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Dan Misleh, Director  
The Catholic Coalition on Climate Change  
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Dear Dan:

The Archdiocese of Hartford has had a sustained commitment to environmental justice and climate change. Our climate change efforts are guided by the Bishops' statement *Global Climate Change: a Plea for Dialogue, Prudence and the Common Good*. In 2006 the Office of Urban Affairs of the Archdiocese of Hartford hosted a conference on climate change which served as a catalyst for many of our parishes to launch environmental justice initiatives. We are proud of this effort and want to foster continued engagement on this serious moral issue that has profound implications for all of humanity, but most especially for the poor and vulnerable.

Therefore, the Archdiocese of Hartford endorses *A Catholic Climate Covenant: the St. Francis Pledge to Protect Creation and the Poor*. Our diocese agrees to:

PRAY and reflect on the duty to care for God's creation and protect the poor and vulnerable;

LEARN about and educate others on both the reality of climate change and its moral dimensions;

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.

We look forward to working with the Catholic Coalition on Climate Change in implementing the St. Francis Pledge.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

Most Reverend Henry J. Mansell  
Archbishop of Hartford

cc: Cori Thibodeau