Global Climate March. This historic event will voice unqualified worldwide support for comprehensive climate policy and meaningful international agreements at COP21. Already Catholics around the globe are mobilizing on six continents to march with millions from every background. This extraordinary global event will provide opportunities for the people of the world to be the voice of the poor and the planet. For Catholics, it will also be an occasion to encourage all men and women of good will to build right relationship with God, one another, and all creation.
- The #Pray4COP21 Prayer Chain. With our ultimate trust in the Triune God, the GCCM is helping coordinate uninterrupted global prayer with its #Pray4cop21 prayer campaign. With our prayers, we seek the intercession of the saints, especially the Blessed Mother, for courageous action and inspired results at COP21.

Onward

The next thirty days will see accelerated ecclesial and civil activity as Catholics join the wider world community on a journey that leads to—and beyond—Paris. Pilgrimages and fasts are already underway. Catholic individuals and communities are even now storming Heaven with prayers. But as Pope Francis and the bishops have reminded us, there is much more that we are obliged to carry out. GCCM's work will continue to explore, compile, and support these efforts, worldwide.

In thanking, joining, and assisting all those who have to date mobilized in large or small ways, we encourage all to raise their voices for change and to ponder their own personal conversion at this vital moment in human history.

And we join the bishops in their appeal's final prayer:

“God of love, teach us to care for this world our common home. Inspire government leaders as they gather in Paris to listen to and heed the cry of the earth and the cry of the poor; to be united in heart and mind in responding courageously; to seek the common good and protect the beautiful earthly garden you have created for us, for all our brothers and sisters, for all generations to come. Amen.”

Signed by the following partners of the Global Catholic Climate Movement:

1. Ação Franciscana de Ecologia e Solidariedade (Brazil)
2. Acción Católica Argentina (Argentina)
3. Acción Católica Paraguay (Paraguay)
4. Actions des Jeunes pour u Développement Intégral et Durable (Togo)
5. Adrian Dominican Sisters (USA)
6. Agencia Informativa Católica Argentina (Argentina)
7. Anam Earth Center for Sustainability and Culture (USA)
8. Antigonish Diocese Social Justice Committee (Canada)
9. Apostleship of Prayer | Pope's Worldwide Network of Prayer
10. Apostleship of Prayer-Philippines
11. Archdiocese of Manila Ecology Ministry (Philippines)

12. Association of Major Religious Superiors of the Philippines
13. Association Of Member Episcopal Conferences In Eastern Africa (AMECEA)
14. Assumption College (Philippines)
15. Ballarat Diocesan Ecological Sustainability Committee (Australia)
16. Bedan Volunteers (Philippines)
17. Benedictinas Missionárias Tutzing em Angola (Angola)
18. Bernardine Franciscan Sisters
19. CAFOD (United Kingdom)
20. Campus Student Organization-Holy Name University Bohol (Philippines)
21. Canadian Catholic Organization for Development and Peace (Canada)
22. Capilla María Madre (Argentina)
23. Caritas Aotearoa New Zealand
24. Caritas Arquidiocesana De Tegucigalpa (Honduras)
25. Caritas Australia
26. Caritas Diócesis Morón (Argentina)
27. Caritas Ecuador
28. Cáritas El Salvador
29. Caritas Finland
30. Caritas India
31. Cáritas Mexicana
32. Cáritas Nicaragua
33. Caritas Norway
34. Caritas Pakistan
35. Caritas Philippines
36. Caritas Ratnapura-Sethmini (Sri Lanka)
37. Caritas Taiwan
38. Catholic Action for Animals (UK)
39. Catholic Bishops Conference of the Philippines National Secretariat for Social Action
Justice, Peace and Integrity of Creation (Philippines)
40. Catholic Charities (USA)
41. Catholic Development Commission in Malawi (CADECOM) - Caritas Malawi
42. Catholic Diocese of Oslo (Norway)
43. Catholic Earthcare Australia

