



# The Catholic Coalition on Climate Change

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**Catholic Climate Covenant**  
Care for Creation. Care for the Poor.

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The Franciscan Action Network

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of Catholic Women

## **FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE**

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### **Conference Call with Catholic Charities on the Oil Spill in the Gulf**

The Catholic Coalition on Climate Change invites you to listen to a live, one hour interview with Mr. Rob Gorman, executive director, Catholic Charities, Diocese of Houma-Thibodaux on the Catholic response to the Gulf Coast Oil Spill.

The call will be WEDNESDAY, June 23 at 1:00 PM EST (Noon CST, 11 AM MST and 10 AM PST). To call in, dial: 1-888-850-4523, passcode: 5092576#. If you have a question you would like us to ask, please submit your question to [info@catholicsandclimatechange.org](mailto:info@catholicsandclimatechange.org) by noon EST Wednesday, June 23.

The oil spill in the Gulf is a socio-economic and environmental tragedy, and thousands of families are out of business in the fishing and tourism industries and beyond. Fortunately, Catholic Charities agencies are responding with temporary assistance.

Mr. Gorman has long been at the forefront of the Church's efforts on environmental justice and care for Creation. Dan Misleh, executive director of the Coalition, will ask Mr. Gorman about the efforts of his diocese and others in the impacted states. Mr. Gorman will share his impressions of the economic and environmental consequences of the ongoing Deepwater Horizon oil leak, and compare this disaster with the 2005 hurricane season. He will also share both the short-term and long-term strategies to clean up the region, help impacted families and restore the beauty of one of the most fertile marine systems in the world.

With endorsement & support of the US Conference of Catholic Bishops, the Catholic Coalition on Climate Change has partnered with more than 10 Catholic organizations to answer the call of Pope Benedict XVI and Bishops for faithful climate action, and to offer a united Catholic voice and coordinated Catholic actions to care for Creation and the poor. Specifically, the Coalition is administering the Catholic Climate Covenant and the St. Francis Pledge to Care for Creation and the Poor. To learn more, visit <http://catholicclimatecovenant.org>