A New Solidarity with Creation

Organizations with Resources on Creation Care/*Laudato Si'* *

CATHOLIC ORGANIZATIONS

U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops (USCCB) Environmental Justice Program

www.usccb.org/issues-and-action/human-life-and-dignity/environment

The Environmental Justice Program (EJP), a program of the Department of Justice, Peace & Human Development, educates and motivates Catholics to a deeper reverence and respect for God's creation, and encourages Catholics to address environmental problems, especially as they affect poor and vulnerable people. This page has a list of statements from the Bishops on various environmental policy issues as well as *Laudato Si'* resources.

Catholic Climate Covenant

www.catholicclimatecovenant.org

Formed by USCCB, Catholic Climate Covenant now has 16 national partners including USCCB, CRS, Catholic Charities USA, Catholic Health Association, congregations of religious men and women, and other national organizations. It creates resources on *Laudato Si'*, care for creation, environmental justice and help for parishes.

Catholic Health Association

www.chausa.org/environment

The Catholic health ministry has formed a partnership with sponsors, systems, facilities and with experts in environmental responsibility to reduce the environmental burden of the health care that Catholic hospitals provide. CHA provides resources for Earth Day, Catholic Social Teaching on climate change, webinars and various publications about how climate change is detrimental to people's health.

Global Catholic Climate Movement

www.catholicclimatemovement.global

The Global Catholic Climate Movement serves the Catholic family worldwide to turn Pope Francis' *Laudato Si'* encyclical into action for climate justice by undergoing our own ecological conversion, transforming our lifestyles and calling for bold public policies together with the wider climate movement. Mostly focused on mobilization, but also has advocacy and educational resources, a weekly blog that includes Catholic voices from around the world, diocesan and parish initiatives, videos, and more.

Catholic Relief Services

www.crs.org

Catholic Relief Services carries out the commitment of the Bishops of the United States to assist the poor and vulnerable overseas. Part of their work is assisting with adaptation to climate change and advocating for environmental protections that put poor and vulnerable people at the center.

Catholic Rural Life (CRL)

www.catholicrurallife.org

CRL is a national Catholic nonprofit organization dedicated to the vitality of the American countryside. CRL is a membership-based organization comprised of dedicated bishops, laity and religious who are joined in a common effort to serve the rural Church, rural people and their communities. They work on ethical food and agriculture: advocating and educating for a more just and sustainable food supply; rural outreach and ministry: revitalizing the spiritual, social, and economic well-being of America's rural communities; stewardship of creation: instilling a sense of wonder and responsibility for the natural world, now and for generations to come. Resources include a quarterly magazine, weekly eBulletin, study guides and fact sheets on ethical eating, climate change and food justice, as well as spiritual tools.

Saint Kateri Tekakwitha Conservation Center



www.kateri.org

The Saint Kateri Tekakwitha Conservation Center is a Catholic faith-based conservation organization that promotes Catholic teaching on ecology and the environment, conserves nature and protects life. Provides education and information in Catholic faith-based ecology and conservation through a combination of online and on-the-ground nature centers and programs. It works as a Catholic faith-based land trust to conserve land and water for public benefit, including nature preserves, parks, forests, wetlands, gardens, farms and religiously-owned land. The Center may purchase or accept donations of conservation easements and real property with important conservation values, or may assist with the protection and stewardship of such easements and land.

**Not an exhaustive list*

CATHOLIC ORGANIZATIONS (CONTINUED)

Intercommunity Peace and Justice Center

www.ipjc.org

Sponsored by 21 Catholic religious communities, IPJC works for justice in the church and in the world through education, advocacy and organizing on a variety of social justice issues. IPJC has created resources for religious communities, parishes and interfaith partners on creation care including Stations of the Cross with All of Creation, Care for all Creation and, most recently, Climate Change: Our Call to Conversion, which includes a supplement on *Laudato Si'*. Many issues IPJC's quarterly Justice Journal *A Matter of Spirit* have focused on environmental issues such as energy, sustainability, climate, water and environmental justice. IPJC is available for presentations and trainings on creation care.

Seattle University Center for Environmental Justice and Sustainability

www.seattleu.edu/cejs

CEJS serves as a clearinghouse for Seattle University's environmental programs and sustainability initiatives. CEJS tracks SU's progress towards its Climate Action Plan goals and promotes the increase of sustainable practices at SU; works to expand sustainability in Academic Affairs by supporting interdisciplinary scholarship, teaching, and learning in environmental justice and sustainability; and seeks to develop co-curricular programs for SU students, faculty and staff.

INTERFAITH ORGANIZATIONS

Earth Ministry/WA IPL

www.earthministry.org

Earth Ministry engages the faith community on environmental stewardship and also houses the Washington chapter of Interfaith Power & Light. They lead legislative advocacy efforts on the state and national level on environmental issues such as advocacy days at the state capitol, public hearings, meetings with elected officials, and media. They also have a Greening Congregations certification program, the first of its kind in the country. This program helps places of worship "green" various aspects of church life through consultation, workshops and other efforts.

Interfaith Power & Light

www.interfaithpowerandlight.org

The mission of Interfaith Power & Light is to be faithful stewards of Creation by responding to global warming through the promotion of energy conservation, energy efficiency, and renewable energy. With affiliates in 40 states, they have a ton of resources on how to make places of worship more environmentally friendly, as well as participate in legislative advocacy on the local, state and national level.



GreenFaith: Interfaith Partners for the Environment

www.greenfaith.org

GreenFaith's mission is to inspire, educate and mobilize people of diverse religious backgrounds for environmental leadership. They have resources for worship, education and spirituality; stewardship/"greening" churches; environmental justice and advocacy; and environmental health.

National Religious Partnership on the Environment (NRPE)



www.nrpe.org

NRPE is an alliance of four religious organizations and institutions committed to caring for God's Creation. They have a collection of statements from Catholic, Evangelical, Jewish and Mainline/Orthodox churches. Most of their work in the past year has focused on upholding environmental protections implemented by the Obama Administration.

Creation Justice Ministries

www.creationjustice.org

Creation Justice Ministries educates, equips and mobilizes Christian communions/denominations, congregations and individuals to protect, restore and rightly share God's Creation. They have campaigns and resources on protecting lands and oceans, advocating for cleaner energy, climate change, clean water, indigenous peoples and environmental health.