44. Catholic Institute of Development Justice and Peace (Nigeria)
45. Catholic Rural Life (USA)
46. Catholic Sustainable Garden of Joy (Hong Kong)
47. Catholic Welfare and Development (South Africa)
48. Catholic Women's League of the Philippines
49. Catholic Youth Network for Environmental Sustainability in Africa
50. CatholicEcology.net (USA)
51. Catholics for Peace and Justice (USA)
52. Catholics in Alliance for the Common Good (USA)
53. Catholics in Coalition for Justice and Peace (Australia)
54. Catoliclick "A un click de Dios" (Argentina)
55. CCVI Congregational Justice, Peace, And Integrity Of Creation Office (USA)
56. Center for Action and Contemplation (USA)
57. Center for Earth Jurisprudence, Barry University School of Law (USA)
58. Center for Environmental Concerns (Philippines)
59. Center for Environmental Studies of Miriam College (Philippines)
60. Centre d'Estudis Cristianisme i Justícia (Spain)
61. Christian Life Community -CLC- / Comunidad de Vida Cristiana -CVX
62. CIDSE
63. CIJP Vedruna Carmelites
64. Climate Change Desk-Federation of Asian Bishops Conference
65. Columban Center for Advocacy and Outreach (USA)
66. Columban Integrity of Creation, Justice, Peace (Japan)
67. Columban Justice, Peace, Integrity of Creation (Korea)
68. Columban Mission Institute, Sydney (Australia)
69. Columban Missionary Society, Philippine Region
70. Comisión General Justicia y Paz (Spain)
71. Comissão Socioambiental da Diocese de São José dos Campos (Brazil)
72. Commission on Justice and Peace, Augustinian Province of Sto. Niño de Cebu
(Philippines)
73. Comunidade Nossa Senhora do Perpetuo Socorro (Brazil)
74. Conference of Major Superiors of Men (USA)
75. Conferência da Família Franciscana do Brasil

76. Conferência Nacional dos Bispos do Brasil
77. Congregation of the Sisters of St. John the Baptist, Paranaque (Philippines)
78. Co-ordination Office of the Austrian Episcopal Conference for International Development and Mission (Austria)
79. Crónica Blanca Argentina
80. Daughters of Charity - Province of St. Louise (USA)
81. Daughters of Mary and Joseph in California (USA)
82. DeLaSalle Institute (USA)
83. Diocese of Imus Ministry on Ecology (Philippines)
84. Diocese of Manzini (Swaziland)
85. Ealing Abbey Justice & Peace (United Kingdom)
86. Earth Link (Australia)
87. EcoJesuit (Asia/Europe)
88. Écologie, paroles de chrétiens, Diocèse de Nantes (France)
89. Ecospiritualiteit Nederlandstalige Provincie Zusters van Liefde J.M. (Belgium)
90. EDiPA Equipo Diocesano de Pastoral Ambiental, Obispado de San Isidro (Argentina)
91. English Speaking Conference of the Order of Friars Minor (Canada, England, Ireland, Lithuania, Malta, USA)
92. Erie Benedictines for Peace (USA)
93. Estudio Dra Nora Dilda & Asociados (Argentina)
94. Federation of Environmental Advocates in Cagayan (FEAC) Inc. (Philippines)
95. Fellowship for the Care of Creation Association Inc. (Philippines)
96. FOCSIV (Italy)
97. Foro del Buen Ayre (Argentina)
98. Franciscan Action Network (USA)
99. Franciscan Friars TOR Trust (Bangladesh)
100. Franciscan Friars of the Province of the Holy Spirit (Australia, New Zealand, Singapore, Malaysia)
101. Franciscan Sisters of Little Falls, Minnesota, Leadership Team (USA)
102. Franciscan Sisters of Peace, Leadership Team (USA)
103. Franciscans International
104. Franciscans-South Africa
105. Fundação Gonçalo da Silveira (Portugal)

