

# ACTION FOR ECOLOGICAL JUSTICE

## Creation Care Resources

### EDUCATIONAL RESOURCES

#### Why We Care for God's Creation

A primer on how our faith invites us to care for God's creation

DOWNLOAD: [crs.org/resource-center/why-we-care-gods-creation-primer](https://crs.org/resource-center/why-we-care-gods-creation-primer)

#### Living *Laudato Si'*: Faith Sharing Resource

Includes five sessions with suggested Scripture readings, reflection questions, and hands-on activities

DOWNLOAD: [crs.org/resource-center/living-laudato-si-faith-sharing-resource](https://crs.org/resource-center/living-laudato-si-faith-sharing-resource)

#### Lesson Plans, Care for God's Creation

Lesson plans for grades 1-8 about the Catholic social teaching principle Care for God's Creation

DOWNLOAD: on coffee farmers in Nicaragua: [crs.org/resource-center/care-creation-lesson-plan-nicaragua](https://crs.org/resource-center/care-creation-lesson-plan-nicaragua)

DOWNLOAD: on rice farmers in Madagascar: [crs.org/resource-center/care-creation-lesson-plan-madagascar](https://crs.org/resource-center/care-creation-lesson-plan-madagascar)

#### Water is Life

A 1-1.5 hour, interactive session using the example of access to clean water to invite families to reflect on how they can live out the Church's teaching on the dignity of the human person

DOWNLOAD: [crs.org/resource-center/water-life](https://crs.org/resource-center/water-life)

#### Feast of St. Francis Program

A free, catechetical program to help your faith community explore how it can better care for creation and the poor

To receive the 90-minute educational program, sign-up at [catholicclimatecovenant.org/FOSF](https://catholicclimatecovenant.org/FOSF)

#### Earth Day Program

An educational program for parishes, schools, and religious communities that includes prayers, scripture readings, a short video, discussion questions, suggested activities, suggestions for continued education and advocacy activities. (one-hour program for adults and high-school students; 45-minute program for grades 1-8; 30-minute program for pre-K/kindergarten)

DOWNLOAD: [catholicclimatecovenant.org/earthday](https://catholicclimatecovenant.org/earthday)

### ACTION RESOURCES

#### *Laudato Si'* Action Plan — RefreshATL

Contains options for parishes and parishioners to address climate change and environmental degradation and create a more sustainable world in harmony with God

DOWNLOAD: [archatl.com/catholic-life/refreshatl](https://archatl.com/catholic-life/refreshatl)

#### *300 Ways to Save Money and Energy in your Home While Fulfilling the Saint Francis Pledge*

A short, concise, non-technical guide to over 300 easy-to-accomplish ways to save money and energy at home and 100 ways to start building a sustainable world

Available for free from the Diocese of Burlington Mission Outreach Office

#### 10 Ways You Can Make a Difference

Outlines everyday steps to address climate change

DOWNLOAD: [catholicclimatecovenant.org/resource/catholic-climate-covenant-10-ways-you-can-make-a-difference](https://catholicclimatecovenant.org/resource/catholic-climate-covenant-10-ways-you-can-make-a-difference)

#### 10 Ways Your Parish Can Make a Difference

Outlines simple steps your parish can take to help halt climate change

DOWNLOAD: [catholicclimatecovenant.org/resource/catholic-climate-covenant-10-ways-your-parish-can-make-a-difference](https://catholicclimatecovenant.org/resource/catholic-climate-covenant-10-ways-your-parish-can-make-a-difference)

#### Diocesan Energy Efficiency Program

Working with Commons Energy, the Diocese of Burlington encourages parish buildings to conduct a free energy efficiency walkthrough audit and follow it up with a full energy efficiency audit and suggested projects, as necessary.

Contact the Mission Outreach Office for details on participating in this program.



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## PRAYER RESOURCES

### USCCB suggestions for prayer and worship to care for creation

Designed to help parishes incorporate care for God's creation and the pursuit of environmental justice into their prayer and liturgies

READ: [usccb.org/prayer-and-worship/prayers-and-devotions/prayers/prayers-to-care-for-creation.cfm](https://usccb.org/prayer-and-worship/prayers-and-devotions/prayers/prayers-to-care-for-creation.cfm)

### Care for Creation Prayer Vigil

An outline for a prayer service about caring for creation that includes education and legislative advocacy

DOWNLOAD: [crs.org/resource-center/care-creation-prayer-vigil](https://crs.org/resource-center/care-creation-prayer-vigil)

### The Stations of the Cross with John Paul II: On the path of ecological conversion

Contain reflection quotations from *The Ecological Crisis is a Moral Crisis: Pope John Paul II on Environmental Responsibility*

DOWNLOAD: [catholicclimatemovement.files.wordpress.com/2015/01/ecological-stations-english-3-7-12-1-1.pdf](https://catholicclimatemovement.files.wordpress.com/2015/01/ecological-stations-english-3-7-12-1-1.pdf)

## OTHER

### Form a Creation Care Team

Sign-up for bi-weekly resource emails and exclusive access to a specially designed resource library at [catholicclimatecovenant.org/cct](https://catholicclimatecovenant.org/cct). Creation Care teams help transform your community to be, in Pope Francis's words, "protectors of God's gifts."

### Host a book club or film screening and discussion.

Contact the Mission Outreach Office for reading and viewing suggestions.

### Invite a speaker to present to your group.

Contact the Mission Outreach Office for suggestions.

## FOR MORE RESOURCES

Global Catholic Climate Movement: [catholicclimatemovement.global](https://catholicclimatemovement.global)

Catholics Confront Global Poverty: [confrontglobalpoverty.org](https://confrontglobalpoverty.org)

Pontifical Council of Justice and Peace: [laudatosi.va](https://laudatosi.va)

Catholic Climate Covenant: [catholicclimatecovenant.org](https://catholicclimatecovenant.org)

United States Conference of Catholic Bishops: [usccb.org/environment](https://usccb.org/environment)

Mercy Ecology, Inc.: [mercyecology.org](https://mercyecology.org)

Franciscan Action Network: [franciscanaction.org](https://franciscanaction.org)

Season of Creation: [seasonofcreation.org](https://seasonofcreation.org)

Eco-Justice Ministries: [eco-justice.org](https://eco-justice.org)

Interfaith Power and Light: [interfaithpowerandlight.org](https://interfaithpowerandlight.org)

Cool Harvest: The food, faith, climate community: [coolharvest.org](https://coolharvest.org)

Greenfaith: Interfaith Partners for the Environment: [greenfaith.org](https://greenfaith.org)

Earth Ministry: Caring for All Creation: [earthministry.org](https://earthministry.org)

Earth Charter International: [earthcharter.org](https://earthcharter.org)

Vermont Natural Resources Council: [vnrc.org](https://vnrc.org)

Institute for Sustainable Communities: [iscvt.org](https://iscvt.org)

Institute for Social Ecology: [social-ecology.org](https://social-ecology.org)

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