



The Catholic Coalition on Climate Change

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As the Bishops have stated in their statement Global Climate Change: A Plea for Dialogue, Prudence and the Common Good, “*Climate Change poses the question, 'What does our generation owe to generations yet unborn?'*” The impacts of climate change present a particular challenge to put our faith into action: “*A renewed sense of sacrifice and restraint could make an essential contribution to address global climate change.*”

By requesting updates from *The Catholic Coalition on Climate Change* we know you share a sense of obligation to future generations and are ready to help live our faith more concretely as together we address the moral dimensions of climate change.

In this first update, we want to offer you a new tool and ask a favor:

The Tool: In close collaboration with JustFaith, we have designed the first “JustMatters” learning module. This module is a multi-week learning experience to better understand a Catholic approach to climate change. If you wish to engage your parish or other group in this way, please learn more at: www.justfaith.org/JF1252.html.

In the coming months, we’re also preparing and will post a “tough questions” piece that will help you answer some of the difficult and legitimate questions about climate change and our community’s response. With volunteer help, we are also hoping to offer a downloadable PowerPoint presentation that will allow you to teach about climate change and the Church in parish halls and other settings. We’ll let you know when these resources are available.

The Request: The first step to build a base of Catholics interested in a Catholic approach to climate change was to solicit your e-mail address. The next step is to seek additional information from you (if you choose) so we can better gauge who is interested, from what part of the country, what professions, etc. This information will help us develop our program, target our activities in the future, and seek your input and advice along the way.

If you wish to help us reach these long-term goals, could you please take a minute and reply to this e-mail with:

Your full name:

Mailing address (street, state, zip code):

Preferred phone number:

Parish/church:

Organizational affiliation:
(e.g. diocese, business, or other organization)

Position within that organization:
(e.g. social action director, peace and justice ministries coordinator)

Finally, if you wish to offer a brief statement about how your faith impacts the way you view this issue or to share your hopes for our common activities, we would welcome those thoughts and ideas.

We assure you that we will not share the information you provide with any other organization or listserv.

Thank for your interest and support!

Sincerely,

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