

“These crises [of climate change and covid-19] present us with the need to take decisions, radical decisions that are not always easy. At the same time, moments of difficulty like these also present opportunities, opportunities that we must not waste... The political decision makers who will meet at COP26 in Glasgow are urgently summoned to provide effective responses to the present ecological crisis and in this way to offer concrete hope to future generations. And it is worth repeating that each of us – whoever and wherever we may be – can play our own part in changing our collective response to the unprecedented threat of climate change and the degradation of our common home.” –Pope Francis, Oct. 29, 2021

A Time for Radical Decisions

Image: Franciscans International
and Laudato Si movement



From October 31 to November 12, leaders from many nations will be meeting in Glasgow Scotland for **COP 26** to negotiate ways to address climate change. As the [Laudato Si Movement](#) explains:

“The acronym COP stands for **Conference of the Parties**. The “parties” are the signatories to the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC), a 1994 treaty with 197 parties (196 countries and the European Union). A year later, in March 1995, the first COP was held in Berlin, Germany. The 2021 conference will be the 26th meeting of the Parties.....

United Nations climate change conferences are among the most important international meetings in the world. Negotiations between governments are complex and involve officials from all countries, as well as representatives of civil society and the media...

Our common home and our common family are suffering. The climate emergency is causing rising seas, a warmer planet and more extreme weather. It is devastating the lives of our poorest brothers and sisters. At the same time, biologists estimate that we are driving species to extinction at 100 to 1,000 times the usual rate...

Considering the various risks arising from the climate crisis, this conference is looking for countries to present ambitious emission reduction targets for 2030 (NDC), and to keep the temperature increase at 1.5 degrees, to reach zero by mid-century.”

Please pray for the success of COP-26, that global leaders would make the radical decisions that Pope Francis is calling for, in order to protect God’s creation and save the lives of humans and other creatures being destroyed by climate change.

Join the Laudato Si Movement in advocating with the COP26 negotiators.

Sign the **Healthy Planet, Healthy People** petition here: <https://thecatholicpetition.org/>

Learn more at: <https://laudatosimovement.org/2021/10/29/catholics-at-cop26-everything-you-need-to-know/>

Vigil for Our Common Home: November 5-6



On November 5 and 6, join Catholics from around the world to pray for the success of COP26. You'll hear from communities who are suffering from climate change and get the opportunity to advocate with the COP26 negotiators.

Tune in to the live broadcast any time during those 24 hours.

Register here: <https://www.24hoursfortheclimate.org/rsvp>

November is Native American Heritage Month

Stand with Native Americans in protecting native lands and water.



Many Native Americans— elders and youth— are valiantly struggling to protect their communities and the planet from the ravages of climate change. In particular they are resisting the destruction caused by fossil fuel infrastructure such as pipelines and wells. They witness to the cancer, poisoned water and dirty air which these projects unleash on their lands and people. Join them in asking President Biden to:

***Protect and invest** in the Black, Indigenous, Brown, and working-class communities that have borne the brunt of fossil fuel pollution and climate disaster
***Reject** new fossil projects, eliminate giveaways to oil, gas, and coal corporations, and end the era of fossil fuel production and
***Launch** a national climate mobilization to Build Back Fossil Free, delivering jobs, justice, and opportunity for all.

Sign here: <https://actionnetwork.org/petitions/build-back-fossil-free/>

Keep learning about the Native American experience. Watch the video

Enduring Faith: The Story of Native American Catholics

<https://www.kofc.org/en/news-room/enduring-faith/index.html>

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**BUY
NOTHING
DAY:**

**Friday
November 26**

Join the movement to **NOT SHOP** on Thanksgiving or the day after.

Don't feed into the joyless, angry frenzy of consumption.

Don't support the corporations that force their low-wage retail workers to leave their families to come into work on Thanksgiving.

Instead, pray, spend time with loved ones and prepare your heart for Advent.

*The More
We Consume,
The More
We Destroy
the Earth
and
The Less
We Live*

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