

## **SAMPLE BULLETIN AND MASS ANNOUNCEMENTS**

### **Bulletin Announcement: To advertise the petition**

**SIGN THE CATHOLIC CLIMATE PETITION AND TURN LAUDATO SI' INTO ACTION**

*"Living our vocation to be protectors of God's handiwork is essential to a life of virtue; it is not an optional or a secondary aspect of our Christian experience."* Laudato Si', Pope Francis

You are invited to sign the Catholic Climate Petition which has been endorsed by Pope Francis and calls on world leaders to address climate change, particularly as it affects our poorest and most vulnerable sisters and brothers. All signatures will be presented to world leaders at the United Nations Climate Summit in Paris later on this month.

Sign online at <http://catholicclimatemovement.global/petition/>

### **Bulletin Announcement: For week prior to petition drive**

Next week we will begin our petition drive for the Global Catholic Climate movement. The Pope's latest Encyclical, Laudato Si: On Care for Our Common Home, urges us to understand the ethical responsibility we share and to act to mitigate the devastating effects of climate change on all of us, and especially our poorest and most vulnerable sisters and brothers. If any of you would like to volunteer to help with our petition drive, please contact .....

### **Bulletin Announcement: For weekend of petition drive with link to online petition**

This week, we are kicking off our petition drive for the Global Catholic Climate Movement. We are asking each of you to get informed, pray, and take action by signing this petition and committing to living a more eco-conscious spirituality and lifestyle. The petition, along with additional information, can be found at: .....

### **Bulletin Announcement: For week after to announce how many petition signatures were collected**

We did it! We challenged you to act and you rose to the occasion! We are proud to announce that we were able to collect a total of \_\_\_\_ number of signatures to add to the Global Catholic Climate Movement petition! Thank you to all the volunteers and to each of you for your support. We will keep you posted on further news from the UN Climate Change Conference and bring you additional recommendations on how each of you can adopt an eco-conscious lifestyle and spirituality.

### **Mass Announcement: To announce next week's petition drive**

Hello, My name is...

Next week, we will begin an important petition drive to add millions of Catholic voices from around the world to the UN Climate Change Conference taking place in Paris in December. If any of you would like to help us prepare for the petition drive, by volunteering to take names or share information after masses, please see me after mass today. I look forward to seeing you all again next week to kick off this important action.

Thank you.

### **Mass Announcement: To announce the petition drive after mass**

Long Form (2 minutes):

Hello, My name is ....

As you may have heard, the Pope's latest encyclical, *Laudato Si*, is a call to all of us to champion our responsibility to care for the environment, or as Pope Francis calls it: Our Common Home. In the encyclical, the Pope reminds us that climate change affects us all, but especially the poorest and most vulnerable of us. Already there are upwards of 30 million people that have been termed "climate refugees" because their home's have been displaced by rising sea levels and violent storms. To stand up for them, and for the future of our own children, action must be taken to curb the negative effects of climate change that we are responsible for. We cannot do this alone. Global collaboration is necessary in order to succeed in guaranteeing a future that is free of the catastrophes of flood, drought, famine, and disease that climate change will bring upon us. That is why this week, in collaboration with the Global Catholic Climate Movement, we are kicking off a petition drive that will help our Catholic voices be heard at the UN Climate Change Conference to take place in Paris this December. If we were just asking that you sign you this petition, we wouldn't be up here right now. We are asking that you do so with an intention to pray and consider what further steps each of you might be able to take to address what some are calling the most important issue that humanity has ever faced. We have recommendations available outside, but only under prayer can we really discern what each of us is able to do.

I look forward to chatting with you outside and adding your voices to this call for action.

Thank you.

Short Form (30 seconds):

Hello, My name is....

Today we are kicking off our petition drive for the UN Climate Change Conference. The petition, which is being signed by Catholics around the world, will be submitted with the hopes that our international leaders will reach an agreement to curb the effects of climate change. We invite you to visit us outside to sign the petition and learn about other actions you can take to save our planet, our poorest and most vulnerable brothers and sisters, and our children from climate change. Together, with God's help, we can succeed!

Thank you.