

Catholic Students' Week 2011

"Catholic Covenant on Climate Change"

October 10-14
2011



Monday- Pray...and reflect on the duty to care for God's creation and protect the poor and vulnerable.

Take time either by yourself or with a group to pray the Prayer of St. Francis and meditate on the premise of the Catholic Covenant on Climate Change.

Tuesday- Learn...about and educate others on both the reality of climate change and its moral dimensions.

Discuss the ways that you and your campus ministry effect and are affected by climate change. What values are at stake? And what does Catholic Social Teaching say about the issue?

Wednesday- Assess...your participation-as individuals and organizations- in contributing to climate change.

Discover your carbon footprint on coolcongregations.com to assess your own lifestyle choices.

Thursday- Act...to change your choices and behaviors contributing to climate change.

Reduce, Reuse and Recycle! Turn your lights off when you leave your room, print on both sides of the page and donate old notebooks to local schools or libraries.

Friday- Advocate...Catholic principles and priorities in climate change discussions and decisions, especially as they impact the poor and vulnerable.

Watch for and respond to action alerts from the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops and other Catholic organizations concerned about climate change.

Today the great gift of God's Creation is exposed to serious dangers and lifestyles which can degrade it. Environmental pollution is making particularly unsustainable the lives of the poor of the world ... we must pledge ourselves to take care of creation and to share its resources in solidarity.

Pope Benedict XVI

What is Catholic Students' Week?

Catholic Students' Week is a time for Catholic students from around the globe to unite. This year's overall focus is to give Catholic students a voice and to promote the teachings of the Catholic Church, specifically the Catholic Covenant on Climate Change.

All programs are held at the campus ministry's discretion, and should be adapted to suit the needs of the ministry. For more information and programming ideas, visit catholicstudent.org

Questions about Catholic Student's Week? Contact Fiona, the Western Region Chair, at west@ncscweb.com or visit the NCSC website at www.catholicstudent.org.