106. Good Shepherd Parish (Swaziland)
107. Greenheart Hermitage (Philippines)
108. Hijas de la Sabiduría (Ecuador)
109. Holy Cross International Justice Office (USA)
110. Ignatian Solidarity Network (USA)
111. Ignatian Volunteer Corps (USA)
112. Instituto María Ana Mogas (Argentina)
113. Instituto Nossa Senhora de Lourdes (Brazil)
114. Instituto Teológico Franciscano (Brazil)
115. Integrity of Creation Working Group (ICWG), JPIC of the International Union of Superior Generals (UISG) and Union of Superior Generals (USG)
116. InteRed (Spain)
117. International Congregation of Religious at Food and Agriculture Organization Working Group
118. International Forum Catholic Action / Foro International Acción Católica
119. International Jesuit Ecology Project (International)
120. International Shalom Network, Congregation of the School Sisters of Notre Dame
121. Istituto Missioni Consolata (Italy)
122. Jesuit Companions in Indigenous Ministry, Jesuit Conference of Asia Pacific
123. Jesuit European Social Centre
124. JPIC OFM Capuchin- Province Of St. Mary (USA)
125. JPIC OFM Capuchins (International)
126. JUPIC SVD BRN (Brazil)
127. Justice And Peace Commission Of The Hong Kong Catholic Diocese (Hong Kong)
128. Justice and Peace Office Sydney Archdiocese (Australia)
129. Justice, Ecology and Development Office; Catholic Archdiocese of Perth, WA (Australia)
130. Justice, Peace and Development Office, Catholic Bishops' Conference (India)
131. Justice, Peace and Integrity of Creation Office, OFM Capuchins
132. Justice, Peace and Integrity of Creation, OSA Agustinians (Spain)
133. Justicia, Paz e Integridad de la Creación (Colombia)
134. Justicia, Paz e Integridad de la Creacion de las Hnas. Misioneras de Ntra. Sra. de Africa (Spain)

135. Juventude Franciscana do Brasil - JUFRA do Brasil
136. Knights of Columbus Council 8210 (Philippines)
137. Korean Province of Order of Friars Minor (Korea)
138. Leadership Conference of Women Religious (USA)
139. Leadership Team, Sisters of Charity of Saint Elizabeth (USA)
140. Lindo Lío (Argentina)
141. Magis Zimbabwe
142. Marianist Social Justice Collaborative Steering Committee (USA)
143. Marianites of Holy Cross
144. Marist Sisters
145. Maryknoll Office for Global Concerns
146. Maryknoll Sisters of St Dominic Eastern Region (USA)
147. Mercy International Association
148. Misión Nuestra Señora de El Camino (USA)
149. Misioneras Franciscanas de San José (Ecuador)
150. Missionari Comboniani del Cuore di Gesù (Italy)
151. Missionary Franciscan Sisters of the Immaculate Conception
152. Missionary Sisters of Service (Australia)
153. Missionary Sisters of the Immaculate Heart of Mary at DMC (Philippines)
154. Missionary Society of St. Columban, General Council
155. Movimiento La Oveja Verde (Peru)
156. National Movement of Catholic Students (Zimbabwe)
157. Network of Diaconie, Diocese of Antwerp (Belgium)
158. Nuestra Señora de la Caridad del Buen Pastor (Ecuador)
159. Office For Catholic Social Justice Ministry of the Archdiocese of Hartford (USA)
160. Office of Human Development, Federation of Asian Bishops Conference
161. Office of Life, Justice, and Peace, Diocese of Orange (USA)
162. Oficina General de Justicia, Paz y Integridad de la Creación OFM
163. Orden Franciscana Seglar de España (Spain)
164. Our Lady of the Missions
165. Passionists International
166. Past Regents' Club of the Diocese of Rochester NY (USA)
167. Pax Christi France

