



## Season of Creation – ADVOCATE to Protect Our Common Home

“The earth is the LORD’s and all it holds, the world and those who dwell in it.” Psalm 24:1

“You are called to care for creation not only as responsible citizens, but also as followers of Christ!” Pope Francis, Speech at Santo Tomas University, Manila (2015)

**Fall 2021—We have an opportunity like no other:** Throughout his encyclical *Laudato Si’*, Pope Francis urges us to *listen to the cry of the earth, the cry of the poor, and take action*. This fall, two vital UN conferences are due to take place. At the UN Biodiversity Conference (COP15) in October, world leaders will have the opportunity to set meaningful targets to protect global biodiversity. In November, at the 26<sup>th</sup> UN Climate Change Conference (COP26), countries will announce their plans to meet the goals of the Paris Agreement to limit global warming. Pope Francis, health permitting, is planning to attend COP26 in Glasgow to urge world leaders to take urgent and significant climate action. The Vatican has also invited all Catholics to urge world leaders who will be participating in COP15 and COP26 to take action by signing the Healthy Planet, Healthy People Petition. This Season of Creation, we can all advocate in solidarity with the poor and with the earth by signing this online petition, and by encouraging our friends and families to do the same. It is a very simple action which calls for the restoration of Our Common Home, God’s creation.

**Please sign (by October 4) the Healthy Planet, Healthy People Petition found at**  
<https://thecatholicpetition.org>

**You can also join your voice with thousands of individuals across the U.S. Catholic community** in a faith-filled appeal to President Biden and the U.S. Congress to work beyond partisanship and create climate solutions to care for present and future generations and our Common Home. The online Catholic Climate Petition is organized by the Catholic Climate Covenant, an organization formed and supported by the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops and many other national Catholic organizations to help U.S. Catholics respond to the Church’s call to care for creation and the poor.

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