



Catholic Climate Covenantsm
Care for Creation. Care for the Poor.



The Catholic Coalition on
Climate Change

Ways to Celebrate Earth Day – April 22, 2010

from the Catholic Coalition on Climate Change

www.catholicclimatecovenant.org

The Catholic Climate Covenant: The St. Francis Pledge to Care for Creation and the Poor was launched one year ago, the day before Earth Day. Since then, thousands of Catholic individuals, families, schools, parishes and organizations have pledged to Pray, Learn, Assess, Act and Advocate as part of their commitment.

As Earth Day 2010 approaches, you are encouraged to spread the word about the Covenant initiative and to help generate thousands more pledges. Download and share these helpful resources with your family, friends, fellow parishioners, classmates and others:

- St. Francis Pledge and Prayer (best printed on cardstock)
Side 1—http://catholicclimatecovenant.org/wp-content/uploads/2010/01/Final_prayer-card-Side-1.pdf
Side 2—http://catholicclimatecovenant.org/wp-content/uploads/2010/01/Final_prayer-card-Side-2.pdf
- Ask parishioners to register their St. Francis Pledge online: www.catholicclimatecovenant.org
- Poster: <http://catholicclimatecovenant.org/wp-content/uploads/2009/09/St.Francis-Pledge-Poster.pdf>
- Bulletin Insert: <http://catholicclimatecovenant.org/wp-content/uploads/2010/03/St.-Francis-Pledge-Bulletin-Insert.pdf>
- Clip Art: <http://catholicclimatecovenant.org/wp-content/uploads/2010/03/Clip-Art.pdf>

The Catholic Climate Covenant website has many more resources:

<http://catholicclimatecovenant.org/resources/>

Additional Resources:

Share Pope Benedict XVI's World Day of Peace message: "To Cultivate Peace, Protect Creation"

- Use the bulletin insert from U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops:
<http://catholicclimatecovenant.org/wp-content/uploads/2009/12/2010-01-01-bulletin-world-day-peace-resource.pdf>
It includes Catholic Social Teaching on care for creation, examples of current climate change impacts on poor people, and suggested prayers.
- Download and share "Global Climate Change and Our Catholic Response," an excellent handout for school, parish or other group events. As part of the Catholics Confront Global Poverty campaign, it invites Catholics to advocate for policies that reduce the impact of climate change on people living in poverty.
http://www.usccb.org/sdwp/globalpoverty/pdfs/Climate_Change.pdf