168. Pax Christi International
169. PazyBien.es (Spain)
170. Por El Cuidado de la Creacion (Mexico)
171. Progetto Cittadini del Mondo (Itália)
172. Rahamim Ecology Centre (Australia)
173. Reconciliation with Creation, Jesuit Conference Asia Pacific
174. Red Eclesial Panamazónica - REPAM (Latin America)
175. Religiosas del Sagrado Corazón de Jesús, Provincia del Perú
176. Religious on Water (USA)
177. Renew International
178. Rochester Franciscan Justice & Peace Network (USA)
179. Sacred Heart Cathedral (Canada)
180. Secular Franciscan Order-National Fraternity of Canada
181. Secular Franciscan Order-South Africa
182. Santuario del Divino Niño Jesús (Ecuador)
183. SEFRAS-Serviço Franciscano de Solidariedade (Brazil)
184. Service Intercommunautaire d'Animation Franciscaine (Canada)
185. Serviço Franciscano de Justiça, Paz e Integridade da Criação-JPIC (Brazil)
186. Serviço Inter-Franciscano de Justiça, Paz e Ecologia (SINFRAJUPE) (Brazil)
187. Sheng Kung Girls' High School (Taiwan)
188. Shrine of our Lady of Perpetual Help (Philippines)
189. Sierra Leone Young Catholic Students (Sierra Leone)
190. Sinsinawa Dominican Leadership Team (USA)
191. Sisters of Charity of Nazareth Congregational Leadership
192. Sisters of Charity of Nazareth Western Province Leadership (USA & Belize)
193. Sisters of Charity of New York (USA)
194. Sisters of Charity of Our Lady of Mercy (USA)
195. Sisters of Charity, Halifax Leadership Team (Canada & USA)
196. Sisters of Mercy of the Americas' Institute Leadership Team (USA)
197. Sisters of Mercy, Parramatta (Australia)
198. Sisters of Saint Joseph of Chestnut Hill, Philadelphia (USA)
199. Sisters of Saint Joseph of Peace Leadership Team (USA)
200. Sisters of St. Francis of Philadelphia Ecology Committee (USA)

201. Sisters of St. Francis of Assisi (USA)
202. Sisters of St. Francis, Rochester, MN (USA)
203. Sisters of Saint Joseph of Northwestern Pennsylvania (USA)
204. Sisters of St. Joseph Of Brentwood, New York (Earth Matters Committee) (USA)
205. Sisters of Saint Joseph of Peace Leadership Team (USA)
206. Sisters of St Joseph of the Sacred Heart (Australia)
207. Sisters of St. Joseph of Carondelet (USA)
208. Sisters of St. Joseph of Carondelet-Kansas City (USA)
209. Sisters of the Holy Cross - Congregation Justice Committee
210. Sisters of the Presentation (USA)
211. SJ Around the Bay (Australia)
212. Sociedad de Misiones Extranjeras (Honduras)
213. Society of African Missions (Ireland)
214. Society of the Holy Child Jesus, American Province (USA)
215. Soeurs de St Joseph de Lyon (France)
216. Soeurs de Sainte-Croix (Canada)
217. SSJ Earth Center, Philadelphia, PA (USA)
218. St. Francis Xavier Peace and Justice Ministry (USA)
219. St. Joseph's College of Quezon City-College of Arts and Sciences (USA)
220. St. Joseph's College- Brooklyn Campus Campus Ministry Office (USA)
221. St. Kevin's Templestowe (Australia)
222. St. Patrick's Seattle Social Justice Committee (USA)
223. St. Thomas the Apostle Church (USA)
224. St. Scholastica's College Westgrove (Philippines)
225. St. Vincent School of Theology (Philippines)
226. Sta. Cruz Parish, Manila (Philippines)
227. Student Catholic Action of the Philippines
228. The Catholic Register (Canada)
229. Trócaire (Ireland)
230. UNANIMA
231. University of San Jose-Recoletos Student Catholic Action of the Philippines
(Philippines)
232. Ursuline Province of Czechomoravia

- 233. VedrunAmerica ICJP
- 234. VOSERDEM (Bolivia)
- 235. Waterspirit (USA)
- 236. Westminster Justice & Peace (UK)



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Founded in January 2015, the GCCM is a coalition of over 230 Catholic organizations working to respond to the moral imperative of the climate change crisis. Further information can be found at <http://catholicclimatemovement.global/>

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